

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA**  
**ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #9 2019-2020 - ESG-CV**

Jurisdiction(s): Springfield, MA  Jurisdiction Web Address: <a href="https://www.springfield-ma.gov/planning/index.php?id=community-development">https://www.springfield-ma.gov/planning/index.php?id=community-development</a>	Contact Person: Geraldine McCafferty Office of Housing Address: 1600 East Columbus Ave Springfield, MA 01103 Telephone: (413) 886-5014 Email: <a href="mailto:gmccafferty@springfieldcityhall.com">gmccafferty@springfieldcityhall.com</a>
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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 and allocated \$3,951,604 of these funds to the City as ESG-CV2 on its website on August 12, 2020. This amendment increases the amount of funds allocated to outreach, adds Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs to the budget, and reduces the amount allocated to rapid rehousing.

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.

**ESG-CV Budget**

<b>Funding category</b>	<b>ESG-CV1 Budget</b>	<b>ESG-CV2 Budget</b>	<b>TOTAL Budget</b>	<b>AMEND-MENT</b>	<b>AMENDED Budget</b>
Prevention	\$344,305	\$501,868	\$846,173	0	\$846,173
Outreach		\$263,000	\$263,000	\$154,586	\$417,586
Emergency Shelter	\$600,000	\$1,063,000	\$1,663,000	0	\$1,663,000
Rapid Rehousing	\$100,000	\$1,764,500	\$1,864,500	(\$214,586)	\$1,649,914
HMIS	0	0	0	\$60,000	\$60,000
Administration	\$116,033	\$359,236	\$475,269	0	\$475,269
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,160,338</b>	<b>\$3,951,604</b>	<b>\$5,111,942</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,111,942</b>

The City allocated ESG-CV1 on an emergency basis, to entities that were already spending funds to respond to immediate needs that arose due to the coronavirus pandemic. The initial allocations were:

**Catholic Charities**

- Emergency Shelter (hotel placements): \$145,000
- Prevention: \$100,000
- Rapid Rehousing: \$100,000
- Administration: \$5,000

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- Administration, \$40,000

**Clinical Support Options/Friends of the Homeless**

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

The City used a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select providers for ESG-CV2 funds. The second allocations are:

**Catholic Charities, in partnership with Mercy Medical Center**

- Outreach: \$235,768
- Emergency Shelter (hotel placements): \$944,075
- Rapid Rehousing: \$899,516
- Administration: \$171,776

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- Outreach: \$181,818
- HMIS: \$60,000
- Administration: \$18,182

**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

Not all funds have been allocated. The City has reserved \$612,362 for future allocation(s), in order to be prepared to respond to changing circumstances as pandemic conditions and impacts on homelessness change.

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 November 5, 2020 and has provided notice of this posting through its social media accounts.