

STATE OF ILLINOIS PUBLIC NOTICE

Illinois Department of Human Services

**Substantial Amendment to the State of Illinois ESG Program under the Coronavirus
Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) for the State of Illinois 2019
Consolidated Plan – Action Plan**

Background

The State of Illinois is receiving approximately \$18.1M in the initial round of CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. The ESG Program provides funding to:

- Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
- Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
- Help operate these shelters;
- Provide essential services to shelter residents;
- Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and
- Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

Table 1 - CARES Act Initial ESG Formula Grants in Illinois

KEY	STA	NAME	ESG20-CARES
171296	IL	Chicago	\$23,712,993
179999	IL	Illinois Nonentitlement	\$18,159,983
179031	IL	Cook County	\$3,049,979
179043	IL	Du Page County	\$1,031,548
179097	IL	Lake County	\$777,472
176000	IL	Rockford	\$636,693
172238	IL	Evanston	\$546,424
175526	IL	Peoria	\$535,321
171332	IL	Cicero	\$520,731
179197	IL	Will County	\$503,772

Total \$49,474,916

Nine entitlement communities will receive direct appropriations in addition to the “Nonentitlement” funds appropriated to the State of Illinois (see Table 1, left). These allocations are from the initial funding announcement made by HUD in the amount of \$1B out of the total \$4B included as provisions under the CARES Act. The guidelines for the remaining \$3B are not yet available, but HUD is expected to release them imminently.

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) administers the ESG Program on behalf of the State of Illinois. ESG Funds are typically allocated through a funding formula to Continuums of Care (CoCs) across the state. A CoC is a regional/local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals across the state. In Illinois, there are 19 CoCs that cover every geographic area of the state (see Figure 1, right; and Table 2, Page 2). CoC Geographic Coverage Areas do not perfectly align with the entitlement communities that directly receive ESG appropriations (other than Chicago). For example, the Peoria allocation is for only Peoria whereas the CoC covers Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties. IDHS therefore generally funds every CoC for the ESG Program except for Chicago through the formula allocation. CoCs also have generally been allowed the flexibility to determine how their funding allocation gets distributed within their geographic coverage area as well as determining the funding levels for each of the eligible activities (within some predetermined limitations) after the individual CoC allocation amounts have been provided to them.

Figure 1 - Illinois CoC Map

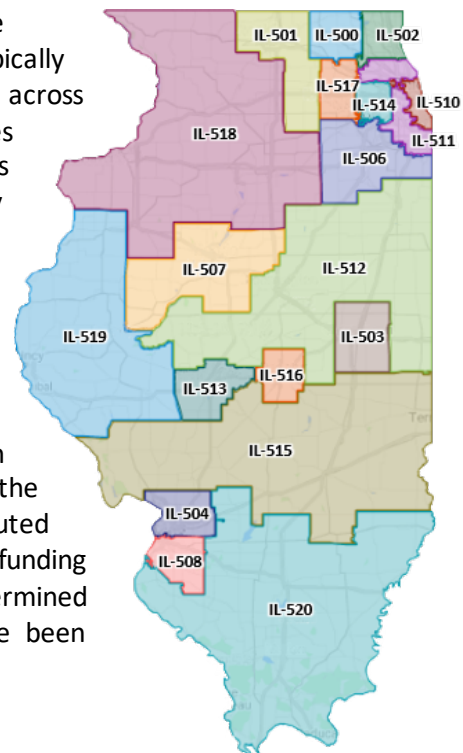


Table 2 – Illinois Continuums of Care (CoCs) and Geographic Coverage Area

COC #	COC NAME	COUNTIES/CITY SERVED
IL-500	McHenry County Continuum of Care	McHenry
IL-501	Rockford/Winnebago/Boone Continuum of Care	Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb
IL-502	Lake County Continuum of Care	Lake
IL-503	Champaign County Continuum of Care	Champaign
IL-504	Madison County Continuum of Care	Madison
IL-506	Will County Continuum of Care	Will, Kendall, Grundy
IL-507	Heart of Illinois Continuum of Care	Peoria, Fulton, Tazewell, Woodford
IL-508	St. Clair County Continuum of Care	St. Clair
IL-510	City of Chicago Continuum of Care	City of Chicago
IL-511	Cook County Continuum of Care	Cook
IL-512	Central Illinois Continuum of Care	DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston, Logan, Mason, Menard, McLean, Piatt, Vermilion
IL-513	Heartland Continuum of Care	Sangamon
IL-514	DuPage County Continuum of Care	DuPage
IL-515	South-Central Illinois Continuum of Care	Calhoun, Christian, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Greene, Jasper, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Moultrie, Shelby
IL-516	Decatur/Macon Co. Continuum of Care	Macon
IL-517	Continuum of Care for Kane County	Kane
IL-518	Northwestern Continuum of Care	Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Henry, Knox, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside
IL-519	West Central Illinois Continuum of Care	Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Henderson, McDonough, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Scott, Warren
IL-520	Southern Illinois Continuum of Care	Alexander, Bond, Clinton, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, Williamson

Additional basic information about the ESG program and eligible activities can be reviewed in [HUD’s ESG Basics for State Recipients](#) resource.

In order to formulate a proposal for the initial round of the CARES Act ESG Funding, IDHS leadership and staff immediately began an analysis of the existing programs/funding sources administered within the agency that also provide support to the homeless population. This analysis included a review of Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, and other programming, such as Administration, Data Collection and Street Outreach.

However, the CoCs, as the experts in planning their local homeless response systems of care, are identifying eligible providers as funding recipients and have determined the appropriate balance of funding among the eligible cost activities for their respective geographic areas. Their requests, when

consolidated have informed the final funding allocations being included in the initial substantial amendment to the state’s consolidated plan – administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).

Funding Distribution & Allocations

IDHS will notify each Continuum of Care (CoC) Representative of the award amount for their region based on IDHS’s vetted formula that utilizes local population and other poverty statistics. Tables 3 and 4 (below) show the distribution of funds geographically and the total amounts that will be allocated under each eligible activity to the CoCs across the State of Illinois.

Table 3 – Geographic Distribution for ESG CARES Act Funding

CoC #	Continuum of Care Name	Program Funding	Administrative Funding	Total Allocation
IL-500	McHenry County Continuum of Care	\$ 422,237	\$ 46,915	\$ 469,152
IL-501	Rockford/Winnebago/Boone Continuum of Care	\$ 954,683	\$ 106,076	\$ 1,060,759
IL-502	Lake County Continuum of Care	\$ 1,038,158	\$ 115,351	\$ 1,153,509
IL-503	Champaign County Continuum of Care	\$ 503,766	\$ 55,974	\$ 559,740
IL-504	Madison County Continuum of Care	\$ 525,985	\$ 58,443	\$ 584,428
IL-506	Will County Continuum of Care	\$ 1,132,153	\$ 125,795	\$ 1,257,948
IL-507	Heart of Illinois Continuum of Care	\$ 761,716	\$ 84,635	\$ 846,351
IL-508	St. Clair County Continuum of Care	\$ 638,389	\$ 70,932	\$ 709,321
IL-511	Cook County Continuum of Care	\$ 1,875,277	\$ 208,364	\$ 2,083,641
IL-512	Central Illinois Continuum of Care	\$ 1,124,924	\$ 124,992	\$ 1,249,916
IL-513	Heartland Continuum of Care	\$ 426,521	\$ 47,391	\$ 473,912
IL-514	DuPage County Continuum of Care	\$ 1,241,783	\$ 137,976	\$ 1,379,759
IL-515	South-Central Illinois Continuum of Care	\$ 865,655	\$ 96,184	\$ 961,839
IL-516	Decatur/Macon Co. Continuum of Care	\$ 272,468	\$ 30,274	\$ 302,742
IL-517	Kane County Continuum of Care	\$ 873,542	\$ 97,060	\$ 970,602
IL-518	Northwestern Continuum of Care	\$ 1,775,407	\$ 197,267	\$ 1,972,674
IL-519	West Central Illinois Continuum of Care	\$ 495,771	\$ 55,086	\$ 550,857
IL-520	Southern Illinois Continuum of Care	\$ 1,415,550	\$ 157,283	\$ 1,572,833
Total		\$ 16,343,985	\$ 1,815,998	\$ 18,159,983

Table 4 – ESG CARES Act Funding Allocations Among Eligible Activities

Amount	Funding Source	Eligible Activity
\$4,864,234	ESG-CV	Emergency Shelter
\$5,265,500	ESG-CV	Homeless Prevention
\$5,317,290	ESG-CV	Rapid Re-housing
\$584,639	ESG-CV	Street Outreach
\$312,322	ESG-CV	HMIS/Data Collection
\$1,815,998	ESG-CV	Administrative Activities