ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FY2012 AND FY2013 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG) FUNDS

New Castle County (NCC) has been designated to administer the federally-funded Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG), that is authorized under The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) which amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers the program at the federal level and is expected to allocate $58,568 in ESG funds for New Castle County Fiscal Year 2012 and $56,761 for New Castle County Fiscal Year 2013. Eligible applicants are units of general local government or private nonprofit organizations. This limited amount of funds must be awarded and obligated within a short period of time. Therefore, it is anticipated that the funds will be allocated to one or more nonprofit organization(s), with the ability to effectively comply with federal regulations, provide the necessary matching funds, and obligate grant funds.

ESG funds for the FY12 second allocation ($58,568) may be used for the following activities:

1. Rapid re-housing – housing relocation and stabilization services; and/or
2. Rapid re-housing – tenant based rental assistance.

ESG funds for the FY13 allocation ($56,761) may be used for the following activities:

1. Rapid re-housing – housing relocation and stabilization services; and/or
2. Rapid re-housing – tenant based rental assistance

Administration - A maximum of 4% of New Castle County's total allocation may be used for administrative costs

Consideration in awarding ESG funds shall be given to applicants requesting assistance for rapid re-housing activities who service the following populations:

- Families;
- Veterans;
- Recently released incarcerated (90 days or less); and
- Disabled individuals

In addition to being able to serve the abovementioned populations, sub recipients must meet the following requirements when serving clients under ESG:

- All households seeking assistance from ESG must meet a baseline of eligibility. This criteria is defined clearly by HUD. For all households deemed eligible, documentation

  supporting their status must be maintained on file by the ESG non-profit grantee.

  Baseline criteria includes:
  - Must willingly engage with an Initial Assessment, once implemented, with a Case Manager for a consultation and assessment to determine ESG eligibility and be referred to appropriate ESG or related services;
  - Must be a household at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) and must follow the new definition of homelessness and serve only those meeting the definition

- Program will only serve those who are currently on the street or in emergency shelters
- Clients should pay no more than 30% of their income towards their rent while in the program
- Sub recipients must meet with their clients at least once per month

- Sub recipients will be required to re-evaluate clients at least once a year

- No more than 24 months of assistance can be provided. Assistance will be determined by the case manager
- All sub recipients will be required to submit client data into CMIS

Recipients shall be required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to their approved ESG funding amounts for eligible program activities. Matching funds must be derived from sources other than the Program, and only funds provided after the date of the grant to New Castle County's will be considered as eligible matching funds.

Prospective applicants may obtain an application packet during the pre-application orientation at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14th, 2012 at the offices of New Castle County, 77 Reads Way, New Castle, Delaware 19720. For those who have not previously applied, we strongly encourage attending the pre-application orientation. Applications may also be obtained from and questions can be answered by Nicole Waters of New Castle County Community Development and Housing at (302) 395-5644 or via e-mail at nwaters@nccde.org or via New Castle County's website at www.nccde.org.

New Castle County will accept completed applications until 4:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday September 18th, 2012 at: 77 Reads Way, New Castle, Delaware 19720. New Castle County is requesting an original plus (1) copy of all applications and they must be in an envelope which is

clearly marked “FY2012 and FY2013 ESG Application, Attention: Nicole Waters” and include the applicant’s name. Applications received after 4:00 p.m. September 18th, 2012 will not be opened and will be returned to the sender. No telephone, Internet or faxed applications will be accepted.