

TDHCA Governing Board Approved Draft of 10 TAC Chapter 7, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Subchapter C Emergency Solutions Grants, §7.40, Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria.

Attached is a draft of proposed 10 TAC Chapter 7, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Subchapter C Emergency Solutions Grants, §7.40, Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria. This draft was approved by the TDHCA Governing Board on July 9, 2026. This action entails repeal of the current rule and replacement with a new rule. This document, including its preamble, is expected to be published in July 24, 2026, edition of the Texas Register and that published version will constitute the official version for purposes of public comment and can be found at the following link: <https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml>.

Public Comment Period: Starts: 8:00 a.m. Austin local time on Friday, July 24, 2026
Ends: 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on Monday, August 24, 2026

Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026 will not be accepted. Written comments may be submitted electronically within the designated public comment period to Rosy Falcon via email to rosy.falcon@tdhca.texas.gov

Those making public comment are encouraged to reference the specific draft rule, policy, or plan related to their comment as well as a specific reference or cite associated with each comment. Please be aware that all comments submitted to the TDHCA will be considered public information.

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Attachment 1: Preamble, including required analysis, for the proposed repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 7 Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Subchapter C Emergency Solutions Grants, §7.40 Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes the repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 7, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Subchapter C Emergency Solutions Grants, §7.40, Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria. The purpose of the proposed repeal is to replace the rule simultaneously with a new rule that removes unnecessary language.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does not apply to the rule proposed for action because it was determined that no costs are associated with this action, and therefore no costs warrant being offset.

The Department has analyzed this proposed rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director, has determined that, for the first five years the repeal would be in effect:

1. The proposed repeal does not create or eliminate a government program, but relates to making changes to an existing activity, Selection Criteria for ESG Applications.
2. The proposed repeal does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor are the rule changes significant enough to reduce workload to a degree that eliminates any existing employee positions.
3. The proposed repeal does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
4. The proposed repeal will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
5. The proposed repeal is not creating a new regulation.
6. The proposed repeal will repeal an existing regulation, but that regulation is simultaneously proposed as a new rule to replace it with a more consolidated rule.
7. The proposed repeal will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
8. The proposed repeal will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.

b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002. The Department has evaluated the proposed repeal and determined that the action will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The repeal does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.

d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6). The Department has evaluated the proposed repeal as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the proposed repeal will be in effect the rule has no economic effect on local employment because the rule relates only to programs and processes which have already been in effect for existing applicants to the program; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the amended rules.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director, has determined that, for each year of the first five years the proposed repeal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the new rule will be improved regulatory efficiency and greater clarity. There will not be any economic costs to any individuals required to comply with the amended rule because the rule has already been in place.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the repealed rule is in effect, enforcing or administering the new rule does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments because the amended rule relates only to programs and processes which have already been in effect for existing subrecipients.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION RELATED TO COST, BENEFIT OR EFFECT. The Department requests comments on the proposed repeal and also requests information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed repeal, including any applicable data, research, or analysis from any person required to comply with the repeal or any other interested person. The public comment period will be held July 24, 2026 to August 24, 2026, to receive input on the proposed action. Comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Rosy Falcon at rosy.falcon@tdhca.texas.gov ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, August 24, 2026.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The rule action is proposed pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the amended section affects no other code, article, or statute.

Attachment 2: Preamble, including required analysis, for the proposed new 10 TAC Chapter 7 Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Subchapter C Emergency Solutions Grants, §7.40 Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes new 10 TAC Chapter 7, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Subchapter C Emergency Solutions Grants, §7.40, Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria. The purpose of the proposed rule is to remove unnecessary language, improve clarity and provide greater regulatory efficiency.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does not apply to the rule proposed for action because it was determined that no costs are associated with this action, and therefore no costs warrant being offset.

The Department has analyzed this proposed rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson has determined that, for the first five years the proposed new rule would be in effect:

1. The proposed new rule does not create or eliminate a government program, but relates to making changes to an existing activity, Selection Criteria for ESG Applications.
2. The proposed new rule does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor are the rule changes significant enough to reduce workload to a degree that eliminates any existing employee positions.
3. The proposed new rule does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
4. The proposed new rule will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
5. The proposed new rule is not creating a new regulation other than that it is replacing an existing rule being simultaneously repealed.
6. The proposed new rule will not expand, limit, or repeal existing regulation.
7. The proposed new rule will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
8. The proposed new rule will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.

b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES

AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002. The Department has evaluated the proposed new rule and determined that the action will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The proposed new rule does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.

d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6). The Department has evaluated the proposed new rule as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the proposed new rule will be in effect the rule has no economic effect on local employment because the rule relates only to programs and processes which have already been in effect for existing Subrecipients; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the proposed new rule.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director, has determined that, for each year of the first five years the proposed new rule is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the new rule will be improved regulatory efficiency and greater clarity. There will not be any economic costs to any individuals required to comply with the proposed new rule because the rule has already been in place.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed new rule is in effect, enforcing or administering the new rule does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments because the proposed new rule relates only to programs and processes which have already been in effect for existing subrecipients.

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Chapter 7 HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS
Subchapter C EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)

Rule §7.40 Competitive Program Participant Services Selection Criteria

(a) An Application for competitive funding allocated under §7.33(b) of this title (relating to Apportionment of ESG Funds), and made to the Department, may be awarded points for Program Participant services under each category. Points awarded for Program Participant services will be separately tabulated and added to the uniform Application score to determine a score for each of the Program Participant services Applications submitted. All scoring criteria that are based upon measurable future performance expectations will be measured and expected to be fulfilled by being included as a performance requirement in the Contract should the Application be awarded funds.

(b) General Scoring Criteria. The following scoring criteria apply to all program components described in subsections (c) through (f) of this section. For each program component for which the Applicant applies, points shall be awarded under each of the following categories:

(1) Matching funds. An Application may receive a maximum of three points if the Applicant commits Matching funds equal to or greater than 110% of the total ESG funds requested for the applicable program component.

(2) Serving Homeless Subpopulations. An Application may receive a maximum of five points by proposing to serve persons who are in a Homeless Subpopulation, as defined in §7.2(31) of this title (relating to Definitions). Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 1.1 General Scoring Criteria.

(3) Exit to a positive housing destination. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the percentage of persons served within the 12 months prior to the Application due date who exited homelessness to a positive housing destination per HMIS data standards. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 1.1 General Scoring Criteria.

(4) Staff qualifications. An Application may receive a maximum of six points if a member of the Applicant's staff interacting with Program Participants in the applicable program component has one or more of the qualifications noted in Table 1.2, Staff Qualification Point Schedule.

(5) Experience. An Application may receive a maximum of 10 points based on the Applicant's experience providing services under the applicable program component. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 1.1 General Scoring Criteria.

(cb) Street outreach. An Application proposing street outreach may receive points under the General Scoring Criteria in subsection (b) of this section, plus the following component-specific criteria:

~~(1) Matching funds for street outreach. An Application may receive a maximum of three points if the Applicant commits Matching funds equal to or greater than 110% of the total ESG funds requested for street outreach.~~

~~(2) Street outreach serving Homeless Subpopulations. An Application may receive a maximum of five points by proposing to serve persons who are in a Homeless Subpopulation, as defined in §7.2(31) of this title (relating to Definitions). An Applicant providing street outreach may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 70% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 80% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 90% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(D) Four points based on a minimum target of 95% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation; or~~

~~(E) Five points based on a minimum target of 100% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation.~~

~~(3) Street outreach exit to a positive housing destination. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the percentage of persons served within the 12 months prior to the Application due date who exited homelessness to a positive housing destination per HMIS data standards:~~

~~(A) Two points based on 25% of persons served with street outreach who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(B) Three points based on 35% of persons served with street outreach who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(C) Four points based on 45% of persons served with street outreach who exited to positive housing destinations; or~~

~~(D) Five points based on 55% of persons served with street outreach who exited to positive housing destinations.~~

~~(4) Street outreach staff qualifications. An Applicant may receive a maximum of six points if a member of the staff interacting with Program Participants in the street outreach component has one or more of the following qualifications:~~

~~(A) Two points if a member is a licensed mental health provider through the Texas Behavioral Executive Health Council;~~

~~(B) Two points if a member of staff is fluent in one or more languages identified by the Applicant as necessary to provide equitable and meaningful access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), as required by §7.10(c)(2); and~~

~~(C) Two points if program includes a paid staff member who has formerly experienced homelessness.~~

~~(15) Street outreach temporary/transitional/permanent housing target. An Application may receive a maximum of three points based on the percentage of persons targeted to be served with street outreach who will be placed in temporary, transitional or permanent housing. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2, Component Specific Scoring Criteria. An Application may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 35% of persons served with street outreach who will be placed in temporary housing;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 45% of persons served with street outreach who will be placed in temporary housing; or~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 55% of persons served with street outreach who will be placed in temporary housing.~~

~~(26) Street outreach services. An Application may be awarded points. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the number of distinct street outreach services provided/offered through ESG or other funds, including engagement, case management, emergency health services, emergency mental health services, and transportation services. Emergency health services and emergency mental services may only be provided by ESG funds if these services are inaccessible or unavailable within the area. A minimum of two services is required, with a maximum of five points available. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2.1 Services Provided Scoring Criteria. An Application may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant provides street outreach engagement and case management;~~

~~(B) Three points if the Applicant provides street outreach engagement and case management, and one other service;~~

~~(C) Four points if the Applicant provides street outreach engagement and case management, and two other services; or~~

~~(D) Five points if the Applicant provides street outreach engagement and case management, and three other services.~~

~~(7) Experience providing street outreach. An Application may receive a maximum of 10 points based on the Applicant's experience providing street outreach services:~~

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant has provided street outreach for up to two years;~~

~~(B) Four points if the Applicant has provided street outreach for up to four years;~~

~~(C) Six points if the Applicant has provided street outreach for up to six years;~~

~~(D) Eight points if the Applicant has provided street outreach for up to eight years; or~~

~~(E) Ten points if the Applicant has provided street outreach for 10 or more years.~~

(ed) Emergency shelter. An Application proposing emergency shelter may receive points under the General Scoring Criteria in subsection (b) of this section, plus the following component-specific criteria:

~~(1) Matching funds for emergency shelter. An Application may receive a maximum of three points if the Applicant commits Matching funds equal to or greater than 110% of the total ESG funds requested for emergency shelter.~~

~~(2) Emergency shelter serving Homeless Subpopulations. An Application may receive a maximum of five points by proposing to serve persons who are in a Homeless Subpopulation, as defined in §7.2(31) of this title. An Applicant providing emergency shelter may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 70% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 80% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 90% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(D) Four points based on a minimum target of 95% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation; or~~

~~(E) Five points based on a minimum target of 100% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation.~~

~~(3) Emergency shelter exit to a positive housing destination. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the percentage of persons served within the 12 months prior to the Application due date exited homelessness to a positive housing destination per HMIS data standards:~~

~~(A) Two points based on 25% of persons served with emergency shelter who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(B) Three points based on 35% of persons served with emergency shelter who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(C) Four points based on 45% of persons served with emergency shelter who exited to positive housing destinations; or~~

~~(D) Five points based on 55% of persons served with emergency shelter who exited to positive housing destinations.~~

~~(4) Emergency shelter staff qualifications. An Applicant may receive a maximum of six points if a member of the staff interacting with Program Participants in the street outreach component has one or more of the following qualifications:~~

~~(A) Two points if a member is a licensed mental health provider through the Texas Behavioral Executive Health Council;~~

~~(B) Two points if a member of staff is fluent in one or more languages, other than English, identified by the Applicant as necessary to provide equitable and meaningful access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in the Applicant's proposed service area under Contract, as required by §7.10(c)(2); and~~

~~(C) Two points if program includes a paid staff member who has formerly experienced homelessness.~~

~~(15) Emergency shelter permanent housing. An Applicant may receive a maximum of three points based on the percentage of persons served with emergency shelter targeted to be placed in permanent housing. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2, Component Specific Scoring Criteria. An Application may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 35% of persons served with emergency shelter who will be placed in permanent housing;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 45% of persons served with emergency shelter who will be placed in permanent housing; or~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 55% of persons served with emergency shelter who will be placed in permanent housing.~~

~~(26) Emergency shelter services. Points shall be awarded An Applicant may receive a maximum of five points based on the number of distinct emergency shelter services~~

provided through ESG or other funds, as listed in 24 CFR §576.102. Emergency shelter services include case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, outpatient mental health services, outpatient substance abuse treatment services, and transportation. Outpatient health services, mental services, and substance abuse treatment services should only be provided by ESG funds if these services are otherwise inaccessible or unavailable within the Service Area. ~~This selection criterion will become a contractual requirement if the Applicant is awarded a Contract. An Application may receive a maximum of:~~ A minimum of three services are required, with a maximum of five points available. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2.1 Services Provided Scoring Criteria.

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant provides case management and two of the other services;~~

~~(B) Three points if the Applicant provides case management and three of the other services;~~

~~(C) Four points if the Applicant provides case management and four of the other services; or~~

~~(D) Five points if the Applicant provides case management and five of the other services.~~

~~(7) Experience providing emergency shelter. An Application may receive a maximum of 10 points based on the Applicant's experience providing emergency shelter services:~~

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant has provided emergency shelter for up to two years;~~

~~(B) Four points if the Applicant has provided emergency shelter for up to four years;~~

~~(C) Six points if the Applicant has provided emergency shelter for up to six years;~~

~~(D) Eight points if the Applicant has provided emergency shelter for up to eight years; or~~

~~(E) Ten points if the Applicant has provided emergency shelter for 10 or more years.~~

~~(de)~~ Homelessness prevention. An Application proposing homelessness prevention may receive points under the General Scoring Criteria in subsection (b) of this section, plus the following component-specific criteria.:

~~(1) Matching funds for homelessness prevention. An Application may receive a maximum of three points if the Applicant commits Matching funds equal to or greater than 110% of the total ESG funds requested for homelessness prevention.~~

~~(2) Homelessness prevention serving Homeless Subpopulations. An Application may receive a maximum of five points by proposing to serve persons who are in a Homeless Subpopulation, as defined in §7.2(31) of this title. An Applicant providing homelessness prevention may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 70% of persons served who have one or more special needs;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 80% of persons served who have one or more special needs;~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 90% of persons served who have one or more special needs;~~

~~(D) Four points based on a minimum target of 95% of persons served who have one or more special needs; or~~

~~(E) Five points based on a minimum target of 100% of persons served who have one or more special needs.~~

~~(3) Homelessness prevention exit to a positive housing destination. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the percentage of persons served within the 12 months prior to the Application due date exited homelessness to a positive housing destination per HMIS data standards:~~

~~(A) Two points based on 25% of persons served with homelessness prevention who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(B) Three points based on 35% of persons served with homelessness prevention who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(C) Four points based on 45% of persons served with homelessness prevention who exited to positive housing destinations; or~~

~~(D) Five points based on 55% of persons served with homelessness prevention who exited to positive housing destinations.~~

~~(4) Homelessness prevention staff qualifications. An Applicant may receive a maximum of six points if a member of the staff interacting with Program Participants in the homelessness prevention component has one or more of the following qualifications:~~

~~(A) Two points if a member is a licensed mental health provider through the Texas Behavioral Executive Health Council;~~

~~(B) Two points if a member of staff is fluent in one or more languages, other than English, identified by the Applicant as necessary to provide equitable and meaningful access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in the Applicant's proposed service area under the Contract, as required by §7.10(c)(2) of this title relating to Language Access Requirements and~~

~~(C) Two points if program includes a paid staff member who has formerly experienced homelessness.~~

~~(51) Homelessness prevention maintaining housing. An Application may receive a maximum of three points based on the percentage of persons served with Homelessness prevention who are targeted to maintain their housing for three months or more after program exit. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2, Component Specific Scoring Criteria. Applications may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 50% of persons served with homelessness prevention maintaining housing for three months;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 60% of persons served with homelessness prevention maintaining housing for three months; or~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 70% of persons served with homelessness prevention maintaining housing for three months.~~

~~(26) Homelessness prevention services and rental assistance. Points shall be awarded. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the number of distinct homeless prevention services and type of rental assistance provided through ESG or other funds. Homeless prevention services and rental assistance include rental application fees, security~~

deposits and last month's rent, utility payments/deposits, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, credit repair, short-term rental assistance, and medium-term rental assistance. ~~An Application may receive a maximum of:~~A minimum of four services is required, with a maximum of five points available. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2.1 Services Provided Scoring Criteria.

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and three of the other services or rental assistance;~~

~~(B) Three points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and four of the other services or rental assistance;~~

~~(C) Four points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and five of the other services or rental assistance; or~~

~~(D) Five points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and six of the other services or rental assistance.~~

~~(7) Experience providing homelessness prevention or rental assistance services. An Application may receive a maximum of 10 points based on the Applicant's experience providing homelessness prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services.~~

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant has provided homelessness prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to two years;~~

~~(B) Four points if the Applicant has provided homelessness prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to four years;~~

~~(C) Six points if the Applicant has provided homelessness prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to six years;~~

~~(D) Eight points if the Applicant has provided homelessness prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to eight years; or~~

~~(E) Ten points if the Applicant has provided homelessness prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services for 10 or more years.~~

(fe) Rapid re-housing. An Application proposing rapid re-housing may receive points under the General Scoring Criteria in subsection (b) of this section, plus the following component-specific criteria.:

~~(1) Matching funds for rapid re-housing. Applications may receive a maximum of three points if the Applicant commits Matching funds equal to or greater than 110% of the total ESG funds requested for rapid re-housing.~~

~~(2) Rapid re-housing serving Homeless Subpopulations. An Application may receive a maximum of five points by proposing to serve persons who are in a Homeless Subpopulation, as defined in §7.2(31) of this title. Applicants providing rapid re-housing may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 70% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 80% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 90% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation;~~

~~(D) Four points based on a minimum target of 95% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation; or~~

~~(E) Five points based on a minimum target of 100% of persons served who are in one or more Homeless Subpopulation.~~

~~(3) Rapid re-housing exit to a positive housing destination. An Application may receive a maximum of five points based on the percentage of persons served within the 12 months prior to the Application due date exited homelessness to a positive housing destination per HMIS data standards:~~

~~(A) Two points based on 25% of persons served with rapid re-housing exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(B) Three points based on 35% of persons served with rapid re-housing who exited to positive housing destinations;~~

~~(C) Four points based on 45% of persons served with rapid re-housing who exited to positive housing destinations; or~~

~~(D) Five points based on 55% of persons served with rapid re-housing who exited to positive housing destinations.~~

~~(4) Rapid re-housing staff qualifications. An Applicant may receive a maximum of six points if a member of the staff interacting with Program Participants in the rapid re-housing component has one or more of the following qualifications:~~

~~(A) Two points if a member is a licensed mental health provider through the Texas Behavioral Executive Health Council;~~

~~(B) Two points if a member of staff is fluent in one or more languages, other than English, identified by the Applicant as necessary to provide equitable and meaningful access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), as required by §7.10(c)(2); and~~

~~(C) Two points if program includes a paid staff member who has formerly experienced homelessness.~~

~~(15) Rapid re-housing maintaining housing. Applicants—An Application may receive a maximum of three points based on the percentage of persons served with rapid re-housing targeted to maintain their housing for three months or more after program exit. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2, Component Specific Scoring Criteria. Applications may receive a maximum of:~~

~~(A) One point based on a minimum target of 50% of persons served with rapid re-housing maintaining housing for three months;~~

~~(B) Two points based on a minimum target of 60% of persons served with rapid re-housing maintaining housing for three months; or~~

~~(C) Three points based on a minimum target of 70% of persons served with rapid re-housing maintaining housing for three months.~~

~~(26) Rapid re-housing services and rental assistance. Applicants may receive a maximum of five points. Points shall be awarded based on the number of distinct rapid re-housing services~~

and types of rental assistance provided through ESG or other funds. ~~Rapid re-housing services and rental assistance including~~ rental application fees, security deposits/last month's rent, utility payments/deposits, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, credit repair, short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance. ~~Applications may receive a maximum of assistance.~~ A minimum of four services is required, with a maximum of five points available. Points will be awarded in accordance with Table 2.1 Services Provided Scoring Criteria.

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and three of the other services or rental assistance;~~

~~(B) Three points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and four of the other components;~~

~~(C) Four points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and five of the other components; or~~

~~(D) Five points if the Applicant provides housing stability case management and six of the other components.~~

~~(7) Experience providing rapid re-housing or tenant-based rental assistance services. Applications may receive a maximum of 10 points based on the Applicant's experience providing homeless prevention or tenant-based rental assistance services.~~

~~(A) Two points if the Applicant has provided rapid re-housing or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to two years;~~

~~(B) Four points if the Applicant has provided rapid re-housing or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to four years;~~

~~(C) Six points if the Applicant has provided rapid re-housing or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to six years;~~

~~(D) Eight points if the Applicant has provided rapid re-housing or tenant-based rental assistance services for up to eight years; or~~

~~(E) Ten points if the Applicant has provided rapid re-housing or tenant-based rental assistance services for 10 or more years.~~

Table 1.1 General Scoring Criteria

<u>Criterion</u>	<u>1 Point</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>3 points</u>	<u>4 Points</u>	<u>5 Points</u>	<u>6 Points</u>	<u>8 Points</u>	<u>10 Points</u>
<u>Serving Homeless Subpopulations</u>	<u>Minimum target of 70%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 80%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 90%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 95%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 100%</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Exit to a positive housing destination</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>25% of persons served</u>	<u>35% of persons served</u>	<u>45% of persons served</u>	<u>55% of persons served</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Experience proving applicable services</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Up to 2 years</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Up to 4 years</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Up to 6 years</u>	<u>Up to 8 years</u>	<u>Up to 10 years or more</u>

Table 1.2 Staff Qualification Point Schedule

<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>Licensed mental health provider (Texas-licensed behavioral health professional, including Licensed Professional Counselors or Licensed Clinical Social Workers)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Staff fluent in one or more Applicant-identified languages needed to ensure equitable access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Program includes a paid staff member with lived experience of homelessness</u>	<u>2</u>

Table 2 Component Specific Scoring Criteria

<u>Criterion</u>	<u>1 Point</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>3 points</u>
<u>Street outreach temporary/transitional/permanent housing target</u>	<u>Minimum target of 35%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 45%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 55%</u>
<u>Emergency shelter permanent housing placement</u>	<u>Minimum target of 35%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 45%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 55%</u>
<u>Homelessness prevention maintaining housing for 3 months</u>	<u>Minimum target of 50%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 60%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 70%</u>
<u>Rapid Re-housing maintaining housing for 3 months</u>	<u>Minimum target of 50%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 60%</u>	<u>Minimum target of 70%</u>

Table 2.1 Services Provided Scoring Criteria

<u>Criterion</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>3 points</u>	<u>4 points</u>	<u>5 points</u>
<u>Street Outreach Services</u>	<u>Providing street outreach engagement & case management</u>	<u>Providing street outreach engagement, case management, & 1 other service</u>	<u>Providing street outreach engagement, case management, & 2 other service</u>	<u>Providing street outreach engagement, case management, & 3 other service</u>
<u>Emergency Shelter Services</u>	<u>Providing case management & 2 other services</u>	<u>Providing case management & 3 other services</u>	<u>Providing case management & 4 other services</u>	<u>Providing case management & 5 other services</u>
<u>Homelessness Prevention and rental assistance</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 3 other services</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 4 other services</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 5 other services</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 6 other services</u>
<u>Rapid re-housing services and rental assistance</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 3 other services</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 4 other services</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 5 other services</u>	<u>Providing housing stability case management & 6 other services</u>