



# Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

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## OBJECTIVES

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 re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

For more information and resources about ESG, go to the HUD Exchange website at [HUDEXchange.info](http://HUDEXchange.info)

## GRANT AMOUNTS

### FY 2018 Allocation: \$270 million

- States total: \$133,846,868
- Urban Counties total: \$35,361,120
- Metro Cities total: \$100,252,012
- Territories total: \$540,000

### Eligible Recipients (362)

- States: 51 (including Puerto Rico)
- Metropolitan Cities: 193
- Urban Counties: 114
- U.S. Territories: 4

## RECIPIENTS & SUBRECIPIENTS

Eligible recipients generally consist of states, metropolitan cities, urban counties, and territories, as defined in 24 CFR 576.2.

Each recipient must consult with the local Continuum(s) of Care operating within the jurisdiction in determining how to allocate ESG funds.

**State** recipients must subgrant all of their ESG funds (except the amount for its administrative costs and HMIS costs, if applicable) to units of general purpose local government and/or private nonprofit organizations.

**Metropolitan cities, urban counties and territories** may subgrant ESG funds to private nonprofit organizations.

Local governments (whether recipients or subrecipients) may also subgrant ESG funds to public housing agencies and local redevelopment authorities.

## CITATIONS

**Statute:** Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, Title IV, Subtitle B, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11371 *et seq.*) **Regulations:** 24 CFR Part 576.

## ELIGIBLE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

### 1. Street Outreach

Essential Services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and provide them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Component services generally consist of engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, and transportation. For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.101.

### 2. Emergency Shelter

Renovation of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. Site must serve homeless persons for at least 3 or 10 years, depending on the cost and type of renovation (major rehabilitation, conversion, or other renovation). Note: Property acquisition and new construction are ineligible.

Essential Services for individuals and families in emergency shelter. Component services generally consist of 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, and transportation.

Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, and furnishings.

Relocation assistance for persons displaced by a project assisted with ESG funds.

For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.102.

### 3. Homelessness Prevention

Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short- and/or medium-term rental assistance necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “homeless” definition in § 576.2.

Component services and assistance generally consist of short-term and medium-term rental assistance, rental arrears,

rental application fees, security deposits, advance payment of last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair. For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.103, 576.105, and 576.106.

#### **4. Rapid Re-Housing**

Housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in an emergency shelter or other place described in paragraph (1) of the "homeless" definition move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Component services and assistance generally consist of short-term and medium-term rental assistance, rental arrears, rental application fees, security deposits, advance payment of last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair. For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.104, 576.105, and 576.106.

#### **5. HMIS**

Grant funds may be used for certain Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and comparable database costs, as specified at 24 CFR 576.107.

##### **Administration**

Up to 7.5% of a recipient's fiscal year grant can be used for administrative activities, such as general management, oversight, coordination, and reporting on the program. State recipients must share administrative funds with their local government subrecipients and may share administrative funds with their nonprofit subrecipients. For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.108.

#### **ALLOCATION FORMULA**

HUD will set aside for allocation to the territories up to 0.2%, but not less than 0.1%, of the total fiscal year appropriation. The remainder will be allocated to States, metropolitan cities, and urban counties. The percentage allocated to each State, metropolitan city, and urban county will equal the percentage of the total amount available under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the prior fiscal year that was allocated to the State, metropolitan city or urban county. If an allocation to a metropolitan city or urban county would be less than 0.05% of the total fiscal year appropriation for ESG, the amount is added to the allocation of the State in which the city or county is located. For more on the ESG formula, see 24 CFR 576.3.

#### **MATCH**

**Metropolitan city and urban county** recipients must match grant funds with an equal amount of contributions, which may include cash, donated buildings or materials, and volunteer services.

**States** must match all but \$100,000 of their awards, but must pass on the benefits of that \$100,000 exception to their subrecipients that are least capable of providing matching amounts.

**Territories** are exempt from the match requirement.

For the specific match requirements, see 24 CFR 576.201.

#### **OBLIGATION & EXPENDITURE DEADLINES**

**Metropolitan cities, urban counties and territories** must obligate all funds, except funds for administrative costs, within 180 days after HUD signs the grant agreement.

**States** must obligate all funds, except funds for administrative costs, within 60 days after HUD signs the grant agreement. Within 120 days after the State obligates funds to a local government, the local government must obligate all its funds.

**All** grant funds must be expended within 24 months after HUD signs the grant agreement with the recipient.

Further obligation and expenditure requirements are specified at 24 CFR 576.203.

#### **CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Eligible recipients apply through the Consolidated Planning process, which requires jurisdictions to assess homeless assistance and housing needs, examine available resources, set 3-5 year strategies, and develop annual action plans. Plan preparation must include citizen participation and consultation with the local Continuum(s) of Care and other organizations. Each jurisdiction should submit its Consolidated Plan to HUD at least 45 days before the jurisdiction's program year begins as provided under 24 CFR Part 91. For specific planning and submission requirements, see 24 CFR part 91 and 576.200.

#### **REPORTS**

Annual performance reports must be submitted in accordance with 24 CFR 91.520 and are due 90 days after the jurisdiction's program year ends. Recipients also have other reporting requirements under 24 CFR 576.500(aa).