

**CITY OF SAVANNAH**  
**Community Planning and Development Department**  
**EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Savannah is soliciting Proposals through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) pursuant to the authority of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act amended by **S896**, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, to provide:

- **Homeless Prevention: Homeless Prevention assistance to individuals and families currently in housing but at risk of becoming homeless and who would otherwise become homeless *but for* ESG assistance.**
- **Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach: Essential services to homeless persons in emergency shelters and operating costs of emergency shelters. Outreach, engagement, and provision of essential services for unsheltered homeless persons.**

Contracts will be awarded to successful applicants with the capacity to carry out the following:

- Identify, evaluate and re-certify the ongoing eligibility of program participants as persons who are at risk of becoming homeless;
- Deliver a bundle of “homeless prevention” services to program participants as described in this Request for Proposals;
- Administer a strong case management component throughout the maximum three (3) month period of program eligibility; and
- Meet ESG reporting and expenditure requirements.

Per ESG guidelines this assistance would include the following eligible costs:

- Financial Assistance: A maximum of three (3) months assistance in the form of short-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits/payments, moving cost assistance, hotel/motel vouchers.
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization: Case management\*, outreach, housing search/placement, non-mortgage related legal services, mediation, and credit repair.

\*Case Management: Agencies must have a clear plan for not only tracking participants to ensure ongoing program eligibility but also to ensure participants achieve stable housing at the conclusion of ESG program participation.

**Total Homeless Prevention amount to be awarded: \$526,661**

**Total Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach amount to be awarded: \$97,115**

**Who May Apply:** This Request for Proposals is limited to Savannah-Chatham County Homeless Continuum of Care agencies and/or partner agencies awarded FY2017 Community Development Block Grant or Emergency Solutions Grant funds. It is also required that the selected agency provide homeless prevention services to individuals and families in the city limits of Savannah, Georgia.

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**Proposal Deadline**

One (1) original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be received by the City of Savannah, Community Planning and Development Department, at 2203 Abercorn Street, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2017. ONLY hard copy proposals will be accepted. Late proposals will not be accepted. The Request for Proposals is available for pick-up and online at [www.savannahga.gov/cpd](http://www.savannahga.gov/cpd).