1) What is the time period that 2021 ESG funding, if awarded, will cover?
   The agreement period for 2021 ESG awards will be July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Please note: These dates may be subject to change.

2) For the Emergency Shelter application, Part I Program Description, question 2 with the chart for type of housing ....

Could you please clarify how the following housing arrangement would translate into the table?

4 bedrooms, each with 3 beds, sharing a hall bath and kitchenette/lounge; located on the same floor as dormitory type housing, but different bathrooms/lounge.

I know # beds is 12, but what is the difference in this case between "units" and "bedrooms"?

This would fall under Shared Housing w/individual units and shared kitchen and bathroom. You should mark the following:
- Number of Units – 1
- Number of Beds – 12
- Bedrooms – 4
- Emergency Shelter only overflow beds – 0

Would it fall under the "Shared Housing" type of housing?
   Yes

Also, does SRO mean Single Room Occupancy?
   Yes

3) Are agencies located in McKeesport eligible to participate in the Allegheny County 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Application?
   Yes

4) We are planning to apply for both shelter and street outreach. Both these programs now use the same form. Should we make one single application, or separate applications?
   Separate applications should be completed for Shelter and Street Outreach

5) What detail is needed for the matching funds documentation?
The Shelter Budget Worksheet has columns to indicate match amount and source for each line item.

Is the matching funds documentation attachment a reiteration of that information?
   Yes

Is signature of Executive Director sufficient verification?
   No

If not, what would be considered “supporting documentation”?
   • A letter from an agency, company or individual stating they are providing
     • a donation or funds to your agency.
   • You may use funds from another Federal program as match for ESG,
   • unless doing so would violate a specific statutory prohibition or the recipient or
     subrecipient counts ESG funds as match for that program. A copy of an award
     letter or contract would be accepted.

*Please note: If awarded ESG funds, this information will be requested again at
the start of your agency’s agreement. The match must be for the time period of
your agreement.*

See below ESG Matching Funds use information.

Matching Funds

ESG Agencies will be responsible for contributing matching funds to enable ACED and the City
to meet match requirements under § 576.201. All matching contributions from ESG agencies
must be consistent with HUD’s requirements.

Matching contributions may be obtained from any source, including any Federal source other
than the ESG program, as well as state, local, and private sources as long as the following
requirements are met:

   • The matching funds are contributed to the ESG Program and expended for the
     Agency’s allowable ESG costs.
   • If the matching funds are from another federal program, there is no specific statutory
     prohibition on using those funds as match;
   • The matching funds are used in accordance with all requirements that apply to ESG
     grant funds, except for the expenditure limits in 24 CFR 576.100. This includes
     requirements such as documentation requirements, eligibility requirements, and eligible
     costs.
   • The matching funds are expended (that is, the allowable cost is incurred) after the date
     HUD signs the grant agreement for the ESG funds being matched.
   • The matching funds are expended by the expenditure deadline that applies to the ESG
     funds being matched;
   • The matching funds have not been and will not be used to match any other Federal
     program’s funds nor any other ESG grant;
   • The recipient does not use ESG funds to meet the other program’s matching
     requirements; and
The recipient keeps records of the source and use of the matching funds, including the particular fiscal year ESG grant for which the matching contribution is counted.

The matching requirement may be met by cash or noncash contributions. Agencies should refer to § 576.201 for requirements regarding each type of contribution, including how to value noncash contributions.

The matching funds are provided based on the total grant amount and do not have to be provided on a component-by-component basis. For example, if an Agency spends $50,000.00 on Homelessness Prevention, its match does not need to be from only Homelessness Prevention activities. Its match could come from any of the 5 eligible ESG Program Components (Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing Assistance, or HMIS).

Agencies must submit a written plan to ACED and/or the City, as applicable, that details how they will meet and document the match requirement.

The above policies are based upon the following sections of the ESG Interim Regulations in 24 CFR Part 576:

§ 576.201 Matching requirement.

Relevant FAQ's include:

- FAQ ID 224, Created 12/17/2012

**Question:** What sources of funds can be used as cash match for ESG?

**Answer:** The requirements for matching ESG funds are described in section 576.201 of the ESG Interim Rule, and the requirements for documenting matching contributions are described in section 576.500(o). The ESG Interim Rule can be found at: https://www.onecpd.info/resource/1927/hearth-esg-program-and-consolidated-plan-conforming-amendments/.

In general, federal (other than ESG), state, local, or private funds may be used to satisfy the requirement that the recipient provide matching contributions to ESG, so long as the following conditions are met:

1) The matching funds are contributed to the ESG program and expended for the recipient or subrecipient's allowable ESG costs. *
2) If the matching funds are from another federal program, there is no specific statutory prohibition on using those funds as match;
3) The matching funds are used in accordance with all requirements that apply to ESG grant funds, except for the expenditure limits in 24 CFR 576.100. This includes requirements such as documentation requirements, eligibility requirements, and eligible costs.
4) The matching funds are expended (that is, the allowable cost is incurred) after the date HUD signs the grant agreement for the ESG funds being matched.
5) The matching funds are expended by the expenditure deadline that applies to the ESG funds being matched;
6) The matching funds have not been and will not be used to match any other Federal program’s funds nor any other ESG grant;
7) The recipient does not use ESG funds to meet the other program’s matching requirements; and
8) The recipient keeps records of the source and use of the matching funds, including the particular fiscal year ESG grant for which the matching contribution is counted.

*Note: because the matching funds are contributed to the ESG program and expended for the recipient or subrecipient’s allowable ESG costs, the following are not allowed to be used as match:

- SNAP benefits (food stamps), because the funds are being used to cover the program participant’s costs;
- Housing Choice Vouchers, because the funds are used to pay the PHA’s obligations under its Housing Assistance Payment contract with the owner; and
- The tenant’s portion of the rent, because this amount is the tenant’s obligation.

Please also note the following:

- HUD’s matching requirement applies to the recipient. HUD provides the recipient with the discretion to pass that requirement on to subrecipients.
- The matching funds are provided based on the total grant amount and do not have to be provided on a component-by-component basis. For example, if a recipient is spending $10,000 on HMIS, they do not need to find $10,000 in data collection funds from another source to use as match.
- HOME-TBRA funds generally cannot be used as match, because the requirements for rental assistance are significantly different between the two programs. There could be a rare instance where it is possible; if you believe this is the case, please contact HUD to see if it would be allowable.
- SHP funds generally cannot be used as match, because very few activity costs are allowable under both SHP and ESG. However, in some cases, such as where SHP funds are used for HMIS or street outreach costs that are allowable under ESG, SHP funds can be counted as match in accordance with conditions 1-8 above. Please note, however, that HMIS costs are only eligible to be used as match under ESG if they are eligible under section 576.107 and allocable to the ESG program, whether charged as direct costs or indirect costs. If the SHP HMIS funds are being used to pay for SHP projects’ data entry, those data entry costs are not allocable to the ESG program and the funds used cannot be counted as match.