



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The ESG program provides funding to

1. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street
2. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families
3. Help operate these shelters
4. Provide essential services to shelter residents
5. Rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families
6. Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

ESG funds may be used for six categories which include: street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, HMIS, and administrative activities.

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1. Street Outreach

- a. Funds may be used for costs of providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connect them with emergency shelter housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, nonfacility-based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.

2. Emergency Shelter

- a. Funds may be used for costs of providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters and operation of the shelters.

3. Homelessness Prevention

- a. Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, or another place described in the homeless definition.
- b. Eligible costs include:
 - i. Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears
 - ii. Financial assistance: rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs
 - iii. Services: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair

4. Rapid Re-Housing

- a. Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance are necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- b. Eligible costs include:
 - i. Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears
 - ii. Financial Assistance: rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs
 - iii. Services: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair

5. Data Collection- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

a. ESG funds may be used to pay for the costs of participating in and contributing to the HMIS designated by the Continuum of Care for the area.

6. Administration

a. Funds allocated in this category can be used for general management, oversight, and coordination.

In accordance with Federal Register 576.21 any recipient or subrecipient awarded an ESG allocation must match dollar for dollar. The information outlined come from Feder Register 24 CFR 576.

For more information or details about Emergency Solutions Grants Programs, please visit <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/esg-requirements/>.