

HOME Amendment

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to the State of Tennessee, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, to fund a wide range of activities including: construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitating of affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income households. The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) administers the HOME program in areas of the state not designated as a local Participating Jurisdiction (PJ). THDA is amending its HOME Program Description to restrict eligible activities to homeowner rehabilitation and homebuyer downpayment assistance in its Urban/Rural allocations and the development of units for homeownership by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) in its CHDO set-aside. All rental development previously eligible under the state's HOME Program will be moved THDA's Housing Trust Fund Competitive Grants.

ESG Amendment

THDA administers the federally-funded Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program on behalf of the State of Tennessee to identify sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as those at risk of homelessness, and provide the services necessary to help those persons to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. The activities funded under ESG include Street Outreach, Shelter Operations and Essential Services, Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing and HMIS activities. THDA shares the 7.5 percent allowed for Administrative activities with other government entities. ESG funds are awarded as follows: the first \$100,000 in ESG funding that does not require matching funds is awarded to the seven non-profit agencies working with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS); 52 percent of the ESG funding is allocated to the Small-City Entitlement Communities that do not receive a direct allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the remaining 48 percent of the ESG funding is awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations outside the large Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities that receive their own ESG funding directly from HUD.

THDA is amending its 2014 ESG Program Description to allocate \$2.2 million to a Competitive Round and restrict the eligible activities to street outreach, some shelter activities, rapid re-housing, and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). There will not be a 2014 allocation for the Small City Entitlement Communities or to the seven agencies working with TDMHSAS. The \$100,000 that does not require matching funds will be made available to eligible organizations providing street outreach, prevention and rapid rehousing to youth aging out of foster care. The City of Knoxville would become an ESG subgrantee under the State of Tennessee's ESG Program with a Knoxville Set-Aside of \$130,308. The maximum grant available is increased to \$100,000. These changes are being proposed in order to reestablish the funding cycle and catch the program funding year up to the fiscal year. The emphasis on rapid rehousing is in response to HUD's priority in obtaining permanent housing for the homeless population.

Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

The Citizen Participation Plan is a guide and reference for the planning, application, and reporting processes for the four HUD formula grant programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and

the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. THDA is amending its Citizen Participation Plan to clarify the required 30-day public comment period for Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans and substantial amendments.