

Request for Proposals

FY 2024 Challenge Grant / Emergency Solutions Grant Reallocated Funds

Opening Doors Northwest Florida will reallocate up to \$ 55,834.80 in carryover Challenge Grant funds and \$ 102,929.29 in carryover Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. These funds will be provided for eligible activities identified in the 2024 Continuum of Care Plan. An informational session for interested organizations was held at Opening Doors NWFL, 1020 N. New Warrington Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 on April 19, 2024. Attendance at the informational session is not a requirement to receive funds.

For information on the application process, please go to the [2024 DCF State Unified Contract Competition](#) page.

The Request for Proposals period for FY 2024 reallocated Challenge and ESG funds opens Tuesday, May 21, 2024. The required letter of intent deadline is Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 8 PM CST. Late letters of intent will not be accepted. The deadline for proposals for FY 2024 reallocated Challenge and ESG funds is June 10, 2024, at 8 PM CST. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Challenge Grant Funding

Challenge funds are used locally to assist homeless individuals or households at risk of becoming homeless. The funds may be used to assist those clients defined as homeless and at imminent risk of homelessness by the 2023 Florida Statutes ([24 CFR 578.3 “Homeless”](#)). The grant intends to help implement the local homeless assistance plan and help the community reach the goals and objectives outlined in the CoC plan. Challenge Grant allowable activities include housing, program, and service projects.

Emergency Solutions Grant Funding

ESG funds provide funding to (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the streets through outreach contacts; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families and help operate these shelters; (3) provide essential services to shelter residents, (4) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless, and (5) rapidly re-house literally homeless individuals and families. These funds may be used to assist program participants defined as homeless under the HEARTH Act of 2009 (24 CFR 578.3(1)(i-iii). Subrecipients awarded ESG funds in the CoC catchment area must adhere to the written standards established by the Continuum of Care for coordinated services in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

