Public Notice

Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan for Second Allocation of ESG-RUSH

The Houston Derecho impacted the City of Houston, a Presidentially declared disaster on May 17, 2024 (DR-4781-TX), and Hurricane Beryl, a Presidentially declared disaster dated July 9, 2024 (DR-4798-TX). In response, on August 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of a special funding allocation of Emergency Solutions Grants called Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing funding (ESG-RUSH) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the City of Houston, which was approved by City Council on September 18, 2024. HUD announced a second allocation of \$193,358.00 ESG-RUSH for the City of Houston on February 26, 2025. ESG-RUSH is used to address the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in declared disaster areas and have needs not fully met by existing federal disaster relief programs.

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCD), is amending the 2024 Annual Action Plan. This amendment will serve as the City's application for the second allocation of ESG-RUSH funding. HCD will use ESG-RUSH funding to provide rapid re-housing (housing subsidies and case management) for an estimated 44 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Solutions Grants Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH)				
	First Allocation	Second Allocation	Total Allocation	Percent
Rapid Re-Housing	\$925,000.00	\$178,856.15	\$1,103,856.15	92.5%
Administration	\$75,000.00	\$14,501.85	\$89,501.85	7.5%
TOTAL	\$1,000,000.00	\$193,358.00	\$1,193,358.00	100.0%

To access this funding, the City must submit an amended 2024 Annual Action Plan to HUD no later than April 19, 2025.

The City will hold an ESG-RUSH virtual public hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:30 am online in English (<u>https://bit.ly/esg-vph-eng</u>) and in Spanish (<u>https://bit.ly/esg-vph-esp</u>). To access the virtual meeting by telephone for audio only, call US (Toll): 1-936-755-1524 and use code 308 697 888# for English and code 644 947 962# for Spanish.

The public has five (5) days to comment on this proposed item. The five-day period extends from Tuesday, March 11, 2025, through Sunday, March 16, 2025. For additional information on this item, contact the Planning and Grant Reporting Team at 832-394-5400. Written comments may be submitted by email to <u>HCDPlanning@houstontx.gov</u>.

To request special accommodations including ADA or language assistance regarding the information in this notice, please email HCDPlanning@houstontx.gov.

For specific questions or concerns about landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Jeffries at 832-394-6200, extension 1. For more information about HCD and its programs, please access HCD's website at <u>www.houstontx.gov/housing</u>.