

1. Where can I get the RFP for ESG 15?

ESG 15 2023-24 RFP is posted on the ACAM website (<https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/>) in Funding/Vendor Opportunities Tab.

2. What counties will clients need to live in to be eligible for ACAM ESG 15?

Fort Bend, Harris and Montgomery Counties.

3. Is this a new round of funding or is it a renewal?

ESG 15 is new funding which is open for eligible organizations to submit a proposal.

4. What is the page limit for the proposal response to the Statement of Work?

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), (Page 7 of RFP).

5. Is there a guidance on the lowest grant amount and highest amount we can request for the current ESG grant.

No.

6. Is it a goal to enroll 41 homeless individuals, or 41 households, or 41 individuals that may be part of let's say 20 households?

Serve a minimum of 41 people at imminent risk of homelessness. (Page 3 of RFP).

7. How many organizations does ACAM plan to contract with for ESG 15?

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

8. How many people will be served with ESG 15?

The number of people who will be served will be determined when contracts are negotiated.

9. What if the clients need other services such as employment services or if the household has a job? Would the potential client be eligible?

Please see page 18 of the ACAM Homeless Prevention Business Rules for more information on screening and income eligibility.

10. We would like to confirm that the budget format is the chart on page 8 of the RFP.

Yes. Please see below for the Budget categories:

Budget Categories	Amount
A) Financial Assistance (*does not include current rental assistance payments)	
B) Housing Services (Housing Search & Placement and Housing Stability Case)	
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)	

11. Is there a certain way that the proposal must be saved on USB?

The proposal on the USB must in order specified on page 8 of the RFP.

12. Does past performance play a role in evaluation?

Please see Evaluation, Negotiation and Selection (section J) in the RFP on page 9.

13. 41 people and the historical cost, how does that play a role in the max amount of services that a client can receive?

It is up to the offer to calculate service cost.

14. Is there match or non-ESG funds that need to be used for this program?

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

15. What is the definition of Special accommodation?

The definition of special accommodation is meeting the needs of the client population (i.e., ADA, language, etc...).

16. In Section C Goals, there is a list of special populations categories. Is this list all inclusive?

Please see the Homelessness Prevention Business Rules on page 20 & 21 for the full list and definitions of special populations.

17. Are there county limits, or that we have to show we serve all three counties?

Clients must meet all eligibility criteria and reside in Montgomery, Harris or Fort Bend counties.

18. Does this program only follow HUD rules?

Homelessness Prevention contractor(s) will be selected on their ability to meet the expectations of the ACAM Homelessness Prevention Program and ensure compliance with the written guidance for the program. The ACAM ESG 15-2023-24 Homelessness Prevention Program is designed and implemented by ACAM and follows all applicable federal regulations. Selected contractor(s) shall be required to follow ACAM's program and eligibility requirements. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program CFDA# 14.231 is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Contract No. TBD ESG 15.

19. What is the difference between imminent risk of homelessness and at- risk of homelessness?

Please see HUD's definition of at-risk of homelessness at

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1975/criteria-for-definition-of-at-risk-of-homelessness/>
and

https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf

Also please see Service Delivery Definitions: Homeless on page 11 of ACAM's Homeless Prevention Business rules for more information.

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

Yes.

21. The Rules of Business states a client can receive up to 24 months of rent assistance, but also states ACAM contractors will implement a controlled utilization model. Please confirm if a recipient can receive rental assistance for 24 months?

Clients are capped at 24 months of ESG services in a 3-year period. ESG serviced do not need to be with the same provider, and they do not need to be consecutive.

22. Will an audit include looking at our matches?

How match is viewed by your auditor should be discussed with your accounting firm.

23. Is a 501(c)(3) considered a resource or support network (See criteria for "At Risk of Homelessness")?

It is our understanding that a 501(c)(3) can be considered part of a support network or resource.