

The ordinance also requires that the contractor agree to comply with the city's equal employment opportunity clause and to include this requirement in all subcontracts. Notice of these requirements is included in any contract/award specifications published, requiring bidders to submit documentation as a part of their bid documents.

The multi-family housing development request for proposals required that each respondent ensure that 25% of their contracts and/or subcontracts are awarded to W/MBEs. Both respondents certified their intent and will be monitored upon receipt of funding.

HOMELESS

Homeless Needs

1. Identify actions taken to address needs of homeless persons.

The Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County is the lead entity for the Continuum of Care (COC) planning process in Tampa and Hillsborough County. The Coalition is responsible for establishing and maintaining strategic efforts to develop long-term constructive solutions that address the underlying causes of homelessness as well as meet the immediate needs of currently homeless people. The Homeless Coalition's 10-year plan to end chronic and other homelessness is found in "Places for People," a planning document that addresses prevention; outreach and engagement; assessment; supportive services; and transitional and permanent independent and supportive housing. Five separate city divisions and/or department representatives work closely with the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County to implement its 10-year plan to end homelessness.

During PY05, the Coalition awarded \$3,705,300 from HUD's Continuum of Care Grant for the following programs to address the needs of currently homeless persons: a new 15-unit assisted living facility (ALF) and supportive housing program (SHP) to serve chronically homeless persons with disabilities; increased development of the area's homeless management information system (HMIS) serving the entire homeless population through coordination of service providers; a 25-bed SHP safe place for persons who are homeless with serious mental illness or dually diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse disorder; a 6-unit, 8-bed permanent SHP to provide long-term community-based permanent housing and supporting service to men and women who are homeless and disabled; a 50-bed transitional housing program (THP) for homeless and persons with co-occurring disorders; a 24-bed supportive services only (SSO) program to assist veterans living with disabilities; and a new 15-room permanent supportive housing (PSH) unit for chronically homeless people.

2. Identify actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

The Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County and Continuum of Care member agencies worked to increase the availability of comprehensive housing and supportive services that assist persons who are homeless to become as self-sufficient as possible. Specific actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living include the following:

An estimated 5,000 affordable housing directories were printed and distributed. A new Security Deposit Loan Program (SDLP) was established through a joint venture between Hillsborough County Homeless Recovery program, the Homeless Coalition, and Metropolitan

Ministries to assist individuals and families obtain affordable housing. Funded by a \$10,000 grant from a local community foundation, the SDLP is a revolving fund to provide security deposit assistance via repayable loans to secure decent and affordable housing. Also, the Up and Out Homeless Rental assistance program was created by agreement with the Hillsborough County Housing Finance Authority. This program helps 10 families and/or single adults obtain and retain permanent housing by providing tenant-based, short-term rental assistance, supplemented by extensive supportive services. Consumers must be employed in order to participate, be able to pay a portion of their rent until they become self-sufficient and commit to program participation for up to twenty-four months. Finally, the Central City Community Development Corporation rehabilitated four single-family, 4-bedroom housing units in Tampa Heights. These units qualify for HUD's Section 8 voucher program and provide units large enough to house families with up to eight people.

3. Identify new Federal resources obtained from Homeless SuperNOFA.

The Tampa/Hillsborough Continuum of Care received the following Homeless SuperNOFA funding awards that became effective 10/01/05:

COC 2005	Name of Project	Amount Received	HUD Program
ACTS	Chronic Homeless - ALF	\$940,666	SHP New
Homeless Coalition	UNITY Information Network 1	\$65,510	SHP Renewal
Mental Health Care	Safe Place	\$1,379,032	SHP Renewal
Mental Health Care	Safe Place	\$290,726	SHP Renewal
ACTS	Interbay	\$42,997	SHP Renewal
ACTS	Drew Park	\$403,035	SHP Renewal
ACTS	SSO	\$133,334	SHP Renewal
Homeless Coalition	UNITY Information Network 3	\$450,000	SHP New
TOTAL		\$3,705,300	

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Identify actions taken to prevent homelessness.

A \$150,000 Florida State Challenge Grant funding award was utilized for the following homeless prevention programs: the Homeless Prevention Financial Assistance program was established to provide financial assistance to specifically prevent homelessness. 175 households, including 231 adults and 247 individuals received rent/mortgage, deposit and utility assistance through this one-time financial assistance program. To improve public awareness of available resources, 4,000 English and Spanish Street Survival Guides were distributed highlighting shelters, food pantries, legal services, health care facilities, and transportation providers. To improve jail diversion efforts, \$25,000 of Florida State Challenge Grant funds were awarded to DACCO to assist the Tampa Police Department and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office by providing services and shelter as an alternative to jail for homeless people living on the streets. 70 people were served through this program. Discharge planning improvements were discussed with representatives from Tampa General Hospital and Town & Country Hospital to develop funding support for a preventive program to reduce recidivism of homeless people returning to emergency rooms. Finally, a Street Outreach "test" project was jointly conducted by Mental Health Care, Inc., Metropolitan Ministries and the Faith Café to conduct a month long street outreach effort in downtown Tampa. An average of 5 homeless people per day were assisted.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

1. Identify actions to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including significant subpopulations such as those living on the streets).

The most recent census of homeless persons throughout the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County reported 11,023 persons as homeless. Of this count, 3,662 persons were counted as living on the streets on the date of the census. Of those, 1,250 were considered to be chronically homeless and 25% of those were estimated to be veterans. In an effort to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families, the city's PY05 ESG grant allocation of \$164,770 was awarded to the following agencies who contracted with the City of Tampa to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing as follows:

PROJECT SPONSOR	SERVICES	AWARD
Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.	Emergency and transitional housing for pregnant women and their children who are homeless or are at risk of being homeless.	\$41,723
New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.	Emergency shelter and transitional housing for men and women.	\$20,000
The Salvation Army	Emergency shelter for men and women.	\$94,808
City of Tampa	Grant administration.	\$8,239
	TOTAL PY05 ESG FUNDING	\$164,770

2. Assessment of Relationship of ESG Funds to Goals and Objectives:

- a. Evaluate progress made in using ESG funds to address homeless and homeless prevention needs, goals, and specific objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.

PY02-06/FY03-07 Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan Goal 1: The city will increase the opportunities for all its citizens to purchase or rent affordable decent, safe and sanitary housing by encouraging the rehabilitation, revitalization, and redevelopment of the existing housing stock in an effort to further stem the current rate of decline, extend the economic life of existing housing, and to build upon the positive aspects of existing neighborhoods.

PY02-06/FY03-07 Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan Objectives (related to homelessness):

Objective 15: Work with subrecipient provider agencies to address the needs of homeless individuals and families and prevent low-income families and individuals from becoming homeless.

Objective 16: Work with local social services agencies and non-profit organizations to provide shelter and related services to the homeless.

Objective 18: Assist and provide technical assistance to private entities applying for available funding to develop Transitional Housing Programs to facilitate the transition of homeless families and individuals to self-sufficiency.

After reviewing the accomplishments of the Homeless Coalition and the city's ESG-funded programs during PY05, it is apparent that there remains a significant gap in the community between the current level of services and the need for services. Specifically, there exists a

current service capacity in Hillsborough County to serve only 13 percent of homeless people living throughout Hillsborough County. This means that of the estimated 11,023 homeless persons counted in the last homeless census, approximately 1,433 are able to access services needed to overcome homelessness and return to self-sufficiency. That said, in evaluating progress made in using PY05 ESG funds against the above-listed goals and objectives, the City of Tampa awards ESG funding for operating costs and essential services directly aimed at serving those in most critical need. The city's ESG providers have done exceptionally well in utilizing extremely limited ESG funding to serve an unprecedented number of homeless. Both Alpha House of Tampa, Inc. and New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc. elected to utilize all ESG funding for program delivery, with only The Salvation Army using the allowable 5% for administrative costs. By applying their full ESG awards directly toward program operations and delivery, more clients have been served. Additionally, all three ESG-funded agencies met their service goals as identified in their funding agreements with the City of Tampa (reference item b. below for details).

b. Detail how ESG projects are related to implementation of comprehensive homeless planning strategy, including the number and types of individuals and persons in households served with ESG funds.

PY05/FY06 Service Delivery: Alpha House of Tampa, Inc. operates a 20-bedroom licensed maternity home to serve homeless pregnant women having various risk factors causing the delivery of a low birth weight babies. For new mothers, Alpha House operates three post-birth transitional houses and the Rosalie Center, apartment units for up to eight homeless families with a day care center for up to 45 children, and administrative offices. The average number of clients served daily during Program Year 2005 was 29 adults and 26 children, with the average number served yearly at totaling 130 persons (98 adults and 42 children). Clients numbered 47 Caucasians, 36 African-Americans, 1 Native American, 13 Hispanic, 11 multi-racial Hispanic, and 1 other multi-racial. 100% were female-headed households.

PY05/FY06 Service Delivery: New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc. provides emergency shelter for homeless men and women. New Beginnings is a faith-based organization that provides emergency shelter and support for men and women who have become homeless primarily because of substance abuse. The agency offers shelter, meals and programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. The average number of clients served daily was 45 adults, with the average number served yearly at 3,467 persons. Clients numbered 530 Caucasians, 417 African-Americans, 129 Hispanics, 2 Asian/Pacific Islanders, and 4 Native Americans. Men represented 83% of those served, and of the total 203 women served, 18 were female heads of households.

PY05/FY06 Service Delivery: The Salvation Army provides emergency shelter for up to 102 men and 23 women per night. Shelter nights at the Red Shield Lodge include bed, meals and laundry services. Case management and employment counseling are available to every individual accessing the emergency shelter. Individuals that obtain full-time employment are encouraged to apply to the transitional housing programs offered through the Salvation Army in order to further themselves toward self-sufficiency and re-entry into the community. The Sine Domus Medical Clinic works through a collaborative agreement to provide medical assessment and treatment two nights a week. The average number of clients served daily was 97 adults, with the average number served yearly totaling 3,831 persons. Clients numbered 1,341 Caucasians, 1,532 African-Americans, and 958 Hispanic. 82% were unaccompanied males and 18% were unaccompanied females.

3. Matching Resources:

- a. Provide specific sources and amounts of new funding used to meet match as required by 42 USC 11375(a)(1), including cash resources, grants, and staff salaries, as well as in-kind contributions such as the value of a building or lease, donated materials, or volunteer time.

The following is a description of the leveraging resources for each of the sub-recipients receiving ESG funding:

	Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.	New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.	Salvation Army
CITY OF TAMPA ESG AWARD	\$45,114	\$20,000	\$94,808
OTHER FEDERAL	228,960	0	19,611
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	54,075	0	0
PRIVATE	366,394	23,163	328,411
FEES	442,797	44,283	216,811
OTHER	149,337	0	235,604
TOTAL MATCH	\$1,241,563	\$67,446	\$800,437

4. State Method of Distribution:

- a. States must describe their method of distribution and how it rated and selected its local government agencies and private nonprofit organizations acting as subrecipients.

N/A

5. Activity and Beneficiary Data:

- a. Completion of attached Emergency Shelter Grant Program Performance Chart or other reports showing ESGP expenditures by type of activity. Also describe any problems in collecting, reporting, and evaluating the reliability of this information.

Activity Expense	Alpha House of Tampa, Inc.	New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.	Salvation Army
Administration:			\$4,740
Essential services :			
Bus passes			900
Operations:			
Desk monitor			9,480
Insurance	\$40,000		
Janitorial supplies			7,500
Maintenance personnel			16,720
Nutrition (food/meals)			31,468
Rent		\$20,000	
Utilities	5,114		24,000
Total PY05 ESG \$	\$45,114	\$20,000	\$94,808

b. Homeless Discharge Coordination:

- i. As part of the government developing and implementing a homeless discharge coordination policy, ESG homeless prevention funds may be used to assist very low-income individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless after being released from publicly funded institutions such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or corrections institutions or programs.**

As was reported in PY04, PY05 ESG funds were utilized for operating costs and essential services of emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. ESG homeless prevention activities were not funded per se, however the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County and Continuum of Care member agencies have worked closely with city and county law enforcement agencies, corrections facilities and local hospitals to prevent homelessness through immediate outreach and referrals at point of discharge (reference item c. below).

c. Explain how your government is instituting a homeless discharge coordination policy, and how ESG homeless prevention funds are being used in this effort.

As stated above, no ESG funds were utilized for homeless prevention activities however the local Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition has worked closely with publicly funded agencies to develop and implement discharge planning policies. Florida Statute 420.622 establishes the Florida Office on Homelessness within the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Florida Council on Homelessness, charging the former with developing the "coordination of policies and procedures relating to the discharge or transfer from the care or custody of State-supported or State-regulated entities for persons who are homeless or at risk for homelessness." The following describes local discharge planning policies for persons in care of publicly funded entities:

Foster care: when a child "ages out" of foster care, he/she receives an independent living services transitional services plan. This service plan include assistance and information on applying for life skills classes, transportation, school enrollment, employment at Workforce Development, other employment, job training and/or apprenticeship, health care, and housing, among other services.

Health care: patients may be discharged from the hospital entirely or transferred to another level of care, treatment, and services, to different health professionals, or to settings for continued services. The hospital's process for transfer or discharge is based on the patients' assessed needs.

Mental health care: discharge planning includes transportation, access to stable living arrangements, assistance in obtaining aftercare follow-up for medications and case management, assessment of medication availability, community program contact and referral information, referral to substance abuse treatment programs, trauma or abuse recovery programs, and other self-help groups.

Corrections facilities: the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has implemented a discharge planning policy and procedures that cover planning, continued care and follow-up after release. Upon release, persons taking prescribed medications will be provided with at least a three-day supply of medications for their transition back into the community. The health department and/or community mental health providers are involved to facilitate re-entry. Discharge planning may include formal linkages to community-based organizations.