

**York County
Emergency Solutions
Grant (ESG) Program
2021-2022-2023**

**Emergency Solutions Grant Program
Application Workshop
November 19, 2020**

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Purpose

The ESG Program is designed to be one-step in a continuum of assistance to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living, as well as to prevent homelessness.

It is designed to provide access to services by unsheltered homeless, maintain operations and improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless; and to help people to obtain and maintain permanent stable housing after experiencing a potential housing crisis and/or actual homelessness.

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History

Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act)

Amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and changed the Emergency Shelter Grant to the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Interim Rule regulations for ESG 24 CFR 576 implementing the HEARTH changes became effective on January 4, 2012, amended in 2017

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Definitions 24 CFR 576.2

Homeless Definition

- Category 1 – Literally Homeless - no primary residence, living in emergency shelter or place unfit for human habitation
- Category 2 – Imminent Risk of Homelessness – will lose primary residence within 14 days
- Category 3 - Homeless under other Federal Statutes
Unaccompanied youth under 25 or families with children and youth that do not meet ESG definition but can be defined homeless under other listed federal statutes
- Category 4 - Fleeing / Attempting to Flee DV – has no other residence, lacks resources or support network to obtain permanent housing

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At-Risk of Homelessness

Do not have sufficient resources or support networks e. g. family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;

AND meet at least one of the following conditions:

- has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; or
- is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; or
- has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
- lives in a hotel/motel, the cost of which is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; or
- lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons per room, as defined by the U. S. Census Bureau; or
- is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
- otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness as identified in the Consolidated Plan
- youth qualifying under other Federal statutes

Emergency Solutions Grant Program Components

STREET OUTREACH

- essential services

EMERGENCY SHELTER

- rehab, conversion, renovation
- essential services
- operations
- hotel/motel vouchers

HOMELESS PREVENTION (HP)

- relocation services
- housing stabilization services
- rental assistance

RAPID RE-HOUSING (RRH)

- relocation services
- housing stabilization services
- rental assistance

DATA COLLECTION - HMIS or comparable system

ADMINISTRATION - grant administration

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS & ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

Street Outreach Component

Eligible people: unsheltered homeless meeting Homeless definition, Category 1

Activities include:

- provision of essential services to unsheltered homeless people,
- connecting them with shelter, housing, or critical services, and
- provision of urgent, non-facility-based care to those who are unwilling or unable to access shelter

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS & ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

Emergency Shelter Component

Eligible people: homeless meeting Homeless definition, Category 1

Activities include:

- Major Rehabilitation, conversion or renovation of a building
- Essential Services - case management, childcare, 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
- Shelter Operations – expenses for existing shelter inc. maintenance, rent, repair, safety and security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, relocation and furnishings. Hotel and Motel vouchers when the facility is not able to provide shelter

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS & ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

Homeless Prevention Component

Eligible people: At Risk of Homeless *and* Homeless categories 2, 3, or 4

Activities include:

- Rental Assistance - Rent up to 3 months
- Arrearages in one payment covering no more than 6 months
- Late payment fees

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS & ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

Homeless Prevention Component

Activities include (con't):

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (HRSS)

- Rental application fee
- Security deposit, last month's rent, utility deposit & utility payments, moving costs
- Services including:
 - housing search and placement, mediation, legal services, credit counseling
 - *case management*; including assessment, arranging, coordinating, monitoring,
 - and delivery of services to facilitate housing stability for participants
- Mandatory monthly meeting *and* housing stability planning

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS & ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

Rapid Re-housing Component

Eligible people: Homeless categories 1 and 4

Activities include:

- Rental Assistance – up to 24 months
- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (HRSS)
 - same as Homeless Prevention

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS & ELIGIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

5. Data Collection Component - HMIS or a Comparable System

6. Administration Component – YCPC grant administration

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Strings

- Dollar for dollar match required
- Complete activity within 2 years
- Participate in Coalition on Homelessness
- Participate in coordinated entry
- Comply with other Federal requirements *such as* Davis Bacon wage rates for construction, and procurement and auditing standards

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The Interim Rule sets maximum allowances for some components

- Maximum percentage allowed for Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach components combined
 - 60% of current year allocation
- Amount available for other program components will be dependent on funding devoted to Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach
- Administration (7.5% maximum)

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PROCESS FOR REVIEWING AND SELECTING ACTIVITIES

- YCPC receives applications on January 15, 2021 and reviews for eligibility for ESG program
- Coalition on Homelessness (COH) Program Funding Evaluation Team:
 - reviews, scores, ranks application and recommends funding amounts
 - recommends how much funding is allocated among the components, within the Interim Rule maximum allowances
 - Considers other funding sources anticipated to be available in County for these activities
- CoH reviews and approves, or modifies, recommendations
- CoH approved recommendations are included in 3 Year Project Plan
- YCPC staff present 3 Year Project Plan to County Commissioners for adoption
- Each year, an Annual Action plan for HUD funded programs is prepared and ESG activities are pulled from the 3 Year Funding Plan
- Activities and funding in Annual Action Plans may be adjusted if anticipated amount of ESG funds changes.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM
ANTICIPATED FUNDING AVAILABLE

Grant amounts in the last three years:

2018 - \$183,182

2019 - \$174,860

2020 - \$185,759

Anticipated amount for 2021 - \$180,000

*Thank you for
your attention.*

Questions?