

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA
ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #12 2019-2020 - ESG-CV

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated special Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program funds in the amount of \$5,111,942 to the City of Springfield. These ESG-CV funds are authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2022.

HUD allocated \$1,160,338 of these funds to the City as ESG-CV1, and the City published a plan for spending of ESG-CV1 on its website on April 17, 2020. HUD allocated \$3,951,604 of these funds to the City as ESG-CV2 on its website on August 12, 2020. Funding distributions were adjusted as set out in an Amended Plan, published to the City’s website on November 5, 2020.

This amendment moves funds to the Emergency Shelter category.

ESG-CV Budget

Funding category	TOTAL Budget (after 11/2020 amendment)	Current AMENDMENT	AMENDED Budget
Prevention	\$846,173	\$ (94,143.00)	\$752,030
Outreach	\$417,586	\$ (235,768.00)	\$181,818
Emergency Shelter	\$1,663,000	\$ 752,813.00	\$2,415,813
Rapid Rehousing	\$1,649,914	\$ (296,048.00)	\$1,353,866
HMIS	\$60,000	\$ -	\$60,000
Administration	\$475,269	\$ (126,854.00)	\$348,415
TOTAL	\$5,111,942	\$ -	\$5,111,942

The City will use the ESG-CV funds to prevent people from needing to enter shelter, to conduct street outreach to unsheltered persons, to provide appropriate temporary emergency shelter to people experiencing homelessness, particularly those who need to quarantine or isolation, or who are fleeing domestic violence; to provide rapid rehousing assistance to people in unsheltered situations or in emergency shelter, and to operate the City’s HMIS.

The current ESG-CV subrecipients and allocations are:

Catholic Charities, in partnership with Mercy Medical Center

- Prevention: \$47,000
- Emergency Shelter (hotel placements and support staff): \$2,296,603
- Rapid Rehousing: \$1,043,516
- Administration: \$176,776

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- Outreach: \$181,818
- HMIS: \$60,000
- Administration: \$58,182

Clinical Support Options/Friends of the Homeless

- Prevention (Shelter Diversion): \$311,392
- Administration: \$31,139

New North Citizens Council

- Prevention (Shelter Diversion): \$363,638
- Administration: \$36,362

YWCA of Western Massachusetts

- Prevention (Shelter Diversion): \$30,000
- Emergency Shelter (hotel placements): \$119,210
- Rapid Rehousing: \$310,350
- Administration: \$45,956

Previous allocations reported the following subrecipient:

Clinical Support Options/Friends of the Homeless

- Emergency Shelter, including isolation/quarantine tent: \$350,398

This cost has been moved to FEMA Public Assistance, so it is no longer charged against the ESG-CV grant. The ESG-CV funds made available by this replacement has been allocated to Catholic Charities for the Motel Emergency Shelter program.

The CARES Act includes the following exemptions and requirements regarding these funds:

- The funds are exempt from the ESG match requirements, including 24 CFR 576.201;
- The funds may be used to provide homelessness prevention assistance (as authorized under 24 CFR 576.103 or subsequent HUD notices) to any individual or family who does not

have income higher than Low-Income Limit for the area and meets the criteria in definition in 24 CFR 576.3;

- Recipients may deviate from applicable procurement standards when using these funds to procure goods and services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, notwithstanding 24 CFR 576.407(f) and 2 CFR 200.317-200.326;

The CARES Act provides that the funds are not subject to the consultation and citizen participation requirements that otherwise apply to the Emergency Solutions Grants, however each recipient must publish how its allocation has and will be used, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate Government web site or through other electronic media.

The City of Springfield has published this document specifying how the allocation will be used on its website on May 4, 2021 and has provided notice of this posting through its social media accounts.