

## Emergency Solutions Program

### Washington County

Eligible Activities	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Homeless prevention	Rapid Rehousing
Program Components	Purpose to reach out to unsheltered homeless people, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing or critical services, and providing urgent, non-facility-based care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement Services</li> <li>• Case Management</li> </ul>	Any appropriate facility that has the primary use of providing temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless population in general or for specific populations of the homeless and the use of which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.	Services intended to prevent persons who are housed from becoming homeless by helping them regain stability in their current housing or other permanent housing.	Services intended to transition eligible participants from the streets or shelter as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve housing stability.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1 (literally homeless)</li> <li>• Category 4 (fleeing/ attempting to flee DV) and are living on the streets or unwilling or unable to access services in emergency shelter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1 (literally homeless)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 2 (Imminent risk of homeless)</li> <li>• Category 3 (other federal statutes)</li> <li>• Category 4 (fleeing or attempting to feel DV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1 (literally homeless)</li> <li>• Category 4 (fleeing or attempting to feel DV)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Eligible Costs	Engagement Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting initial assessment of need or eligibility</li> <li>• Providing crisis counseling</li> <li>• Address urgent physical needs (i.e. meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries)</li> <li>• Connecting folks to services / or referrals</li> <li>• Cell phone costs of outreach workers</li> </ul> Case Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment and intake using coordinated entry</li> <li>• Conduct initial evaluations including income and eligibility</li> <li>• Counseling</li> <li>• Securing or coordinating services</li> <li>• Obtain federal, state or local benefits for client</li> <li>• Referrals</li> <li>• Develop housing stabilization plan</li> </ul>	Shelter operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor or routine maintenance</li> <li>• Rent</li> <li>• Security</li> <li>• Fuel</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Furnishings</li> <li>• Supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter</li> <li>• Hotel/motel voucher, only for families and individuals where no emergency shelter is available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short (3 months) or medium (more than 3 months no more than 24)</li> <li>• One-time Payment of arrearages</li> <li>• Housing relocation and stabilization financial assistance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rental app fee</li> <li>○ Security deposit</li> <li>○ Last months rent</li> <li>○ Moving costs</li> <li>○ Standard utility deposit</li> <li>○ Standard utility payments</li> <li>○ Payment of utility arrearages</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short (3 months) or medium (more than 3 months no more than 24)</li> <li>• Housing relocation and stabilization financial assistance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rental app fee</li> <li>○ Security deposit</li> <li>○ Last months rent</li> <li>○ Moving costs</li> <li>○ Standard utility deposit</li> <li>○ Standard utility payments</li> <li>○ Payment of utility arrearages</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### Ineligible Activities and Assistance

- Replacement of existing mainstream resources;
- payments made directly to program participants;
- payments on a mortgage or land contract;
- payment of rent for eligible individuals or families for the same period of time and for the same cost types being assisted through any other federal, state, or local housing subsidy program;
- payments on credit card bills or other consumer debt, including child support or garnishments;
- provision of cash assistance;
- payment of costs of discharge planning programs in mainstream institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, jails, or prisons; and
- payment for religious activities (Note: While organizations that are religious or faith-based are eligible to receive ESG funds, religious activities must be conducted separately, in time and location, from

#### Other Program Considerations

- Office of Community Development retains 7.5% of annual allocation for program administration costs.
- ESG must be matched with equal resources. (Match can be cash or in-kind amount but cannot be counted as satisfying the matching requirement of another federal grant.)
- Combined street outreach and emergency shelter expenditures cannot exceed the great of 60% of the recipients fiscal year grant.