

## ESG CARES | FAQ

### Key information

- Applicants must demonstrate how funding will be used to address health and safety concerns amid COVID-19.
- TDHCA is only considering applications for RRH and HP.
- The contract is through TDHCA for 1 year.
- The minimum funding amount is \$500,000.
- Applicants will need their DUNS number (not EIN number).
- No Match requirement!
- While there are reporting requirements, there are no target metrics in the contract.
- Deadline: November 13, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

### Q&A

**Q:** Who can apply for this funding?

**A:** Agencies applying to operate HP or RRH projects

**Q:** Can I apply for more than one project? If so, do I need to submit two applications?

**A:** Yes, you can apply for more than one project. You only need to complete one application.

**Q:** What are eligible costs?

**A:** For RRH and HP projects, funds may be used for housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and medium- term (up to 12 months) rental assistance.

- Financial assistance
  - Rental application fees
  - Security deposits
  - Last month's rent
  - Utility deposits and payments
    - Arrears up to 6 months
  - Moving costs
  - Housing search and placement
  - Tenant counseling
- Housing stability



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- Counseling
- Developing, securing, and coordinating services and obtaining fed, state, and local benefits
- Mediation
- Legal services
- Credit repair/ credit counseling
- Administration
  - costs are capped at 5% of the total budget

**Q:** What can ESG CARES funds not be used for?

**A:** Salaries for current employees (unless staff are repurposed for ESG CARES)

**Q:** What are landlord incentives?

**A:** ESG-CV Flexibilities allow for landlord incentives.

- Signing bonuses equal up to 2 months of rent
- Security deposits equal up to 3 months of rent
- Paying the cost to repair damages incurred by the program participant not covered by the security deposit or that are incurred while the program participant is still residing in the unit
- Paying the costs of extra cleaning or maintenance of a program participant's unit or appliances.
- The value of landlord incentives cannot exceed three times the rent charged for the unit.

## Questions?

- Pop in for office hours on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> anytime between 3pm and 4pm. Email [madelinecarrola@sarahomeless.org](mailto:madelinecarrola@sarahomeless.org) for the calendar invite.
- Email us your questions at [grants@sarahomeless.org](mailto:grants@sarahomeless.org).

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