

**1. Is the RFP posted online?**

ESG 14 2022-23 RFP is posted on the ACAM website (<https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/>) in Funding/Vendor Opportunities Tab.

**2. How many vendors are you looking to hire?**

The Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. seeks vendor(s) to provide homelessness prevention services to families at imminent risk of homelessness

**3. What is the Match requirement?**

Information can be found at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/video-library.htm>.

**4. What are the eligible usage for this contract?**

Please see the Business Rules posted on the website: <https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/>.

**5. What is the total budget for ESG 14? What is an honest request amount?**

The proposal must include your estimated cost for each activity identified in the Scope of Work.

**6. Do we have a household goal?**

No. ACAM's goal is to serve 41 people residing in Harris, Fort Bend, and/or Montgomery Counties.

**7. What is the goal to serve? Should we just stick to 41?**

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**8. Will asking for a higher budget get a point against the proposal?**

Please see Evaluation, Negotiation and Selection (section J) in the RFP on Page 8.

**9. Do we call before coming to ACAM's office to drop off the proposal?**

No.

**10. What is the office number that we submit the application?**

710 N. Post Oak Road, Suite 210. Houston, TX 77024

**11. If we are already receiving a funding from TDHCA for ESG, are we still able to apply?**

Yes.

**12. Is the grant only for rental assistance?**

Please see the Business Rules for more information about eligible expenditures.

**13. The average length for this program?**

The average length of stay for ACAM’s homelessness prevention program is approximately 3 months.

**14. Is ESG 14 only for three months of rental assistance?**

| Program Type | Maximum Arrears (mos.) | Maximum Rent (mos.)                                   | Maximum Total Months                                       |
|--------------|------------------------|---|--|
| ESG Annual   | 6                      | 18-24 depending on mos. arrears applied to max. total | Combined maximum of 24 months (arrears plus rent payments) |

**15. What happens when the winter waiver for Uri ends in February 2023? Are clients still eligible to remain in program?**

The clients that utilized the waiver would not be eligible for recertification after the waiver expires.

**16. What is included in the budget?**

| 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) Total   |        |
| E) Number of People to be served   |        |
| F) Average cost per person (D/E)   |        |
| G) Estimated Households to be served   |        |
| H) Average cost per household (D/G)  |        |

**17. What is the difference between Fair Market Value and Rental Reasonable?**

Please see page 14 and 15 in the Business Rules for definitions.

Rent Reasonableness – the process of determining the practicality of a proposed rent amount for a unit. This is done both formally, through market analysis of a determining agency, as well as informally through a case manager or housing specialist ahead of submitting for a rent payment request comparing available data of surrounding units.

Fair Market Rent (FMR) – determined by HUD annually as the 40th percentile of gross rents for typical, non-substandard rental units occupied by recent movers in a local housing market. Annual listings of FMR can be found at <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html>

**If we are a domestic violence shelter, do we have to use HMIS or may we use Apricot?**

HMIS has a policy that clients fleeing domestic violence are not allowed to be entered into the database. HMIS would be required to check to see if the client has been enrolled in the ESG program in the past or currently enrolled.