ESG-CV2 FAQ  
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Can two or more agencies collaborate to submit a collaborative application for ESG-CV2 funding?
Yes, collaborative applications are allowed. However, each component type (Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and Rapid Rehousing) must be submitted as a separate application and will be evaluated, scored, and awarded funds as stand-alone activities. Collaborative applicants should ensure that each component type could operate on its own merits and not have a critical dependence on other component types for success.

Can ESG-CV2 funds be used for Safety (Hazard) Pay?
Yes. However, agencies applying for ESG-CV2 funds must be current, regular ESG recipients. In Santa Barbara County these agencies are PATH, NBCC, and Good Samaritan Shelter.

What is the expenditure timeline?
100% of Emergency Shelter funds must be expended by January 31, 2022. Street Outreach and Rapid Rehousing should adhere to the following timeline:

20% July 31, 2021  
40% September 30, 2021  
60% November 30, 2021  
80% January 31, 2022

Can these dollars be used to fund case management that is matched to rental assistance dollars/vouchers used to serve eligible populations?
Yes. Rapid Rehousing funds can be used for case management, diversion, and housing stabilization/retention service.

Can you discuss in more detail the duplication of benefits?
Applicants will need to track and ensure that end beneficiaries/clients are not receiving duplicative services. Accurate and timely reporting in HMIS will be important for tracking and monitoring purposes. There may be additional Duplication of Benefit implication and tracking required - HUD will be releasing more information on this topic in the near future.
Do Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs have to accept referrals from Coordinated Entry?
Yes, funded Rapid Rehousing Programs must accept referrals from the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The CoC currently has a temporary policy in place to provide Rapid Rehousing Assistance to unsheltered persons who have a housing opportunity with RRH without prioritization. This widens the pool of people who can benefit from ESG-CV funded RRH.

Can Street Outreach serve people in Housing?
No, ESG eligible activities are much more narrow than other recent state funding sources. Participants in Street Outreach projects are exited from the Street Outreach Program upon entry into Permanent Housing.