



2026 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Annual Competitive Award Application Webinar

June 1, 2026

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HOUSEKEEPING

- Enter questions in the Questions Panel of GoToWebinar
- Additional questions or agency specific questions can be sent to our general inbox: homelessprograms@tdhca.texas.gov.



WEBINAR OBJECTIVES



2026 ESG NOFA

- Important Dates
- General Updates
- NOFA Funding Structure

Application Process

- Competitive Allocation Breakdown
- ESG Program Requirements
- In-Depth Review of the Competitive Award Application
- Application Submission & Deficiency Response
- Award Process





OVERVIEW OF THE 2026 NOFA

2026 ESG ANNUAL GENERAL UPDATES

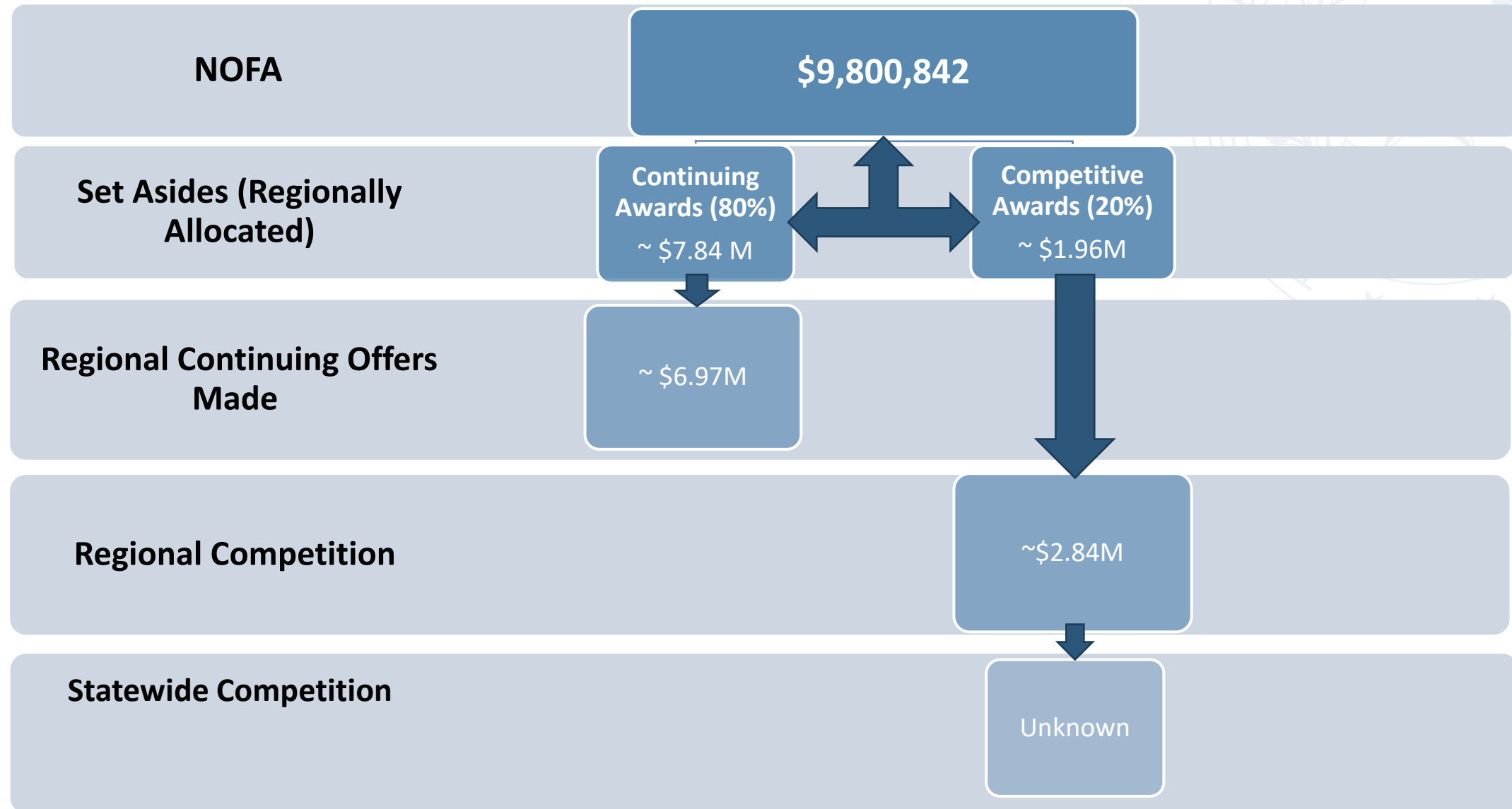
Important Dates

- May 26th – June 25th
 - Application acceptance period
- Deficiencies require a 7-day response
 - 1 point deducted each day after 7th day
 - Application terminated after 14th day

Amounts to be set in the NOFA

- Minimum \$75,000 and maximum \$400,000 for Competitive Awards
- Match Waiver
 - If funds requested is less than \$86,250

NOFA FUNDING STRUCTURE



ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR COMPETITION

CoC #	CoC Name	Allocation Amount for Competition	SO/ES Cap for Competition
TX-500	San Antonio/ Bexar County	\$ 162,554	\$ 87,013
TX-503	Austin/Travis County	\$ 303,898	\$ 209,311
TX-600	Dallas City & County/Irving	\$ 242,387	\$ 63,990
TX-601	Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County	\$ 137,323	\$137,323
TX-603	El Paso City & County	\$ 64,719	\$ 38,831
TX-604	Waco/McLennan County	\$ 118,719	\$71,231
TX-607	Texas Balance of State	\$ 1,183,589	\$ 991,863
TX-611	Amarillo	\$ 28,918	\$ 26,712
TX-624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties	\$ 116,248	\$ 69,748
TX-625	Lubbock City & County	\$ 144,178	\$ 86,506
TX-700	City of Houston/Harris County	\$ 300,548	\$ 213,440
TX-701	Bryan/College Station/Brazos Valley	\$ 33,525	\$ 33,525
	Total	\$ 2,836,606	\$ 2,029,493



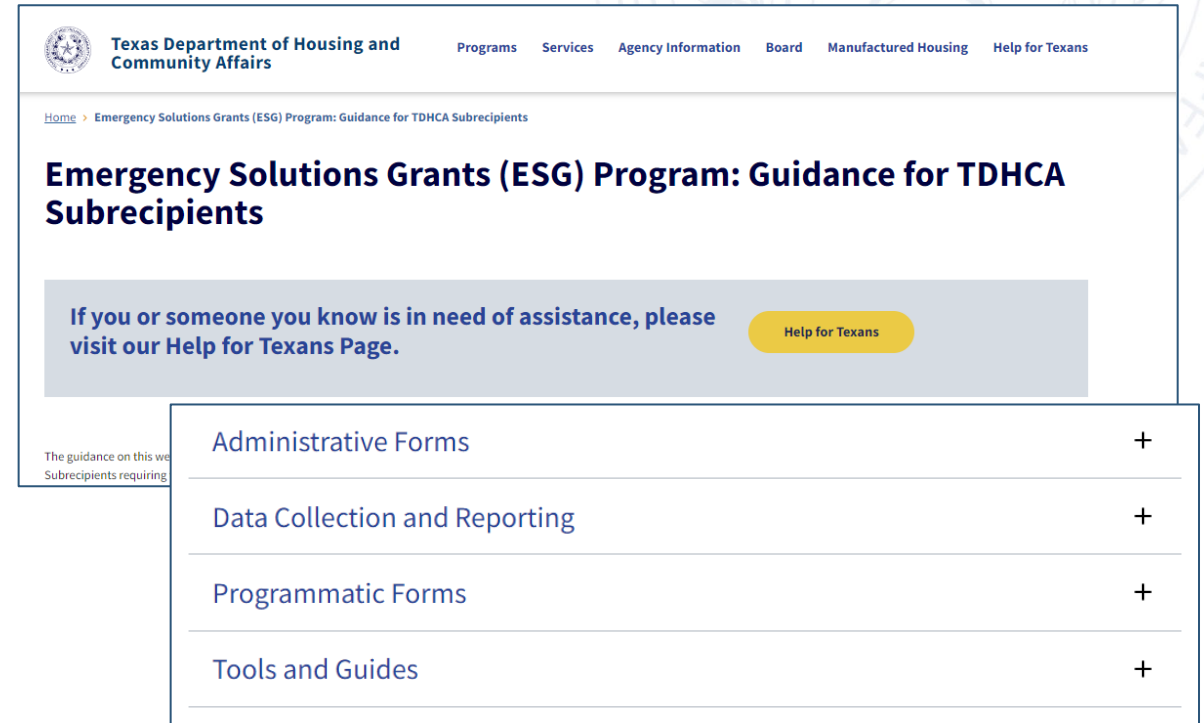
ESG PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- TDHCA ESG Program Guidance
 - Administrative Forms
 - Program Guidance and Forms

<https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/emergency-solutions-grants-esg-program-guidance-tdhca-subrecipients>

- TDHCA ESG Video Library

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The screenshot displays the TDHCA website's header with the agency name and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program: Guidance for TDHCA Subrecipients". A prominent message states: "If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please visit our Help for Texans Page." with a corresponding button. Below this, a sidebar menu lists four categories: "Administrative Forms", "Data Collection and Reporting", "Programmatic Forms", and "Tools and Guides", each with an expandable icon (+).

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The guidance on this website is for Subrecipients requiring...

- Administrative Forms +
- Data Collection and Reporting +
- Programmatic Forms +
- Tools and Guides +

ESG BUDGET AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Budget

- Matching funds of 100% are required, unless a match waiver is requested and awarded
- Budgets are restricted by the component awarded
- 3% cap on Administration, 12% cap on HMIS
- No more than 60% of the awards can be made in street outreach/emergency shelter

Program

- Income Eligibility restricted to 30% AMFI
- Fair Market Rent limits apply
- Rental Assistance cannot exceed 24 months in a 3 year period
- Reporting Deadlines (SAGE AND HCS)
- NSPIRE Requirements (Oct. 1, 2026)

WAIVER OF 10 TAC §7.36(c)(13)

- Entities deemed ineligible for a 2026 Continuing Award may be deemed eligible to apply in the 2026 Competitive Cycle so long as they submitted their 2025 reporting in SAGE prior to TDHCA's submission to HUD, due to the board action taken on May 7, 2026.

PRWORA & SAVE

- 10 TAC §1.410, PRWORA of 1996
- 10 TAC §7.44, ESG
- PRWORA provides that an alien who is not a Qualified Alien is not eligible for any federal or state public benefit
- ESG is a federal public benefit per HUD
- Subrecipients of ESG funds must determine the legal status of each Household Member (i.e., U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, Qualified Alien, Unqualified Alien), prior to determination of eligibility, ineligibility, mixed status household, pro-rata calculations
- Exemptions, which must be documented:
 - ESG activities that deliver in-kind services at the community level, are necessary for the protection of life or safety, and do not condition assistance on the potential participant's income or resources (e.g., emergency shelter, case management, street outreach, rapid rehousing, or in-kind disaster relief)
 - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)

PRWORA & SAVE

- All subrecipients of ESG funds must first verify identity and legal status using documents and tools provided by the Department
- Only if unable to verify citizenship status through those documents and tools, will the SAVE system be utilized
- Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) is the database used to determine qualified/unqualified status of an alien
- Applicants will be required to select a method by which to verify alien status as qualified or unqualified using SAVE
 - Public organizations are required to perform verifications through SAVE
 - Private nonprofit organizations have three options

SAVE OPTIONS

- Three Options – must select one
- Handout
- Option 1: Subrecipient Full Verification (Recommended)
 - Subrecipient performs the verifications themselves through SAVE
 - Subrecipients are given access to SAVE
- Option 2: Subrecipient Review and Transmittal; Department performs SAVE Check (Least Recommended)
 - Subrecipient chooses to have TDHCA perform verifications through SAVE for them
 - Subrecipient must still first confirm identity and verify legal status through documents provided by the Department
 - If legal status cannot be verified, subrecipient gathers and transmits documentation through the Department's electronic delivery system
 - Department determines qualified/unqualified status through SAVE and transmits response to Subrecipient
 - Subrecipient documents
- Option 3: Procured Provider
 - Subrecipient procures an eligible qualified organization to perform SAVE verifications on their behalf



2026 ESG ANNUAL COMPETITIVE APPLICATION



APPLICATION PERIOD AND RESOURCES

- Applications will be accepted from Tuesday, May 26th, at 8 AM CDT to Thursday, June 25th, at 5 PM CDT.
- Application materials and the Application Manual can be found on our website: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/esg-funding>
- Application questions can also be sent throughout the process to our general inbox, homelessprograms@tdhca.texas.gov.

ESG APPLICATION VOLUMES

Each Applicant will complete:

- Volume 1: Threshold
- Volume 2: Uniform Scoring

Each Applicant will complete a volume for **each program participant service** they are applying for:

- Volume 3: Street Outreach
- Volume 4: Emergency Shelter
- Volume 5: Homelessness Prevention
- Volume 6: Rapid Re-housing

Multiple Applications

- If applying for multiple components, submit an application for each component
- If applying to serve counties in more than one CoC, submit an application for each CoC

EXAMPLE APPLICATION

An organization is applying for both ES and RRH funding. They would need to submit the following:

- Volume 1 (General Threshold Criteria)
- Volume 2 (Uniform Scoring Criteria)
- Volume 4 (Emergency Shelter)
- Volume 6 (Rapid Re-housing)

Potential application outcomes

- Emergency Shelter only
- Rapid Re-housing only
- Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-housing
- No funds



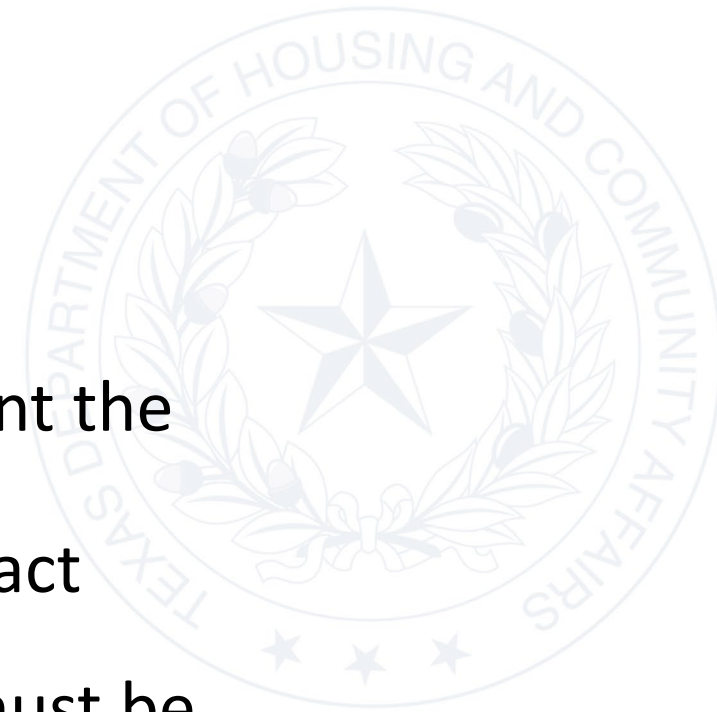
GENERAL THRESHOLD CRITERIA (Vol 1)

1. Applicant Information
2. Board Information
3. Annual Funding (Budget)
4. ESG Service Area
5. Administrative Requirements
6. ESG Certification



GOVERNING BODY ACTION (Vol 1 – Tab 1)

- Include the title of the person authorized to represent the Applicant, giving the authorization to submit the Application and signing authority to execute a Contract
- Include the date the resolution was passed, which must be within 12 months preceding application submission
- Be signed by the same board chair specified in application
- An attestation or meeting minutes will not be accepted



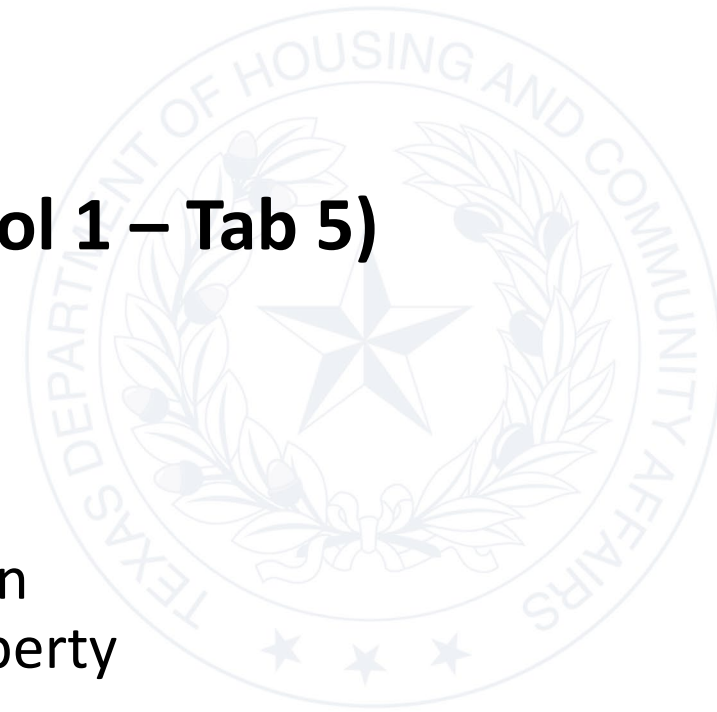
WRITTEN STANDARDS AND TERMINATION POLICY (Vol 1 – Tab 5)

Written Standards

- Must comply with the requirements of [24 CFR 576§400](#)
- If applying for HP or RRH, Written Standards must include an occupancy standard which does not conflict with Texas Property Code §92.010
- Only ESG Written Standards required, not organization's other program manuals

Policy for Termination of Assistance

- Must comply with the requirements of [24 CFR §576.402](#)
- Must includes written notice of termination to HP and RRH Program Participants



FIDELITY BOND REQUIREMENTS (Vol 1 – Tab 5)

- Must comply with the requirements of [10 TAC §1.406](#)
- Fidelity bond must be for *at least* the greater of \$50,000 or 10% of the Contract amount.
- Application requires submission of an assurance letter from the bonding agency that must include, at a minimum:
 - Type of bond
 - Amount and period of coverage
 - Positions covered
 - Annual cost of bond

UNIFORM SELECTION CRITERIA (Vol 2)

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1. Homeless Participation
 2. Organizational or Management Experience
 3. Percentage of Prior ESG Awards Expended
 4. Previous ESG Reporting and Outcomes
 5. Previous Monitoring Reports
 6. Priority for Certain Communities
 7. Previously Unserved Areas

HOMELESS PARTICIPATION EXAMPLE (Vol 2 – Tab 1)

Homeless Participation

- Qualifying individual must be a member of or provide consultation services with your agency's policy making entity.
- Not required to be a paid staff member – could be a voting board member or participate on an advisory committee, etc.

Facilities Participation

- Qualifying individual must be a paid staff member
- This staff member's duties must include one or more of the following:
 - construction, renovation, maintaining, operating or providing services in the Applicant agency's Shelter
- Organization must operate a Shelter to claim points.

ORGANIZATIONAL OR MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (Vol 2 – Tab 2)

- Provide experience prior to Application Submission administering any Federal or State grants, not just ESG.

Organizational
Fill out table and do not attach documentation
Include: • Name of program (funding source and specific program) • Source (federal or state) • Start and End Dates for Experience
Ex. ESG (HUD), Federal, 11/1/2022 – 10/31/2023

OR

Management
Attach current staff resumes behind tab
• Staff must have been in a decision-making role and resumes must clearly relate to grant management • <u>Resumes must have sufficient information to determine length of time administering state or federal programs</u>
Ex. director, program manager, lead case worker; details experience with federal and/or state grants

ORGANIZATIONAL OR MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (Vol 2 – Tab 2) (cont'd)

Organizational Example with Deficiency

Rental Assistance

- *Federal Funding Source*
- *3/1/2021 – 2/28/2022*

☒ Does not clearly specify state and/or federal program(s) to claim experience

Organizational Example without Deficiency

CoC - Rapid Rehousing

- *Federal Funding Source*
- *3/1/2021 – 2/28/2022*

☒ Clearly specifies state and/or federal program(s) to claim experience

ORGANIZATIONAL OR MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (Vol 2 – Tab 2) (cont'd)

Management Example with Deficiency

- *Program Director*
 - *Provide training and direction to staff*
 - *Budget Preparation and grant management*
- ❌ Does not specify state and/or federal program(s) to claim experience
- ❌ Does not specify timeframe (dates, years, etc.) to claim experience

Management Example without Deficiency

- *Program Director 7/2019 - Present*
 - *Provide training and direction to staff*
 - *Manage budget and operations for EFSP, ESG, and CoC grants*
- ✅ Specifies state and/or federal program(s) to claim experience
- ✅ Specifies timeframe (dates, years, etc.) to claim experience

PREVIOUS ESG OUTCOMES (Vol 2 – Tab 4)



Annual Contracts	Performance Targets	Reporting Timeliness	Match Obligation
• Does <u>not</u> include Special Allocation contracts • Does <u>not</u> include contracts closed more than 12 months prior to application	• 100% of performance targets must have been met for each <u>component</u>	• The last <u>three</u> reports must have been submitted on time for each active contract • Combined months on a report are considered late	• 100% of match obligation must have been met for each active contract

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Emergency Solutions Grants Contract Snapshot Report

Subrecipient: **ABC, Inc.** Contract Number: **42246070001**

Contract Snapshots

- Sent out after the closeout period for an ESG contract.
- Can be used as a reference for Volume 2.

Contract Term		
Begin Date:	End Date:	Amended End Date:
11/1/2024	10/31/2025	NA

Reporting Performance			
Report:	Submission Due Date:	Submission Date:	Report was submitted timely:
Oct-25	11/30/2025	11/29/2025	Yes
Sep-25	10/31/2025	10/25/2025	Yes
Aug-25	9/30/2025	10/1/2025	No

Expenditure Performance						
Original Contract Amount	Amended Contract Total	Amount of Voluntary Deobligation	Total Expended by Original End Date	Percent of Awarded funds Expended	Amount expended by Amended End Date	Final Expenditure
\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	50.00%	NA	50.00%

Match Performance			
Expenditure Amount	Match Amount Provided:	Match % Provided:	Match % Committed
\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	100%	110%

Special Populations Served			
Total Number of Persons Entering:	Total Persons in at least 1 special population:	% of Persons in at least 1 special population	
100	100	100%	

Outcomes by Component Type						
Component	Number of Persons Entered	Number of Persons Exited to Temporary, Transitional, or Permanent Housing	Number of Persons Exiting to Permanent Housing	Number of Persons Maintaining Housing for 3+ Months	Outcome Percentage:	Outcome Percentage Committed:
SO:						
ES:	200		100		50%	55%
RRH:	50			25	50%	45%
HP:	50			25	50%	45%



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR VOLUMES 3-6



STAFF QUALIFICATIONS (Vol 3 – Vol 6, Tab 4)

- Each staff member that the Applicant is requesting any qualifications for must work **directly** with program participants in that program component
- Attach the Staff Qualifications Certificate

Licensed Mental Health Providers	Bilingual Staff	Formerly Homeless Staff
Must be actively licensed through the Texas Behavioral Executive Health Council	Must be fluent in one or more languages , other than English, enabling equitable access to those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	Must have formerly experienced homelessness. Note: this differs from Vol 2 – Tab 1 Homeless Participation, which offers points for Policy Participation and Facilities Participation

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS (Vol 3 – Vol 6, Tab 4) cont'd

- Staff qualifications should be summarized in the table
- Attachments for the Staff Qualifications Certification are still required and must be submitted behind Tab 4

Street Outreach Staff Member Name or ID	Mental Health Provider licensed by Texas BHEC?	Fluent in one or more languages?	Formerly experienced homelessness?
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

Street Outreach Staff Member Name or ID	Mental Health Provider licensed by Texas BHEC?	Fluent in one or more languages?	Formerly experienced homelessness?
1. Jane Doe	Yes	Yes	No
2. John Smith	No	No	Yes
3. Jimmy Long	Yes	No	No
4.			
5.			
6.			

EXPERIENCE PROVIDING COMPONENT SERVICES (Vol 3 – Vol 6, Tab 7)

- Organizational experience providing Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, or Rapid Re-Housing

Organization Experience only, <u>not</u> staff experience
Does not need to be grant or ESG experience
Fill out the table, include: • Program or Award Name • Type of Documentation Provided • Page Number that Documentation is located in • Time frame (start and end date)
Attach acceptable documentation behind tab. Includes, but is not limited to, contracts, organizational reports, annual service plans, publications, awards, etc.)
Ex. ESG Contract, p. 1, 11/1/2022 – 10/31/2023



APPLICATION SCORING, SUBMISSION, AND DEFICIENCY RESPONSE

APPLICATION SCORING

- Applicants and TDHCA staff will score tabs in Volume 2 (Uniform Selection Criteria) and each component volume to determine the total application score
- Applicants must manually transfer their Volume 2 score to each component score
- **TDHCA staff cannot award more points than an applicant selects**



A. APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION .PDF FILE			
Tab Number	Item	Tab completed or N/A	Self Score
1	Street Outreach Funding Request and Match		0
	Not Applicable		
2	Homeless Subpopulations		0
3	Housing Outcomes		0
4	Staff Qualifications		0
	Support Documentation		
5	Housing Targets		0
6	Services		0
7	Experience		0
	Documentation evidencing experience		
APPLICANT STREET OUTREACH SELF SCORE:			0
APPLICANT UNIFORM SELECTION CRITERIA SCORE FROM VOLUME 2:			
TOTAL APPLICANT SELF SCORE FOR STREET OUTREACH APPLICATION:			0

APPLICATION FORMATTING AND SUBMISSION

- Applications include multiple volumes and named by applicant and volume
 - Ex. [ApplicantName](#)_Volume1
 - Ex. [SalvationArmy-Austin](#)_Volume1
- Applicants must submit both an Excel and PDF version of the application
 - The PDF must include required forms and bookmarks
- Upload completed application to FTP server
<https://esg-files.tdhca.state.tx.us/>

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ESG APPLICATION SUBMISSION



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APPLICATION REVIEW AND DEFICIENCIES

- Applications will be reviewed for threshold and selection criteria, administrative deficiencies
- After review, deficiency notices will be issued to applicants
 - After 7 days, a point will be deducted for each additional day remains unresolved
 - After 14 days the application will be terminated
- Deficiencies must be uploaded to our FTP server
 - Only referenced deficient items will be reviewed



APPLICATION TERMINATION

- An application may be terminated for several reasons
 - Incomplete
 - Missing Volume 1 and/or Volume 2
 - Unclear and not able to be reviewed
 - Corrupted files
 - Substantially incomplete
- TDHCA may terminate an application for administrative deficiencies not resolved within 14 days





AWARDING PROCESS

REGIONAL FUNDING COMPETITION OVERVIEW

APPLICATION PROCESS AND LIMITATIONS

- One Application per participant service
- Tie Breaker Number Assigned
- Ranked by staff score within each COC
- Limited to funds available within the COC
- Limited to 60% for SO/ES awards within CoC

FUNDING RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

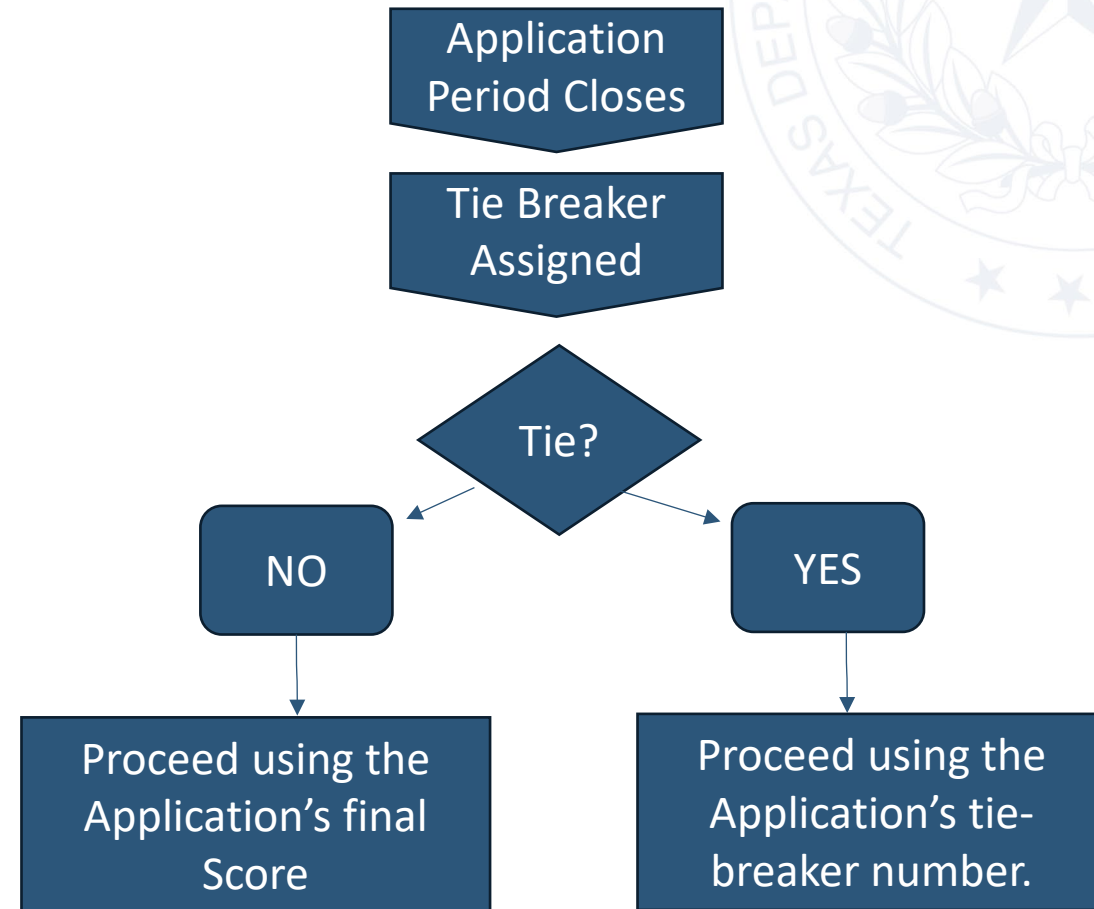
- Funds awarded to high-ranking applications until:
 - COC funds are exhausted **OR**
 - 60% cap on SO/ES has been reached & no other eligible applications remain
- Partial Awards offered if rank is preserved
- Remaining Funds in each COC will be transferred to the Statewide Competition

TIE-BREAKER

A randomly generated number will be assigned to all Applications after the Application submission period closes.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Partial Award = **NO** Statewide competition entry
- **IF** the statewide 60% cap has not been reached, high Scoring SO/ES Applications may qualify for funding
- **IF** tied final score, higher tie-breaker number receives priority



STATEWIDE FUNDING COMPETITION

Funds are pooled and awarded statewide



All unfunded* Applications are re-ranked by score, regardless of CoC



Award recommendations will be made until:

- 1) Funds are exhausted, or
- 2) 60% limit on SO/ES is reached & no other Application types are eligible

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

May/June - Application Period

July/Aug – Review & Ranking Process

Aug/Sept – Awarding Process

Oct/Nov – Contracting & Implementation Training



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Questions?

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HOMELESSPROGRAMS@TDHCA.TEXAS.GOV

[HTTPS://WWW.TDHCA.TEXAS.GOV/ESG-FUNDING](https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/esg-funding)



2026 ESG Competitive Application Webinar Q&A

PRWORA & SAVE Verification

Q1: What is the turnaround time for the SAVE verification process?

The vast majority of SAVE verifications (approximately 95%) are completed in seconds once you submit the required information (name, date of birth, etc.). In a small number of cases (~5%), additional verification may be needed and could take a day or longer.

Option 1 (subrecipient performs verification themselves) is the most efficient option, as it is a one-stop shop completed at intake. Option 2 (TDHCA performs verification on your behalf) takes longer due to the additional steps of transmitting information securely back and forth.

Q2: How should an organization show their SAVE exemption through VAWA or FVPSA?

For the application, simply select one of the three SAVE verification options. Detailed guidance on documenting exemptions will be covered during the November implementation webinars.

Application Eligibility & Submission

Q1: If we are applying for two components, do we still only submit one copy of Volumes 1 and 2?

Yes. You only need to submit one copy of Volumes 1 and 2 regardless of how many component volumes you include. Volumes 1 and 2 apply across all components you are applying for.

Q2: Our COC covers 16 counties but there are only 12 spaces on Tab 4 of Volume 1. What should we do?

Either complete an additional Tab 4 page and attach it directly behind the original or include the additional counties in a Word document and attach it in the same location.

Q3: Where should the direct deposit form be submitted?

The direct deposit form is not required at the time of application. We will be requesting these forms in September, once all awardees have been notified.

Q4: Does an organization need to receive ESG funding for a shelter in order to claim facility participation points?

No. If your organization operates an emergency shelter, even without ESG funding for that shelter, you may still be eligible to claim facility participation points, as long as all other eligibility criteria are met (e.g., a paid staff member working within that shelter).

Q5: Can an organization use a fiscal agent to demonstrate capacity?

No. Fiscal agents are not permissible, and sub-granting of funds is not allowed. Each organization must act as a standalone subrecipient and cannot borrow experience, financial capacity, or technical expertise from another organization. However, ESG administrative funds may be used to procure services such as payroll processing, as long as it is included in the allocation plan.

Q6: If a COC's total available amount is \$116,248 (e.g., COC 624 – Wichita Falls), does that mean we cannot request more than that total?

Correct. The sum of all participant services you are requesting funding for cannot exceed the total available for your COC. Additionally, if you are requesting street outreach or emergency shelter funds, your request is further limited to the lower Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter Cap amount. For TX-624, for example, street outreach and emergency shelter requests are limited to \$69,748, not the full \$116,248.

Q7: Do we need multiple local government approval forms if our homelessness prevention covers multiple counties or cities?

No. The local government approval form is only required if you are applying for emergency shelter funds or using emergency shelter as match. If you are applying solely for homelessness prevention, no local government approval form is needed.

Q8: Which government entity should complete the local government approval form?

The approval must come from the smallest applicable jurisdiction. If the shelter is located in an unincorporated area, the county commissioner's court provides the approval. If it is in an incorporated city, the city provides it. Applicants have up to one month after the application deadline to submit this form, but earlier submission is strongly encouraged.

Q9: If a staff member qualifies as both bilingual and previously homeless, do we need to submit separate documentation for each?

No. Submit one Staff Qualification Certification Form per staff member and check all applicable boxes (bilingual, previously homeless, and/or licensed mental health provider). Each qualifying category counts as 2 points.

Q10: If someone was employed in a non-managerial role and later promoted to manager, when does their qualifying management experience begin for Tab 2 of Volume 2?

Management experience begins when the person was in an actual management/decision-making role. The resume must reflect when that role change occurred within the organization.

Match

Q1: What are the general match requirements and eligible sources?

A minimum 100% dollar-for-dollar match is required (110% if you request those additional points in your application). Eligible match sources include unrestricted funds, private donations, state grants, and federal grants, although state and federal sources must have authorization from the funder to be used as match for another program. In-kind match such as staff salaries for case managers or outreach workers is also permissible, provided the funding source authorizes it.

Q2: Can other grants be used as match for ESG?

Yes, as long as the activities funded are eligible under ESG and the funder/grantor authorizes use of their funds as match for another program. Please contact our Homeless Programs inbox with specific scenarios for guidance from the team.

Q3: What match documentation needs to be submitted with the application?

No match documentation is required at the time of application. Match is reported during the contract period (ideally monthly as it is incurred) and reviewed during monitoring. A match training webinar will be released before the implementation webinar with more detailed guidance.

Governing Body & Signature Authority

Q1: Do we submit both an attestation from the board chair and meeting minutes, or just one?

An executed resolution or attestation is required, whichever is the norm for your organization. If the official resolution cannot be obtained before the application deadline, you may submit an attestation or board minutes as a placeholder, but you must indicate when the actual resolution will be submitted. The resolution is required before contract execution and award.

Q2: Does the board resolution have to be specific to this grant, or can it be a blanket authority?

It must be specific to the 2026 TDHCA ESG application; a blanket authority is not acceptable.

Q3: How do we prove designation of signature authority?

Signature authority must be established through the board resolution. The resolution should identify the position (e.g., Executive Director, CFO) authorized to submit the application and enter into contracts. No letters, meeting minutes, or other documents will be accepted as a substitute. Using a title rather than a name is recommended to account for personnel changes.

Other

Q1: Does providing homelessness prevention funds to avoid eviction require an NSPIRE inspection of the unit?

NSPIRE habitability standards apply only when rental assistance is being provided. If you are providing non-rental financial assistance under homelessness prevention, NSPIRE requirements do not apply. This is the same for rapid rehousing, as the requirement is tied specifically to rental assistance.

Q2: Can you provide more information on indirect cost rate options?

Applicants may choose either the de minimis rate (currently 15%) or a pre-approved negotiated indirect cost rate from their cognizant federal agency. If using a negotiated rate, a copy of the approval letter must be submitted with the application. TDHCA does not provide guidance beyond these two options, as indirect cost rates are unique to each organization.