



Finance Department
Central Services Division

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2016 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
RFP NO.: 516-HS-061**

5/27/16

Name of Proposing Firm: _____
Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____

RFP Opening Time and Date 11:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, June 16, 2016

Proposals will be accepted until the specified opening time and date. Any bidder attempting to deliver after the opening time and date will be refused.

Bid Deposit/Bid Bond: NO
Prevailing Wage NO
Performance Bond: NO

PLEASE MARK THE RETURN SEALED ENVELOPE:

- 1. RFP Opening Date and Time
- 2. Title of Job
- 3. RFP Number

RETURN PROPOSALS TO:

City of Rockford
Central Services Manager
425 East State Street, 4th Floor
Rockford, Illinois 61104

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY FASCSIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

PROPOSAL RESULTS:

Bid results may be obtained by telephone at (779) 348-7164, by fax at (800) 380-7174. or at www.rockfordil.gov

CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS—BIDDING GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Pricing. The bidder shall insert price for all bid items and all other information requested in these specifications. The price shall be the *full, delivered cost* to the City of Rockford with no additions.
2. Total versus “Per Item” Awards. The City generally awards contracts based on a lump sum basis to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. However, the City may choose to award on a per item basis. Therefore, each bidder must submit pricing for each item indicated on the bid forms. Bidders must clearly indicate which items are bid and which are not.
3. Delivery of Merchandise. Delivery terms will always be Freight On Board (FOB)—Destination. The City of Rockford accepts no responsibility for the condition of any merchandise purchased prior to acceptance by City Personnel. Failure to comply with this requirement may constitute rejection of the bid.
4. Acceptance of Merchandise at Delivery. The City of Rockford reserves the right to refuse acceptance of delivered merchandise that differs substantially from the specifications in this invitation to bid or as otherwise permitted by Illinois law.
5. Prompt Payment Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with the governmental prompt payment act. The awarded vendor will be paid upon submission of invoices to: City of Rockford Accounts Payable, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104.
6. W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number. Prior to issuance of a purchase order, the successful bidder will be required to supply the City of Rockford with a federal W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. Failure to comply with this requirement will be considered a violation of contract terms, for which the City may bar the vendor from bidding for a period of up to three years.
7. Legal Compliance. The vendor awarded this contract will comply with all Federal, State, County, and City laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, which in any manner affect the product or service placed for bid herein. Lack of knowledge on the part of the awarded vendor of applicable law will in no way be cause for release of this obligation. If the City becomes aware of violation of any laws, ordinances, rules and regulations on the part of the awarded vendor, it reserves the right to reject any bid, cancel any contract, and pursue any other legal remedies deemed necessary.
8. Legal Requirements. This contract sets forth the entire final agreement between the City of Rockford and the bidder and shall govern the respective duties and obligations of the parties. The validity of this contract, and any disputes arising from the contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. Any litigation under this agreement shall be resolved in the trial courts of Winnebago County, State of Illinois. Should a provision of this contract be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the contract.
9. Safety. Prevention of accidents at any project is the sole responsibility of the awarded vendor and its subcontractors, agents, and employees. The awarded vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees shall be fully and solely responsible for the safety of this project. The awarded vendor shall retain exclusive and direct control over the acts or omissions of its subcontractors, agents and employees, and any other persons performing portions of the work and not directly employed by the awarded vendor.

10. Criminal Background Check. When necessary for the protection of citizens and/or City staff, the City may require an awarded vendor to conduct a criminal background check on all of its personnel who will have direct contact with City facilities or residents/businesses served under this contract. Personnel are defined as representatives, agents, employees, subcontractors, or anyone else who will be utilized to fulfill obligations under this contract. Criminal background checks, at a minimum, shall consist of a county level felony and misdemeanor check for each county in which the personnel resided in the last 10 years. The awarded vendor shall notify the City of any of its personnel who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor prior to commencing any work under this contract. At the City's discretion, personnel with any felony or misdemeanor convictions which raise a concern about the safety of building, property, or City staff/resident's personal security, or is otherwise job related (as determined by the City) shall not perform work under this contract. Once given notice that a background check(s) will be required, it must be completed within 14 calendar days so as to not delay work to be completed.

11. Control of the Work. With respect to the awarded vendor's own work, the City shall not have contractual, operational, and/or supervisory control over and/or charge of the work and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and programs in connection with the awarded vendor's work, since these are solely the vendor's responsibility under the agreement. The City shall not be responsible for the awarded vendor's failure to carry out the work in accordance with the agreement's terms and conditions. The City shall not have control over and/or charge of acts or omissions of the awarded vendor, its subcontractors, and/or their agents or employees, or any other person performing portions of the work not directly employed by the awarded vendor. The awarded vendor shall be considered to be an "independent contractor" pursuant to Illinois law.

12. Bid Bond. When required on the cover sheet, a bid bond for not less than 5 percent of the bid amount must accompany all bids as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract. A bank cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check equal to the amount specified is acceptable in lieu of a bid bond. Bid bonds of the two lowest firms will be retained until the contract is awarded.

13. Performance Bond. When required by the specifications herein, the awarded vendor shall furnish a performance bond equal to the amount of the contract, acceptable to the City, within 14 calendar days after notification of contract award. Failure to furnish the required bond within the time specified may be cause for rejection of the bid and any bid deposit may be retained by the City as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

14. Taxes. No charge will be allowed for taxes from which the City of Rockford, Illinois is exempt. The City of Rockford, Illinois is not liable for the Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax or the Service Use Tax. The City is exempt from the Federal Excise and Transportation Tax.

15. Withdrawal of Bids. Firms may withdraw or cancel their bids at any time prior to the advertised invitation to bid opening. After the opening time, no bid shall be withdrawn or cancelled. All bids shall be firm and valid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days. If a bidder to whom a contract is awarded refuses to accept the award, the City may, at its discretion, suspend the bidder for a period of time up to three (3) years.

16. Subcontracting. The bidder shall provide information for all subcontractors, leased operators/equipment, and suppliers and all other information requested in the Subcontractor and Supplier Detail Forms attached. Requests for deviations from the completed detail forms submitted must be made in writing, and reviewed and approved by the City's Diversity Procurement Officer and the Central Services Manager or designee. The awarded vendor may not subcontract any portion of the contract after award without written consent of the City of Rockford

Central Services Manager. When subcontractors are used, the awarded vendor is required to pay subcontractors promptly after completion of work. Delay of payment is prohibited.

17. Termination of Contract. The City of Rockford reserves the right to terminate the contract in its entirety or in portions, upon written notice to the awarded vendor, if the Rockford City Council does not appropriate sufficient funds to complete the contract or in the event of default by the awarded vendor. Default is defined as failure of the awarded vendor to perform any of the provisions of this contract or failure to make sufficient progress so as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms. In the event of default, the City may purchase the product(s) and/or service(s) from other sources and hold the defaulting company responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby. The City may require payment of liquidated damages for non-performance. Should default be due to failure to perform or because of a request for a price increase, the City reserves the right to remove the firm from the City's bidder list for a period of up to three years.

18. Late Bids and Proposals. Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be solely the vendor's risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the awarded vendor at their request and expense.

19. EEO Forms. Each firm shall be required to submit with its bid information all EEO forms included in the invitation to bid package. Any bid which fails to include the properly completed compliance items will not be read and will not be considered. All subcontractors shall also be required to comply with the same EEO forms as the firm.

20. Restrictive or Ambiguous Specifications. It is the responsibility of the bidding firm to review the invitation to bid specifications and to notify the Central Services Manager if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the specifications or invitation to bid procedures must be received by the Central Services Division not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. In the event a contract term is not defined within the contract document, the term will be given its ordinary dictionary definition.

21. Bid Protest. Firms wishing to protest bids or awards shall notify the Central Services Manager in writing within 7 days after the invitation to bid opening. The notification should include the bid number, the name of the firm protesting, and the reason why the firm is protesting the bid. The Central Services Manager will respond to the protest within seven (7) calendar days. A successful protest may result in the reversal of a previously awarded contract.

22. Disputes. In case of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Central Services Manager, or authorized representative shall be final and binding to all parties. The Central Services Manager has the right to waive technicalities as they see fit. The Central Services Manager may request a written recommendation from the head of the department using the equipment or service being procured.

23. Exceptions. Any deviations from these specifications shall be noted and submitted with the bid. Failure to address deviations from specifications may result in bid rejection.

24. Acceptance/Rejection of Bids. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time, for any reason, including but not limited to the Rockford City Council not appropriating

sufficient funds to purchase equipment or complete the contract. The City may make awards in any manner deemed in the best interest of the City.

25. Prevailing Wage. When indicated on the cover page of this document, this contract calls for the construction of a "public work," within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01 *et seq.* ("the Act"). The Act requires awarded vendors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. When required, awarded vendors are responsible for paying current prevailing wage rates, as posted on the Illinois Department of Labor's website at: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/rates/rates.HTM>. It is the awarded vendor's responsibility to verify current wage rates, as they are updated monthly. All awarded vendors and subcontractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage, notice, and record keeping duties.

26. Certified Payroll. All Certified Payroll reports required to be submitted under the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130, must be submitted monthly via the City's current Certified Payroll reporting system. No paper copies or non-conforming Certified Payroll reports will be accepted. The City reserves the right to withhold payment due to the awarded vendor until the vendor displays compliance with this provision.

27. Substance Abuse Prevention. When required by Illinois State Statutes, awarded vendors must have in place and file with the City a written program for prevention of substance abuse among its employees. This program must include pre-hire, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug and alcohol testing, as required by the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act.

28. Apprenticeship Requirement. For construction contracts over \$50,000, awarded vendors must participate in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for all Trades that will be in the awarded vendor's (or his subcontractor's) employment, with each worker receiving the required apprenticeship/training appropriate to his trade. Owners or work performed by owners is not exempt from the apprenticeship and training requirement.

29. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the awarded vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the awarded vendor's performance of work under this agreement, and indemnifies and agrees to defend and hold harmless the City against any and all losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising from the work performed hereunder of the erection, construction, placement, or operation of any scaffold, hoist, crane, stay, ladder, support, or other mechanical contrivance in connection with such work including but not limited to losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising pursuant to claims asserted against the City pursuant to theories premised upon section 414 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts and section 343 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

This indemnification agreement shall not be limited in any way by any limitations on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the awarded vendor under Worker's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts, and serves as an express agreement to waive the protection of *Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corp.*, 146 Ill.2d 155, 585 N.E.2d 1023 (1991) in Illinois.

Further, the awarded vendor agrees that it is solely responsible for compliance with all safety laws applicable to the work performed hereunder, including but not limited to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and

the Construction Safety Act of 1960 and all standards and regulations which have been or shall be promulgated by the agencies which administer the Acts.

Under no circumstances shall the awarded vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees be required to indemnify the City for its own negligence.

30. Officers. Each bidder affirms, by submission of a response to this bid or request for proposals, that no officer of the City of Rockford, Illinois, is directly or indirectly interested in the proposal for any reason of personal gain.

31. Non-Waiver. The failure by the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this contract constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.

32. Professional Services Selection Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with 50 ILCS 510/5 governing the selection of professional services. Any reference in these terms and conditions to supplying pricing or price as a determining factor in selection do not apply for services covered by said act.

33. Compliance with Stormwater Management Ordinance and Environmental Consent Decree. Contractor must comply with the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance. For work performed on the stormwater system, including projects only requiring erosion and sediment control measures, acknowledgement of receipt of the USEPA issued Environmental Consent Decree is required. It is also required that the vendor retain all invoices, work orders and/or other records of work performed in drainage areas for three (3) years beyond the end of the consent decree, estimated to be 12/31/2022. These records are subject to audit and are to be made available immediately upon request by the City or the Federal and State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Additionally, there may be other records provided that the vendor will be required to keep on file upon request of the City. Violation of this section and with the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance may result in a fine.

34. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities in submitted bids.

Acknowledgement of Addenda

By indicating below, we acknowledge receipt of the addenda listed.

Addendum	_____	Date	_____
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Addendum	_____	Date	_____

Person, Firm or Corporation

Authorized Signature and Title

Acknowledgement of Stormwater Management Ordinance and Environmental Consent Decree

By indicating below, we acknowledge receipt of the Stormwater Management Ordinance and Environmental Consent Decree. Both documents can be found on the City of Rockford website at <http://rockfordil.gov/public-works/engineering-cip/stormwater.aspx>

I have been provided access to the City of Rockford Stormwater Management Ordinance and the Environmental Consent Decree and agree to comply with the terms outlined therein.

Person, Firm or Corporation

Authorized Signature and Title

**BID REQUIREMENTS FOR
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

All bidders seeking to do business with the City of Rockford are **REQUIRED** to submit with any formal, sealed bid all of the following documents and information, attached herewith, completed and signed:

1. Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan Statement of Policy.
2. The Statement of Non-Compliance and Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.
3. The Contractor or Vendor Workforce Data Form listing all current employees, by classification, directly employed by the bidder. All categories of information requested must be supplied.
Note: The number of employees must be entered under each category (no check marks)

Below are the Federal definitions of the following racial groups accepted as minorities by the City of Rockford:

Black: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, not of Hispanic origin.

Hispanic: A person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Republic and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

4. Your State of Illinois Pre-Qualification Certification Number, issued by the Illinois Department of Human Rights for the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act, **must provide expiration date entered in the place provided therefore.**
5. Certificate of Non-Barred Bidding
6. All executed Subcontractor/Leased Operator and Supplier forms.

If you have not obtained your State of Illinois Pre-Qualification Number (item #4), by signing these documents you agree to make application for this number within 30 days from the date of bid opening.

ANY BID WHICH FAILS TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF ROCKFORD EEO PAGES 2, 4, AND 5, COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITH YOUR SEALED BID WILL NOT BE READ AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Falsification of any required Equal Employment Opportunity or Affirmative Action information on the part of the bidder could result in rejection of the bid submitted or in the case where a contract has already been awarded, in the cancellation of said contract.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN
STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this company, _____
to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, age or sex through a program of positive action affecting all employees. In this program, our company carries out the requirements of Federal Executive orders 11246 and 11375, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Employment Act of 1972, and all other applicable laws, and indicates its active support of the principle of equal opportunity in employment.

At present, _____ % of our work force are minorities and _____ % of our work force are females, and we will attempt to utilize minorities and females through a positive, continuing program in all jobs for which we contract in the future. Our company will utilize referrals from the City of Rockford's Diversity Procurement Officer for use of minorities and females regarding any future job vacancies.

It is also our intent to make efforts to purchase supplies or equipment from small business concerns located in the City of Rockford or counties of Winnebago or Boone and owned in substantial part (at least 51 per cent) by minorities or females.

_____ is the official who will be responsible for implementing this policy statement.

_____ will be designated as the Equal Opportunity Officer in our company, responsible for submission of all required equal employment opportunity documents.

In addition, _____ is hereby authorized to sign payroll as well as this company's officers. (NOTE: If only officers will be authorized to sign payrolls, please fill in "No One" in this space.)

STATEMENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

If the equal employment opportunity hearing committee determines that a contractor, subcontractor/leased operator of equipment or bidder is not in compliance with this chapter, (also known as Chapter 11, Article III the City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Employment Ordinance), the hearing committee shall issue and serve upon such person a written statement of noncompliance setting forth the manner in which it finds such person has violated this chapter, and imposing and/or requiring appropriate sanctions, including, but not limited to any and/or all of the following:

- a. Denying, suspending or revoking qualifications, or declaring the contractor or subcontractor irresponsible and ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts until such time as the contractor or subcontractor shall demonstrate to the equal employment opportunity hearing committee that it is in compliance;
- b. Withholding or delaying payment on the contractor or;
- c. Suspending, avoiding or canceling contract work.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

The bidder certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she does not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of this bid.

The bidder agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certification from proposed subcontractors/leased operators of equipment for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors/leased operators of equipment from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he/she will retain such certification in his/her files.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-BARRED BIDDING

The undersigned certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid rigging or bid rotating. The undersigned also certifies that current or prospective employees, contractors, and subcontractors/leased operators of equipment are not listed as Excluded Individuals/Entities with the US Government, as maintained by the US General Services Administration.

By signing below, the firm agrees that all information provided in the previous pages is accurate, and that if the firm below does not currently have a Department of Human Rights number they will apply for one within thirty days with the State of Illinois.

Authorized Signature

Title

Firm

Our firm is a:

Minority Business Enterprise _____

Women Business Enterprise _____

Neither _____

City-Certified? Yes ___ No ___

City Certified? Yes ___ No ___

(Revised 12/21/09)

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form B233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form B233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. Individual. Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. Other entities. Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ²
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ²
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

City of Rockford, Illinois
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
THE
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (IDHS)

DUE THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016 11:00 AM

Applications are available at City Hall, 4th Floor, 425 E State St, Rockford

Or

www.rockfordil.gov

Return completed applications to:

City Hall, 4th Floor, 425 E State St, Rockford

City of Rockford
Application for ESG (FY2016)

The City of Rockford is seeking proposals from nonprofit agencies seeking to provide the following services to the literally homeless:

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds can be used to provide a wide range of services and support under the five program components: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-housing, Homelessness Prevention, and HMIS. Each component is described below.

Component: Street Outreach. These activities are designed to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services. These services include; Engagement, Emergency Mental Health Services, Case Management, Transportation, Emergency Health Services and Services for Special Populations.

Component: Emergency Shelter. These activities are designed to increase the quantity and quality of temporary shelters provided to homeless people, through the renovation of existing shelters or conversion of buildings to shelters, paying for the operating costs of shelters, and providing essential services. These services include; Essential Services, Renovation (also includes Major Rehab and Conversion), Shelter Operations and Assistance Required Under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA) Eligible Essential Services costs include: Case management, Child Care, Education Services, Employment Assistance and Job Training, Outpatient Health Services, Legal Services, Life Skills Training, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment Services, Transportation and Services for Special Populations Eligible Renovation costs include: Labor, Materials, Tools and Other costs for renovation (including rehab or conversion). Eligible Shelter Operations costs include: Maintenance, Rent, Security, Fuel, Equipment, Insurance, Utilities, Food, Furnishings, Supplies necessary for shelter operation, Hotel/Motel Vouchers. Eligible Assistance required under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA) costs include: Relocation payments and other assistance to displaced persons.

Component Rapid Rehousing. Eligible Assistance Rapid Re-Housing costs include: Short-term rental assistance, Medium-term rental assistance, Rental arrears Rental Application Fees, Security Deposits, Last Month's Rent, Utility Deposits, Utility Payments, Moving Costs, Housing Search and Placement, Housing Stability Case Management, Mediation, Legal Services and Credit Repair. These activities are designed to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance.

Component Homeless Prevention. Eligible Assistance Homeless Prevention costs include: Short-term rental assistance, Medium-term rental assistance, Rental arrears, Rental Application Fees, Security Deposits, Last Month's Rent, Utility Deposits, Utility Payments, Moving Costs, Housing Search and Placement, Housing Stability Case Management, Mediation, Legal Services and Credit Repair. These activities are designed to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a public or private place not meant for human through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance.

Component: HMIS. Eligible HMIS costs include: Contributing data to the HMIS designated by the CoC for the area; HMIS Lead (as designated by the CoC) costs for managing the HMIS system; Victim services or legal services provider costs to establish and operate a comparable database.

Always refer to the program regulations at 24 CFR Part 576 for complete information about all eligible costs and program requirements.

The anticipated amount of funding available is \$180,741.00.

Explanation of the grant process: As a requirement to apply for ESG funds from the City of Rockford, all applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from the HUD-recognized Continuum of Care. The City of Rockford has established this requirement for agencies planning to apply for ESG funds.

The eligibility requirements and criteria are outlined in the application. The decision to recommend an organization is the sole decision of the Rock River Homeless Coalition Board of Directors. Each application will be reviewed by the City of Rockford. By receiving a recommendation letter from the Rock River Homeless Coalition, an agency is not guaranteed a grant award from the City of Rockford. The City of Rockford is the sole administrator of ESG funds.

Agency Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for funding, an applicant must:

1. Be a non-profit corporation in good standing, qualified for tax exemption under 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code or a municipal corporation or a local unit of government;
2. Have the administrative and financial management capacity necessary to administer and to account for the use of a grant in accordance with the funding requirements;
3. Not engage in any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, as part of the activities and services funded with any grant for activities or services covered by this rule; and if religious activities are offered, they must be offered at a separate time or location from the activities and services funded under this program; and participation in those religious activities must be voluntary for persons receiving assistance under this program;
4. Be a drug free work-place in accordance with federal statute;
5. Operate its programs free from discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, marital or familial status or gender in accordance with applicable federal and state fair housing laws;
6. Be an active/participating member of the local continuum of care including meetings and planning functions;
7. Have served people experiencing homelessness with housing-related activities for at least one (1) year prior to the application deadline.
8. Have no finding that may result in the forfeiture of funds or unresolved questioned costs in a financial audit;
9. In good standing with the CoC, City of Rockford, and HUD;
10. Participation and compliance with the Rock River Homeless Coalition HMIS Policies & Procedures for Data Collection unless program is prohibited from utilizing HMIS, in which case a comparable database must be utilized.

11. Transitional housing is not an eligible component unless it is a pre-existing shelter that is grandfathered into the regulations.
12. Organizations who can document significant Federal or State funding losses that are due to budgetary issues and not due to performance will receive additional consideration in funding decisions.

To apply for funding:

The application for ESG funding must be submitted by Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM to 425 E. State Street, 4th floor, Rockford, IL 61104. Any request received after the deadline above will not be considered and a denial letter will issued. Each agency will receive an approval/denial letter after award decisions are made.

Application Requirements

1. If you are an applicant for ESG funds:

- The application must contain the signature from the local continuum acknowledging that the applicant is an active member of the local continuum.
- The applicant must have attended at least three COC meetings during the period of May, 2015 to April, 2016. If the agency has not met this requirement, the application must detail how this requirement will be met during the current year.
- The applicant must agree to actively participate in the annual overnight street count for the PIT (Point in Time) count. Active participation is defined as actually helping to count people sleeping in places not meant for human habitation during the overnight hours.
- The applicant must agree to submit HMIS and non-HMIS reports to the HMIS/Data Committee for evaluation and to the City of Rockford for reporting purposes. The applicant must agree to comply with the performance standards established by the HMIS/Data Committee. The applicant must acknowledge that those performance standards will be used to assist in determining funding during the FY2017 process. If exempt from HMIS, the applicant must agree to the same requirements utilizing a comparable database. This means a database that can provide all of the HUD required data in an acceptable format including monthly ESG reports, CSV files and CAPER reports.
- The applicant must agree to participate in the Housing Inventory Count and the client needs assessment.
- The applicant must agree to attend the monthly funded agency meetings with the City of Rockford.
- The applicant must agree to participate in coordinated entry, including following all policies and procedures which includes accepting referrals from the Single Point of Entry, not using side doors for entry, and reporting placements, vacancies and outcomes to the Single Point of Entry.
- Applicants who apply for Rapid Rehousing must agree to utilize a step down system with participants that gradually increases the rent burden on the participants and decreases the subsidy.

- Applicants must keep data on exit destinations of all participants either through HMIS or another approved method.
- Applicants must not exit into homelessness any person fleeing domestic violence per VAWA regulations.

Application for ESG

Agency Name	
ESG Program – Name of Contact	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Mailing Address	

Local Continuum of Care Name	
Name of agency representative to the CoC	

1. FY15 (2015-2016)

Did you receive ESG funds during the FY2015 grant year? _____

If so, indicate how much and in which category:

Prevention		Emergency Shelter	
Rapid Re-housing		Other	

2. Involvement with local continuum of care

Are you currently an active member of the local continuum of care?	
Describe the involvement. At minimum, this should include number of meetings attended, role in planning events or activities, PIT process, and include the person responsible for participation.	

Note: By applying, the agency is responsible for maintaining compliance with the terms of the application for the duration of the FY 2016 grant year (7/1/16 - 6/30/17). If the agency becomes non-compliant, City of Rockford reserves the right to revoke funding. Non-compliance will impact the ability of the agency to receive future funding for ESG.

3. Information and Assurances

Enter information about the agency. Write "YES" if the agency performs the function described and "NO" if it does not.

Financial Management		
A	Do the accounting records for the organization (or agency) identify the source and use of all funds, including information on: all grant awards received; authorizations or obligations of awards received; un-obligated balances; assets & liabilities; program income; and total actual outlays or expenditures to date?	
B	Are the accounting records of the agency supported by adequate source documentation such that the combination of source documentation and accounting records provides a complete audit trail? This includes but is not limited to: documenting when a purchase was requested and by whom, how it was formally approved, what funds were used to pay for it, when it was paid, and for how much.	
C	Does the agency use employee timesheets that allow employees to track grant funded time spent on ESG related activities separately from time spent and funded from other resources?	
D	Does the agency have a system in place for maintaining its financial resources for four (4) years or until any litigation, claim, audit, or other action involving the records has been resolved, whichever comes later?	
E	Does the agency have a current financial policy and procedure manual that covers basic accounting procedures such as those for recording financial transactions, for maintaining accounting records, and for approving grant funded expenditures?	
F	Does the agency have a policy manual covering basic account procedures and specifying approval authority for financial transactions (in which no one person has control over an entire financial transaction)?	
G	Is there an organization chart showing titles and lines of authority?	
H	Are there written position descriptions describing the responsibilities of key employees?	
I	Are there hiring policies to ensure that staff qualifications are equal to job responsibilities and the individual hired are competent to do the job?	

Consumer Participation		
A	Does the agency have representation of a person who is homeless or formerly homeless on the board of directors or a policymaking entity directly responsible for making policy for the project(s) for which funding is being requested?	
B	If you answered "Yes" to question (A), indicate whether the person is on the board or policymaking entity (name the entity) AND provide either the name or the initials of that person.	

C	If you answered “No” to question (A), describe how you will comply with this requirement by the start of the FY2016 grant year (7/1/16).	
D	Does the agency, to the maximum extent practicable, encourage the participation of individuals and families who are homeless in maintaining, and operating the facilities and programs for which funding is requested?	

Client Rights		
A	Does the agency have published and accessible grievance and termination procedures that meet the requirements of § 576.402 - Terminating assistance?	
B	Does the agency release client-specific data only insofar as it is required for the client’s case plan or in the course of business and with the client’s written permission?	

Client HMIS Data		
A	Does the agency fully participate in HMIS, or if the agency is a victim services agency, an HMIS comparable database?	

Point-in-Time Count		
A	Did the agency actively participate in the overnight street count during the semi-annual Point-in-Time Count held on the last Wednesday in July 2015 and January 2016?	
B	If you answered “no” to question (A), describe how you will meet this requirement during the FY2016 grant process – specifically July 2016 and January 2017 PIT counts.	

Prohibition Against Involuntary Family Separation and Discrimination		
A	Does the agency utilize the Single Point of Entry for the homeless?	
B	Does the agency refrain from engaging in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization as part of the programs or services funded under ESG?	
C	Does the agency serve clients regardless of gender identification or sexual orientation?	
D	Does the agency deny services to an otherwise eligible individuals or families based on gender identification, sexual orientation, family status, marital status, or the age of anyone in the household?	
E	Does the agency inquire or require documentation about family status, gender identification, or sexual orientation. Examples of prohibited inquiry and documentation include but are not limited to parentage, birth certificates, marriage, and marriage certificates.	
F	Is the agency an equal opportunity employer in accordance with all federal regulations?	
G	If the agency operates as a family shelter, does the agency separate members of the family when they enter shelter?	

	Write NA if the agency is not providing any ESG funded service through a family shelter.	
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Good Standing		
A	Is the agency qualified for tax exemption under 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code or a unit of government?	
B	Is the agency an equal opportunity employer in accordance with all federal regulations?	
C	In the last two prior years, if applicable, was a financial audit conducted in compliance with OMB A-133 standards and submitted to the City of Rockford?	
D	In the last two prior years, in that audit, were there any findings or unresolved questioned costs in the financial audit in which funds were requested to be returned because of misappropriation or ineligible expenses?	
E	In the last two prior years, were there any fines or liens levied against the agency (paid or unpaid) from any source? <i>Example: a fine for not paying payroll taxes.</i>	
F	In the last two prior years, were any funds from any other grantors for the purpose of serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness required to be returned?	

The following are Continuum of Care specific assurances:

Continuum of Care		
A	The agency agrees to actively participate in the annual overnight street count for the PIT in January 2017.	
B	The agency agrees to fully participate in the Coordinated Entry process. This includes but is not limited to: attending trainings, providing referrals, and filling open units by taking people only from the list.	
C	The agency agrees to comply with the eligibility and prioritization standards established by the Continuum of Care.	
D	The agency agrees to provide the HMIS/PIT Committee and the City of Rockford with HMIS-based and non-HMIS based reports as requested/required for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of performance.	
E	The agency acknowledges that performance standards will be used during the allocation process for ESG during the FY2016 and following grant years. These standards look at agency performance as well as local continua performance as a system.	
F	The agency agrees to continue their active participation in the local continuum of care.	
G	The agency acknowledges that if the requirements established above (including PIT and committee representation) are not met in 2016, they will not be certified in the FY2017 process and will not be eligible for ESG funds.	
I	The agency agrees to comply with the CoC Governance Charter as applicable.	
J	The agency is in good standing with HUD, the City of Rockford, and other funders (i.e. United Way, private foundations, etc).	
K	To the maximum extent possible, does the agency follow policies and protocols for the discharge of persons in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons?	
L	The agency agrees to maintain data quality and data completeness as is required by the HMIS committee and/or the City of Rockford.	

Application for ESG Signature Page

As the entity applying for funding I certify that all of the information provided in this application is correct, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Agency

As the Chair of the Rock River Homeless Coalition, I certify the Applicant's role as a participant in good standing in the continuum. I believe the information contained in their application is correct, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Agency

Applicant Certification and Assurances

1. Financial Management

- Compliance with regulations and requirements pertaining to the following key areas of financial management: allowable costs, source documentation, internal controls, budget controls, cost allocation plans, cash management, accounting records, procurement, property asset controls, audits.
- Program funds are used only for eligible activities and in accordance with the approved program budget. Any changes from the planned expenditures are approved in advance by the City of Rockford.
- There is submission of adequate documentation to support reimbursement requests.
- There is an organizational chart showing titles and lines of authority for all individuals involved in approving or recording financial (and other) transactions.
- There are written position descriptions that describe the responsibilities of all key employees
- There is a written policy manual specifying approval authority for financial transactions and guidelines for controlling expenditures.
- There is a written procedure for the recording of transactions, as well as an accounting manual and a chart of accounts.
- Adequate separation of duties to assure that no one individual has authority over an entire financial transaction.
- Hiring policies to ensure that staff qualifications are equal to job responsibilities and that individuals hired are competent to do the job.
- Control of access to accounting records, assets, blank forms, and confidential records are adequately controlled, such that only authorized persons can access them.

Please Note: Audits

Recipients and sub-recipients receiving a total of \$750,000 or more in federal and/or state funds are required to have annual audits conducted in compliance with OMB A-133 standards. Those recipients and sub-recipients with less than \$750,000 in federal and state funds should complete an annual review of financial statements. Annual audits and financial statements, whichever is appropriate, must be within six months following the end of the sub-recipient's fiscal year.

Please Note: Time sheets

Time sheets should reflect actual hours (not percentages) worked and indirect costs should be based on the cost allocation plan. Time sheets should be signed and dated (or equivalent electronic approval)

by the employee and the supervisor having first-hand knowledge of the work performed. If the expenditures are paid for by more than one source (e.g., federal, United Way, private donations) the split costs should be accurately tracked within the recipients or sub-recipients accounting system.

2. Advocacy and Communication

- The agency participates in the annual point-in-time counts in January.
- The agency participates in the use of or planning of a coordinated assessment / centralized intake of client applications and comprehensive service delivery.
- If there is a finding that may result in the forfeiture of funds or unresolved questioned costs in a financial audit, the agency will notify the City of Rockford and the local COC.

As the Applicant, I certify that all of the information provided in this application is correct, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Applicant Information:

Agency:

Person Authorized to Submit on Behalf of Organization:

Contact Information:

Signature

Date

Please describe your eligible project: (limit two pages) include location of project, project type and number of people you expect to serve with the funds.

Please describe your use of funds:

Budget Category	Eligible Service	Amount Requested
STREET OUTREACH	Engagement	
	Emergency Mental Health Services	
	Case Management	
	Transportation	
	Emergency Health Services	
	Services for Special Populations	
STREET OUTREACH SUBTOTAL		
EMERGENCY SHELTER-ESSENTIAL SERVICES	Case Management	
	Child Care	
	Education Services	
	Employment Assistance and Job Training	
	Outpatient Health Services	
	Legal Services	
	Life Skills Training	
	Mental Health Services	
	Substance Abuse Treatment Services	
	Transportation	
	Services for Special Populations*	
EMERGENCY SHELTER-RENOVATION	Labor	
	Materials	
	Tools	
EMERGENCY SHELTER-OPERATIONS	Maintenance	
	Rent	
	Security	
	Fuel	
	Equipment*	
	Insurance	
	Utilities	

	Food	
	Furniture	
	Supplies necessary for operation*	
	Hotel/Motel Vouchers	
EMERG SHELTER-SUBTOTAL		
RAPID REHOUSING	Short term rental assistance	
	Long term rental assistance	
	Rental Arrears	
	Rental Application fees	
	Security deposits	
	Last Month's rent	
	Utility deposits	
	Utility payments	
	Moving costs	
	Housing search and placement	
	Housing stability case management	
	Mediation	
	Legal Services	
	Credit Repair	
RAPID REHOUSING SUBTOTAL		
HOMELESS PREVENTION	Short term rental assistance	
	Long term rental assistance	
	Rental Arrears	
	Rental Application fees	
	Security deposits	
	Last Month's rent	
	Utility deposits	
	Utility payments	
	Moving costs	
	Housing search and placement	
	Housing stability case management	
	Mediation	
	Legal Services	
	Credit Repair	
HOMELESS PREV SUBTOTAL		
HMIS	Data Entry	
	Comparable database costs**	
HMIS SUBTOTAL		
ADMINISTRATION***		

TOTAL REQUESTED		
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*Must be specific about use

** Only Domestic Violence Agencies and Legal Services are eligible to request this category.

*** May not exceed 2.5% of budget

ALL ACCEPTED PROJECTS WILL NEED TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ONCE THEIR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.