GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

FY 2026-2027 Local Emergency Solutions Grant
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

This document is Guilford County Continuum of Care's notice of public solicitation for new project applications and returning project applications.

Date of Notice
June 12, 2026

Purpose
The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to solicit applications from non-profits and local units of government who are interested in providing Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs and services to individuals and/or families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of experiencing homelessness in the NC-504 Guilford County Continuum of Care (CoC). ESG funds can be used for Emergency Response Activities, including emergency shelter operations/services and street outreach, and Housing Stability Activities, including homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and operation of HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) or comparable databases.

Description
ESG funds are intended to be used as part of a crisis response system using a low barrier, housing-focused approach to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one time. Activities can include:

- Engaging homeless individuals and families living on the street;
- Improving the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
- Helping operate emergency shelters;
- Providing essential services to emergency shelter residents,
- Rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families, and
- Preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless.

Funding Amount
The total FY 2026 - 2027 NC ESG Fair Share for the Guilford County CoC is $273,055. Of these funds:

- $163,833 or 60% **maximum** can be used for Emergency Services
- $109,222 or 40% **minimum** can be used for Housing Stability

Eligibility
The CoC will accept applications from any eligible organizations who meet all of the application criteria, including submission of a completed application and supplemental documentation. Organizations recommended by the CoC for funding will contract directly with NC DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services (NC DHHS-DAAS), for funding or with a Fiscal Sponsor, who will then contract directly with NC DHHS-DAAS.

How to Apply
Applications in response to the RFA must be submitted to the CoC Lead/Collaborative Applicant **via Smartsheet by Tuesday, July 7, 2026, by 5:00PM.** A complete submission will include the applicable documents listed on the *Attachment Checklist* (last page) of the *ESG FY 2026-2027 Project Application – New Applicants* or *ESG FY 2026-2027 Project Application – Returning Applicants.* Please ensure each document is saved as an individual file that is named according to the letter and title of each document (i.e. "A - Signed, Completed Application", "B - "Project Budget Worksheet", "C - CAPER", etc.), as listed on the *Attachment Checklist* (last page) of the *ESG FY 2026-2027 Project Application – New Applicants* or *ESG FY 2026-2027 Project Application – Returning Applicants.* Please note that documents not submitted in this format will be returned.

All applications received by this deadline will be reviewed. **Late** applications **will not** be reviewed absent extreme mitigating circumstances, as specified in the policies and procedures of the Guilford County CoC. **The full ESG grant process timeline, and application details are available as part of the RFA packet on the Guilford County CoC website at** Local ESG RFA (FY 2026 - 2027) | Guilford County, NC (guilfordcountync.gov).

RFA Instructional Session and Q&A
All prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the virtual technical assistance sessions below, being offered by the NC ESG Office, to review and discuss the 2026-2027 NC ESG RFA:

- Friday, June 12 from 9:30am-11:30am
  Registration Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8001458832263147353

- Monday, June 15 from 1pm-3pm
  Registration Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1608800371838627158

- Wednesday, June 18 from 9:30am-11:30am
  Registration Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5453364824148105560

Deadlines for Local and State Submissions
Project applications and attachments are due via Smartsheet by **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 5:00PM**.

If approved and recommended for funding by the SPE (System Performance and Evaluation) Committee, applicants will be required to submit all application materials to the NC ESG Office via Smartsheet no later than **Friday, August 14, 2026, at 12:00PM**. The Smartsheet link will be provided at a later date.

How to Obtain Further Information
Please direct all inquiries concerning this RFA to:

Cheri Neal, CoC Program Manager
Guilford County Department of Health & Human Services
Phone: 336-641-7196
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Guilford County CoC Staff
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Guilford County CoC RFA Application Documents can be found on the CoC website at Local ESG RFA (FY 2026 - 2027) | Guilford County, NC (guilfordcountync.gov).

State ESG RFA information can be found on the NC DHHS – DAAS website at https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities

In the process of administering this program, NC DHHS will make decisions and interpretations regarding regional, fiscal, and project applications. NC DHHS is entitled to the full discretion allowed by law in making all such decisions and interpretations. NC DHHS reserves the right to request additional information from any applicant. NC DHHS reserves the right to reject any and all applications received. NC DHHS reserves the right to amend, modify, or withdraw provisions contained in this application that are inconsistent or in conflict with state or federal laws or regulations. All applications for NC ESG funding become the property of NC DHHS.