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Fact Sheet: AHFC's use of HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant-CV

HUD Program History and Background:

Congress established Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) in 1987 to assist individuals and families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. ESG provides grants by formula to states and local jurisdictions to support homelessness prevention, emergency shelter and related services (See hudexchange.info/programs/esg/).

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is charged with administering ESG funds for the state except for within the Anchorage Municipal area that receives its own allocation.

The federal CARES Act that was signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020 included additional funding to be distributed through the ESG model to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. These funds are referred to as ESG-CV.

AHFC ESG-CV Program:

In July 2020, AHFC published a [Notice of Funding Availability](#) with a competitive grant to be awarded consistent with federal HUD requirements and a focus on geographic diversity, local support and addresses a specific need due to increased demand for homeless services response as a result of COVID-19:

- Rapid rehousing/prevention (\$2 million) with awards limited to \$400,000 per community; and
- Capital improvements and/or operations for emergency shelters (\$3,056,709) with awards limited to \$1 million per community.

In October 2020 AHFC announced grants under the HUD ESG-CV program to seven communities in Alaska totaling \$5,056,709 to improve the homeless system around the state respond to COVID-19.

AHFC-Awarded Recipients:

Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, Fairbanks; Gastineau Human Services, Juneau; Women in Safe Homes, Ketchikan; My House, Matanuska-Susitna Borough; Brother Francis Shelter, Kodiak; Bethel Winter House and the Native Village of Kotzebue.

More information about AHFC'S Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program:

ahfc.us/pros/homelessness/assistance-grants/emergency-solutions-grant-esg-program

About AHFC: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is a public corporation providing Alaskans access to safe, quality and affordable housing through residential financing, energy efficiency, public housing and more. Since 1986, Alaska Housing has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to the State of Alaska.