

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 / 2023-2024

RFQ Release Date: Monday, October 18, 2021

RFQ Deadline Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Requesting Organization: City of Las Vegas, 495 S. Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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OVERVIEW

The city of Las Vegas is soliciting proposals for Homeless Outreach Services. The Request for Proposals (RFP) invites qualified organizations to submit an application for an assessment of their organizational structure, staffing, their organization's ability to meet the scope of work, and relevant experience. **Please note that this RFP is for a two-year grant period.**

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Federal entitlement funds are appropriated by Congress and provided to the City of Las Vegas by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant. These grant programs are designed to assist residents with life's necessities, which will ultimately promote a better quality of life. The City of Las Vegas seeks new or expanded projects, as well as innovative programs that are proven effective and that will improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income Las Vegas residents.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are defined as those that:

1. Are a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) non-profit;
2. Have been in business at least one year prior to the application release date;
3. Have a minimum 100% match (agency cash, in-kind, or committed funds);
4. Identified as active and in good standing with the Nevada Secretary of State office;
5. In possession of a current city of Las Vegas Business License with an address where the services will be provided;

Eligible applicant programs must address at least one of the City of Las Vegas' Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 focus areas: youth, seniors, homelessness and special needs populations.

Lastly, eligible applicants must demonstrate programming that is supported by evidence-based practices. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines an evidence-based approach or practice as, ***"a specific technique or intervention model shown to have positive effects on outcomes through rigorous evaluation."*** It is expected that organizations applying for program funding associated with this grant will follow an evidence-based practice model for programming. For more information on evidence-based programming, applicants may refer to (but are not limited to) the following websites for sample evidence-based models:

Evidence-Based Intervention Network
www.ebi.missouri.edu/

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National Registry of Evidence-Based Practices - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

<https://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp>

What Works Clearinghouse

<https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>

CONTRACT SCOPE

The City of Las Vegas' focus areas for fiscal years 2022-2023/2023-2024 include youth, seniors, homelessness and special needs populations. The city endeavors to reduce the number of homeless individuals identified through the Southern Nevada Homeless Census and will continue to work with and support program services and community partners to prevent homelessness and provide permanent housing opportunities in the community. ESG Program applications must target families with children, homeless youth, and/or single, homeless adults. Eligible applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria in the proposed program(s):

- a. Provide intensive case management;
- b. Provide vocational training and/or assistance with job placement;
- c. Provide a service that can be demonstrated as having a substantial, positive impact among the homeless population.

Successful ESG program applicants shall commit to 100% cash, grant or in-kind matching contributions to supplement awarded ESG Program grant dollars provided by the city of Las Vegas. In addition, Subrecipient's of the Emergency Solutions Grant will be required to utilize the HMIS system for data collection.

Successful applicants will provide data demonstrating positive impact on the Community Queue Waiting List in HMIS as well as measurable data to support individual and community impact. An example of an outcome indicator for programs with a homelessness focus include at least six (6) months data that supports clients becoming self-sufficient and stable with minimal risk of becoming homeless after program exit. Self-sufficiency is defined as requiring no outside help in satisfying one's basic needs of housing, food, etc.*

ANTICIPATED DELIVERABLES

Contract deliverables will include:

- Monthly Progress Reports
- Monthly Financial Reports
- Quarterly Performance Monitoring with City of Las Vegas staff
- Quarterly Financial Monitoring with City of Las Vegas staff

Additional deliverables will be negotiated prior to the execution of the agreement.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS

The City of Las Vegas will host mandatory technical assistance workshops for CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG Program grant applicants on **Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 9:00 am-11:00 am or 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.** Attendance at the technical assistance workshops is a requirement for all grant applicants. **Applications**

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from organizations that did not attend the technical assistance workshop will not be accepted.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

Applications in response to this RFQ shall be submitted via ZoomGrants (<https://www.zoomgrants.com/login/>). **Applications will be received no later Thursday, November 18, 2021 @ 3:00 pm.** Applications will not be accepted or considered if accepted after the deadline.

Qualified applicants will be invited to participate in the presentation phase of the application process. Presentations before the Community Development Review Board (CDRB) will be held in February 2022. Presentation notification will be forwarded to the selected applicants. Following the decision of the CDRB and the Las Vegas City Council, applicants for approved programs will be contacted.