

Summary: Proposed Substantial Amendment to the State of Tennessee's 2025-29 Consolidated Plan for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program provides funding to eligible entities in Tennessee's Continuum of Care (CoC) regions to provide services and resources for people experiencing homelessness to regain stability in permanent housing.

Amendment Summary: As defined in this 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for FY 2025-26, the State of Tennessee provided some ESG funding to Continuum of Care (CoC) regions through the designation of Set-Aside Cities as a Geographic Priority (see SP-10 and AP-10), and the remaining ESG funding was available through a competitive application process to eligible entities within CoCs.

This substantial amendment to the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan would eliminate Set-Aside Cities as a Geographic Priority (see SP-10) through which ESG's funding is distributed beginning in FY 2026-27. Instead, a designated amount of ESG funding will be distributed to all eligible CoCs based on a Pro-Rata Needs Score. The components of this Pro-Rata Needs Score and method of calculation will be detailed in ESG's Program Description and the program year's Annual Action Plan's Method of Distribution (see AP-30). Eligible entities within the CoCs, as outlined in Geographic Priorities (see AP-10), are welcome to apply for a portion of their CoC's designated ESG funding.

This substantial amendment will ensure a more equitable distribution of ESG funding across CoCs and provide a more predictable level of ESG funding so that CoCs can better plan for and implement strategies to address and reduce homelessness in Tennessee.

Citizen Participation: Tennesseans are encouraged to review and make comments about these proposed amendments beginning on February 6, 2026. Links to review the proposed amendments to the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and a form to submit comments will be available at <https://thda.org/research-planning/public-notice-and-comment/> from February 6 -

March 9, 2026, along with details for an in-person and virtual public hearing about the amendments.

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