

**FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
FY 2020 ESG COVID-19
Notice of Intent to Participate**

Instructions: This signed form, a brief narrative, and the budget pages are to be completed by ESG-COVID-19 eligible applicants. Submission of this form is not a guarantee that a project will be funded. The deadline to submit this form is 12:00 pm (noon) Tuesday, May 12, 2020 to Carol Borrego with the Fort Bend County Community Development Department (carol.borrego@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

Submitted by (Entity): _____

Project Title: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Area Code) Telephone: _____

ESG COVID-19 Funds Requested _____

Total Project Costs _____

Type of Project/Number of ESGP Beneficiaries/Service Area:

<u>Type of activity:</u>	<u>No. of ESGP beneficiaries:</u>	<u>ESGP costs per beneficiary:</u>
1. ___ Street Outreach	Persons Assisted _____	\$ _____/persons
2. ___ Emergency Shelter	Persons Assisted: _____	\$ _____/persons
3. ___ Rapid ReHousing	Persons Assisted: _____	\$ _____/persons
4. ___ Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted: _____	\$ _____/persons
5. ___ Stabilization Services	Persons Assisted: _____	\$ _____/persons
6. ___ HMIS	Persons Assisted _____	\$ _____/persons

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Eligible Applicants: Local governments and non-profits.

Eligible Activities: The purpose of ESG COVID-19 grant is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus by providing temporary emergency shelters (through leasing of existing property, temporary structures, or other means) and additional support to individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus. Eligible homeless activities include emergency shelter operations, especially sanitation supplies (bleach, wipes, scrubbers, mops, linens, towels, sanitizer, tissues), furnishings (cots, room dividers), equipment (washers, dryers, portable handwashing stations), transportation (train or bus tokens, taxi or rideshare for medical care); street outreach including sanitation supplies (sanitizer, soap, tissue, masks, other protective equipment), expanded shelter staffing to support infectious disease preparedness.

Other ESG COVID-19 eligible activities in support of the public health response to COVID-19 include providing housing assistance to:

- homeless persons and families exiting congregate and non-congregate shelters;
- homeless persons, especially those with COVID or awaiting COVID test results;
- persons or families (<50 of MFI) with COVID, awaiting COVID test results and/or quarantined with loss of income;
- persons or families (<50 of MFI) with loss of income due to Coronavirus closure order;
- and
- HMIS costs related to coordinated access and ESG COVID-19 reporting.

Brief Project Description (1/2 page max for each activity): For each ESG COVID-19 project activity, please list the estimated number and type of households by to be assisted. (Note: This must match the activity type, number of beneficiaries, and costs listed on the cover page.)

Also list or describe the service area. (Note: For the service area list a north, east, south, and west boundary, local government boundary or state the project is county-wide. This information will be used to determine that all areas of the County have access to assistance and services.)

ESG COVID-19 Regulations: All the regular ESG Program regulations will apply to the ESG COVID-19 Program activities except for those cited in the CARES ACT and in subsequent HUD ESG COVID-19 guidance. The alternate program requirements cited include:

- No matching requirement
- No spending cap on Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach
- Up to 10% of the grant for Administrative activities
- Income eligibility 50 percent AMI for Homelessness Prevention
- Allows deviation from applicable procurement standards.
- Citizen participation/consultation requirements not required
- No minimum period or use for Emergency Shelters
- May not require program participants to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing or services.
- All programmatic activities must either prepare for, respond to, or prevent coronavirus.
- Funds must be expended by December 31, 2020.

The regular ESG program requirements must be followed including:

- CoC Coordinated Access process

- CoC Written Standards (including FMRs)

- CoC Business Rules

- CoC HMIS process

- Monthly Reporting, Invoicing and Annual Performance Report (SAGE) or comparable database for DV providers

(Note: there are some alternate ESG activity requirements to minimize staff exposure to the COVID virus.)

HMIS:For any entities that are not currently a participating agency they will need to complete the CoC Agency Participation Agreement before attending the HMIS training provided by the Coalition for the Homeless. Those in need of HMIS training can sign up through the website: <https://www.homelesshouston.org/hmis-v2#HMISUserTrainings>