ACAM RFP Homelessness Prevention Service Provider(s) (RFP No. ESG X CARES (2) 2020-21) Answers to Questions Posted 10/8/2020

1. **What is the link to the definition of homelessness?**

   The definition of Homelessness can be found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/hearth-act/ under the header Homeless Definition and Homeless Definition Final Rule Published.

   The criteria for definition of At Risk of Homelessness can be found at this link: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1975/criteria-for-definition-of-at-risk-of-homelessness/

2. **Can you please tell me what the time frame for this grant?**

   Please see Section B on page 3 of the RFP, "The Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. (ACAM) hereby requests proposals from offerors to perform homelessness prevention services, as described in the RFP, for a one-year period, with the potential of being extended up to four (4) years. Contract may be renewed for subsequent time periods by mutual written agreement not to exceed four (4) years."

3. **Is there match required?**

   Please see page 9 Section C of the HUD CPD-20-08 (9/1/202) Notice at the following the link: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/20-08cpdn.pdf

4. **What is the budget for ESG 10 CARES RFP? Does it include administration cost?**

   Please see the "Budget Summary" on page 7 of the RFP. Complete the budget table below and provide a budget narrative. (See 24 CFR 576.103, 576.105, and 576.106 and 576.107 for category definitions)

Budget Categories	Amount
A. Financial Assistance (*does not include current rental assistance payments)	
B. Housing Services (Housing Search & Placement and Housing Stability Case Management)	
C. Tenant-based rental assistance	
D. Homeless Management Information Systems related costs	
E. Total	
F. Number of People to be served	
G. Average cost per person (E/F)	
H. Estimated households to be served	
I. Average cost per household (E/H)	

5. **What is the total budget?**

   The total overall budget is $187,000.

6. **When is the Webinar?**

   The ACAM ESG 10 CARES (2) 2020-21 Optional RFP Conference is October 5, 2020 at 1:00 pm-2:00 pm. The Zoom registration link is
   https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdemhrTktEtWWlxVsGGF5YbXZ26hcgBMZ

7. **What is the weblink to the Fair Market Rent?**

   The 2021 Fair Market Rent Documentation System can be found here:
   https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html Please select Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX HUD Metro FMR Area to view the 2021 FMR amounts.

8. **Please confirm that the number to serve is 66 individuals not 66 households.**

   ACAM's goal is to serve 66 people residing in Harris, Fort Bend, and/or Montgomery Counties. (Please see subsection "Goals" on page 3 in the RFP).

9. **How many proposals is ACAM going to select?**

   ACAM is not going to select more than 2 proposals for this RFP.

10. **How often do we report outcomes to ACAM?**

    Please see our Business Rules posted on our website for more information.
    https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/

11. **Does ACAM send referrals?**

    Yes, ACAM will send referrals if a client appears to meet the requirements of the program.

12. **Does ESG 10 CARES (2) include food assistance?**

    No, ESG 10 CARES (2) only provides services for homelessness prevention services.

13. **Do the cover pages count towards the 8-page max for the submittal documents?**

    Please see the Statement of Work in Section G on page 6 in the RFP. It states, "The length of the submittal document, not including the signed cover letter or attachments, shall not exceed 8 pages (single sided, single spaced, using Times New Roman and 12-point font)."

14. **What are the differences between this (ESG CARES) RFP and the ESG RFP released after this one?**

    Please see the TDHCA video library webpage (https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/video-library.htm). Click on the ESG CARES implementation tab and select the PDF document. The PDF describes the difference between ESG CARES and ESG.