

AGENDA ITEM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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Issue: EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Subject/Title:

Public hearing to select FY 2025-2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) awards.

Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing to review the award recommendations of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for the FY 2025-2026 HUD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; select projects for inclusion into the FY2025 HUD Annual Action Plan, for a total of \$735,457 in FY 2025-2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds, to provide Homelessness Prevention services to individuals and families at risk of entering homelessness, as well as for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) licensing for the comparable domestic violence database; and authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to (1) accept grant funds and allocate according to the chosen plan(s) of action, and (2) to execute any necessary documents related thereto. (For possible action)

Summary:

The ESG program provides grants to states, metropolitan cities, urban counties, and territories according to a formula set by HUD. The objective of these funds is to engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness and living on the street; improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; help operate those shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-house those experiencing homelessness; and prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

Eligible activities that can be funded by Clark County ESG funds include street outreach to provide essential services for unsheltered persons; emergency shelter operations and essential services for clients residing in the shelters; homelessness prevention; rapid re-housing assistance for housing relocation and stabilization services as well as short- or medium-term rental assistance; data collection through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and administrative costs.

Clark County will receive approximately \$735,457 in ESG FY 2025-2026 funds. Federal regulations limit the amount of funds available for administrative costs to 7.5% or approximately \$55,159. Clark County also supports an alternative HMIS database for providers working with victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$12,000. The remaining amount of ESG funding will be used for homelessness prevention. Please note, the amount listed is an estimate based on the amount of the previous award and is subject to change once official notice has been received by HUD.

Per the Hearth Act, collaboration is required with the local Continuum of Care (CoC) when making ESG funding recommendations. Priority populations and activities of emphasis identified by the CoC leadership for FY 25 were solely focused on homelessness prevention to keep individuals and families housed who are in jeopardy of becoming homeless.

HUD's Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 delineates the funding goals of Clark County for the federal funds it administers from HUD. Every year an annual action plan is submitted to HUD that incorporates BCC-approved funding recommendations.

On December 4, 2024, Clark County advertised for non-profit agencies to apply for ESG funds. Program manuals and applications were made available to the public. The application deadline for submissions was on January 31, 2025.

On March 3, 2025, the CDAC and CoC Programs Committee deliberated applications and made funding recommendations to be moved forward to the CDAC. The subcommittee also made contingency plans due to the uncertainty regarding the award amount.

The initial recommendations for FY 2025-2026 ESG funds were based on the award Clark County received last year, which was \$735,457; however these recommendations as well as any approved by the BCC are contingent upon the actual availability and receipt of these HUD funds. The committee recommended funding five (5) projects, along with the costs for an alternative database for HMIS data collection for domestic violence service providers, and ESG program administration. During the deliberation and recommendation process, the CDAC voted for any official award differences to be distributed as follows:

- If the award is more than estimated or additional funds become available, the additional funds are to be evenly split between The Just One Project and Hopellink of Southern Nevada.
- If the award is less than estimated, the sub-awards are to be reduced by an equal percentage the official award was reduced by.

Table I is included for the Board’s information, listing the CDAC recommendations for projects for FY 2025-2026 funds.

**Table I
 Clark County, NV
 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2025-2026
 Funding Recommendations**

Homelessness Prevention

| Applicant | Name of Program | Requested Funding | Committee Funding Recommendation |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Family Promise of Las Vegas | Family Stabilization Program | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| HopeLink of Southern Nevada | Homeless Prevention | \$400,000 | \$355,405 |
| S.A.F.E. House | Housing Program | \$78,865 | \$78,865 |
| The Just One Project | Community Connect Homeless Prevention | \$67,500 | \$54,000 |
| The Salvation Army | Homeless Prevention | \$200,000 | \$105,028 |
| Homelessness Prevention | | | \$668,298 |
| HMIS | | | \$12,000 |
| Clark County Administration | | | \$55,159 |
| TOTAL | | | \$735,457 |

The following is a list of brief summaries of the discretionary project applications which were received, reviewed, and recommended for ESG funding by CDAC:

Homelessness Prevention

- 1. Family Promise of Las Vegas – Homeless Prevention/Eviction Prevention**
Requested: \$75,000 **CDAC Recommended: \$75,000**

Family Promise provides rental assistance and supportive services to families and individuals at-risk of homelessness to keep them housed and move them towards self-sufficiency. Family Promise partners with 19 interfaith congregations to provide meals, hospitality, and other services. Participants in this program regularly meet with a Family Promise caseworker to develop a plan and identify other needed resources.

2. HopeLink of Southern Nevada – Homeless Prevention
Requested: \$400,000 **CDAC Recommended: \$355,405**

HopeLink of Southern Nevada provides rental and utility assistance to families and individuals at imminent risk of becoming homeless. In addition to these services, HopeLink will also provide case management and connect clients to other applicable services in our community.

3. S.A.F.E. House – Housing Program
Requested: \$78,865 **CDAC Recommended: \$78,865**

S.A.F.E. House provides victims of domestic violence and their children with immediate safe housing, basic needs which include case management, medical and counseling services, and compassionate support and guidance to help them move towards a safe and self-sufficient life.

4. The Just One Project – Community Connect Homeless Prevention
Requested: \$67,500 **CDAC Recommended: \$54,000**

The Just One Project provides short-term utility and rental assistance, including deposits and arrears, to members of the Clark County community who have unexpectedly fallen on hard times to prevent them from becoming homeless. Case Management services will also be provided to ensure clients achieve stability.

5. The Salvation Army – Homeless Prevention
Requested: \$200,000 **CDAC Recommended: \$105,028**

The Salvation Army Homeless Prevention program assists families and individuals with housing stabilization services, utility assistance, and case management. In addition to this program the Salvation Army also offers afterschool programs for youth, parent education and child abuse prevention services, veteran's supportive services, and services for victims of human trafficking.

Final Recommendation

CDAC's recommendations are advisory, and the Board of County Commissioners has final authority over the allocation of these monies, subject to awardees meeting HUD requirements.

The Clark County ESG program is designed to provide services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness by assisting them with securing safe housing and ultimately attaining self-sufficiency. All subrecipients are required to enter all data into the HMIS system.

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Prior to execution of funding agreements with selected awardees, County staff will undertake a financial assessment of awardee to ensure project financial feasibility and award spend-down. Staff will prepare funding agreements with all award recipients and will be responsible for monitoring projects to ensure compliance with all ESG requirements.



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