EXTENDED SOCIAL RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM

FISCAL YEARS 2025 & 2026

Informational Workshop Webinar

March 26, 2024

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Agenda

- **Opening Remarks**

  Kacy Allen-Bryant, Commissioner of Social Services

- **Guidelines & Process**

  Theresa Maynard, Senior Administrative Officer, Dept of Social Services
  Jeffrey Herron, Homeless Prevention Manager, Office of Homeless
    Prevention & Intervention
  Todd Slatin, Director, Division of Procurement

- **Questions & Closing Comments**

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ESR Guidelines FY2025 & FY2026

OBJECTIVE:

LFUCG seeks to award grant funding to local non-profit organizations for programs and services impacting human services priority areas during Fiscal Years 2025 & 2026.

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Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible Responders shall be a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a physical presence in Lexington-Fayette County

- ESR funds cannot be used to teach, advance, advocate or promote any religion

- Be located in and/or serve Fayette County residents with ESR funds in Fayette County

- Applying organization agrees to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws

- Agencies that are primarily affiliated with, or funded through, an educational institution (e.g., a public or private school or the Fayette County Board of Education) are not eligible to receive funds.

- Responders shall be registered and have a current, complete Gold Seal of Transparency or higher level agency portrait on GuideStar.org.

  Learn how to earn a gold seal of transparency on your GuideStar profile at https://help.candid.org/s/article/Go-for-the-Gold. You also may contact Kristin Tidwell at the Bluegrass Community Foundation at Kristen@bgcf.org or at (859) 721.2347.

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Important Dates & Deadlines - 2024

Publication Date for the RFPs (register on https://lexingonky.inonwave.net to download RFPs and be registered in advance in order to receive email notification of publication)	Thursday, March 28
RFP submission deadline **Three Priority Areas – Community Based Initiatives**	**Thursday, April 25 @ 2 PM**
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget adoption	Tuesday, June 14
Start of new funding cycle	Friday, July 1

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Submission Requirements

- Program proposals shall be for a two year period of performance, FY 2025 & FY 2026 *(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026)*

- Agencies/Organizations may submit only <u>ONE</u> RFP response per Community Based Initiatives Priority Area RFP. An RFP response may contain multiple programs.

- Agencies/Organizations may submit only <u>ONE</u> RFP response per proposed program.

- Proposals must be complete and adhere to the required format.

- **RFPs MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, APRIL 25th BEFORE 2 PM** The system will automatically reject any late submission of an RFP.

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LFUCG Procurement/
RFP Website

https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net

- Registration is required for email notification of RFP releases & update notices

- Register under the **"Government, Civil Affairs, Non Profit, Political, Public Works, Social, and Tax Services"** Commodity

- Once RFPs are released, they are to be downloaded from the website

- All Q&A information will be provided through this website

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After RFPs are published, you may submit questions in writing by the Q&A DEADLINE on April 21, 2024 at 2 PM at:

https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WORKSHOP

Technical / Q&A

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 3 PM

Zoom information will be included in the RFP documents

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All Q&A will be posted after the Q&A deadline to
https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net

Program Details

ESR has two distinct components

1. **Community Based Initiatives**
   managed by the Department of Social Services

2. **Emergency Shelter**
   managed by the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

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Program Details

ESR funding = 1% of LFUCG Revenues from FY23

Mayor's Proposed FY25 Budget (MPB) will have a placeholder amount of $4,795,035 for ESR.

Projected Total ESR (subject to change by MPB)	
Homelessness (40% of ESR)	**$1,918,014**
Community Based Initiatives (60% of ESR)	**$2,877,021**

60/40 Percentages set by Council Resolution #R-158-2021

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ESR Priority Areas FY2025
(will be the same for FY2026)

Community Based Initiatives funding allocation is 60% of ESR.
$2,877,021 for FY25

Community Wellness & Safety		
	Projected Target	$950,000
Childhood & Youth Development		
	Projected Target	$660,000
Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access		
	Projected Target	$633,521
Mental Health (NEW)		
	Projected Target	$633,500

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Priority Area:
Community Wellness & Safety

- **Includes, but is not limited to:**

- **Substance Use Disorder**
  Includes prevention of alcohol and drug abuse; prevention and treatment of addictive and mental disorders through programs and services for individuals who suffer from these disorders; and harm reduction.

- **Community Violence Prevention**
  which includes Gang & Gun Violence, Child Abuse & Neglect Services, Sexual Violence Prevention, Elder Abuse Prevention, Suicide Prevention and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Stalking.

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Priority Area:
Childhood & Youth Development

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Affordable access to early care & education for children under 5 years of age
- Development services focusing on life skills, social skills, employment mentoring, enrichment, language tutoring, & leadership skills
- Services focused on Kindergarten readiness
- Parental, caregiver, & kinship resources and support
- Improving reading & math proficiency
- Reducing poverty rates among children & youth
- Services for limited English language learners & for overcoming cultural barriers
- Transportation access for child & youth programming
- Addressing student learning loss *(specifically kindergarten through 12th grade)*
- Youth Violence Prevention
- Mentorship

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Priority Area:
Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Programs and services with focus on reducing the recurring and/or chronic episodes of food insecurity impacting local families

- Increasing access of affordable & nutritious foods in underserved neighborhoods & communities

- Nutrition-based feeding programs for vulnerable populations

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Priority Area:
Mental Health

Includes, but is not limited to:

- **Outpatient mental health & behavioral health:**
  Diagnostic evaluation, Screening , Emergency care, Crisis intervention services, Psychotherapy, Partial hospitalization or day treatment, Psychosocial rehabilitation, Medication management

- **Nontraditional community health interventions:**
  Mobile crisis units, Vocational and educational services, Training services for staff such as Trauma Informed Care. Tele-mental health/Phone/Video/Text, Integrative health and mental health

- **Prevention and early intervention outreach:**
  Community recognition and awareness of Mental Illness, Promoting/advertising resources for underserved populations, Access to services for underserved populations, Identifying the needs of the client/family and linking them to community resources, Providing case management services to empower the family unit to thrive

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ESR RFP Evaluation

The Division of Procurement will administer the RFPs and evaluation process. **RFPs will be published Thursday, March 28, 2024. Response deadlines will be 4 weeks later, Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM.**

ESR Advisory Evaluation Committees will be constituted and comprised of LFUCG Department of Social Services' staff members, in addition to representatives of LFUCG Administration and the Social Services' Advisory Board. Proposals will be evaluated by these neutral Committees who have expertise in the field of human services.

Advisory Evaluation Committees will be convened & assigned for each of the respective funding Priority Areas. *(i.e. "Apples to Apples")*

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Evaluation Criteria
Community Wellness & Safety,
Childhood & Youth Development,
Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access, & Mental Health

	Points	
Program Proposal & Design		
• Needs Statement	15	
• Service Delivery Model	15	
• Client Eligibility & Requirements	5	
• Evidence-Based / Best Practice	<u>10</u>	
	45	Subtotal
Program Measures & Evaluation		
• Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes	10	
• Client Empowerment & Community Impact	10	
• Data Assessment & Quality Improvement	<u>10</u>	
	30	Subtotal
Capacity & Sustainability		
• Staff Qualifications & Experience	5	
• Partnership & Resource Leverage	5	
• Outreach & Inclusion Strategy	<u>15</u>	
	25	Subtotal
	100	**Total**

Emergency Shelter

Emergency Shelter funding is awarded to eligible applicants operating a shelter in alignment with the goals of the LFUCG Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention and the LFUCG Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board/Lex End Homelessness Continuum of Care Board.

Funding will be awarded to organizations operating shelter services which incorporate best practices—including diversion, rapid resolution strategies, and housing-oriented case management.

This cycle of Extended Social Resource Program funding will accept proposals from both day shelters and overnight emergency shelters.

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Emergency Shelter

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- All shelter guests must be entered into the Kentucky Homeless Management Information System (KYHMIS) or a comparable database (victim service providers). Data collection and timeliness must comply with the CoC's Data Quality Plan.

- Shelters must participate fully in the Housing Triage System (aka Coordinated Entry):
  - Conducting the CoC's common assessment tool
  - Entering assessment data in KYHMIS
  - Meeting all responsibilities outlined in the Housing Triage System Policies & Procedures

- Shelters must comply with anti-discrimination policies, laws, and ordinances, and not contribute to unlawful gaps in access based upon race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other demographics.

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Emergency Shelter

	Points
General Shelter Information	**20**
• Population(s) Served, Scope of Programming	
• Policies, Procedures and Rules	
Rapid Resolution, Housing-Oriented	**25**
• Diversion Strategies	
• Person-Centered and Housing-Focused Case Management	
• Coordination and Engagement with Response System	
Low-Barrier	**25**
• Requirements and Expectations for Guests	
• Flexibility of Service and Accommodation of Needs	
• Processes for Access and Restriction	
Results	**20**
• CY 2023 Report Generated from KYHMIS/Comp. Database	
• Narrative on Outcome Targets and Results*	
Budget	**10**
• Capacity and System Needs	
• Appropriateness, Feasibility, and Sustainability	
*For first time, non-KYHMIS participating applicants only	**100 Points**

Questions?

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