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Memorandum

TO: ESG Applicants
FROM: Coralee Holloway, Director of Community Programs
RE: 2008-2 ESG Program Clarifications
DATE: January 24, 2008

The 2008-2 Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) was intended to be a transitional year between the administration of the program by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and THDA so there would not be a disruption to the non-profit agencies serving the homeless. The Program Description approved by the THDA Board of made minor changes in the allocation of ESG funds across Tennessee outside the Entitlement areas that receive their own ESG allocation from HUD. Based on comments and concerns expressed at the ESG Application Workshops in each of the Grand Divisions, the THDA Board of Directors revised the Program Description for the current grant round at the January meeting.

THDA will still allocate \$100,000 to the seven mental health agencies working with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (TDMHDD) as housing facilitators, and will allow these mental health agencies to also apply for funding from the Competitive Allocation. The combination of funding from both the THDA Set-aside and the Competitive Set-aside cannot exceed \$75,000.

In addition, the following clarifications are also made based on comments from the application workshops:

1. Many of the current Small Cities already allocate their funds to the same non-profit agencies year after year. Other service organizations within the Small Cities have applied for and have been funded through the Competitive Round. THDA would continue to allow these organizations to apply for ESG funding in the Competitive Allocation.

2. Agencies within some of the “new” Small Cities Set-Aside also would like to apply for funding in the Competitive Allocation. The Small Cities allocation some of these agencies may receive from their local communities may be significantly less than what they had been receiving as a direct grant through DHS. THDA would allow agencies to apply for Competitive funding in addition to the funding they receive through the Small Cities allocation *not to exceed the maximum* grant of \$75,000.
3. ESG-funded entities may be either shelter or non-shelter providers. ESG-funded providers that offer non-shelter facilities may provide a range of support and preventive services.