

Public Notice Regarding State of South Carolina's proposed use of ESG RUSH funds

On November 13, 2024, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11364a(c)(l), the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs is making a special allocation of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding to the State of South Carolina to address the needs of homeless individuals or families or individuals or families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) on or after December 20, 2019, whose needs are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs, including the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program under such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b). This allocation of "Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing" (RUSH) funding under the ESG Program is in response to the President's major disaster declaration dated September 29, 2024, DR-4829-SC, for Hurricane Helene, and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) determination that this disaster was severe enough to activate its TSA program. Specifically, HUD is making an initial allocation of \$ 2,957,704 in RUSH funding available to the State of South Carolina. Eligible counties for this RUSH funding includes: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, and York.

For the State of South Carolina, through the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), to receive ESG RUSH funds, OEO must submit, for HUD's approval, a substantial amendment to the State Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development 2024 Action Plan. A copy of the substantial amendment can be viewed/downloaded from the State's CDBG website at: www.cdbgsc.com or the OEO website at www.oeo.sc.gov. For more information or to request a copy of the substantial amendment, contact the Department of Administration, Office of Economic Opportunity, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201, email michele.dowlen@admin.sc.gov; or call 803-734-2454.

Applications will only be selected from current OEO ESG sub recipients that can serve the DR-4829-SC identified counties and have demonstrated high performance of their ESG award. Using current ESG subrecipients will allow for the most rapid and effective deployment of ESG RUSH funds.

It is anticipated that 100% of the ESG RUSH funding will be used for eligible services in the areas of administration, emergency shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and homeless management information system (HMIS), consistent with the award letter for the ESG RUSH allocation. Funds will be used for approved services to address the needs of individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within the President's major disaster declaration area DR-4829-SC, dated September 29, 2024 as amended. No Match is required for the ESG RUSH funding.





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The plan to distribute ESG RUSH funds is as follows:

3% in administration

60% shared between Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach

37% shared between rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and HMIS

Actual amounts may differ once all applications are received, but emergency shelter and street outreach combined cannot exceed 60%.

Proposed Activity	Proposed Funding Amount
Emergency Shelter	\$1,597,160.16
Street Outreach	\$177,462.22
Rapid Re-housing	\$515,719.00
Homeless Prevention	\$515,719.00
HMIS	\$62,912.50
State Program Administration	\$88,731.12
Total ESG RUSH	\$2,957,704.00

This public notice satisfies the requirements described in the ESG RUSH Notice published in the Federal Register on July 18, 2024, and The State of South Carolina's ESG RUSH funding allocation letter sent to Governor Henry McMaster on November 13, 2024, by the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, which requires the State to publish how it will use ESG RUSH allocation, at a minimum, on the internet, at the appropriate government website or through other electronic media.

The State of South Carolina does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally-assisted programs or activities.

