Homeless Grants Resources
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1 GENERAL RESOURCES

- **Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR): PART 576**
  The Code of Federal Regulations is the codification of the general and permanent regulations published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government of the United States. Part 576 pertains to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

- **HUD Exchange: ESG Dashboard**
  The HUD Exchange is an online platform for providing program information, guidance, services, and tools to HUD's community partners, including state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, Continuums of Care (CoCs), Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), tribes, and partners of these organizations.

- **HUD Exchange: CoC and ESG Virtual Binders**
- **HUD ESG FAQs**

2 ESG OVERVIEW

- **HUD Exchange: ESG Requirements**
  Provide an overview of the purpose of ESG funding, eligible recipients, eligible beneficiaries, and component categories.

- **ESG Program Components Quick Reference**
  This guide provides a quick reference to services and supports eligible under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. The guide highlights the five program components of the ESG Program and provides a list of corresponding ESG activities for each component.

3 CLIENT ELIGIBILITY AND RECORDKEEPING

- **Criteria and Recordkeeping Requirements for Definition of Homelessness**
  This two-page document provides a high-level overview of the homeless definition by outlining the criteria for defining homelessness and the recordkeeping requirements based on four categories under which individuals and families may qualify as homeless.

- **Criteria for Definition of At Risk of Homelessness**
  This document provides a high-level overview of the criteria for defining individuals and families who may qualify as at risk of homelessness under three categories.

- **HUD Exchange: ESG Income Limits**
  Explains how to use HUD income limits tool.

- **HUDUSER: ESG Income Limits**
  Direct link to ESG income limits tool.

4 ESG WRITTEN STANDARDS

Subrecipients must have ESG Written Standards for the proposed ESG Component Category(ies).

- **City of Knoxville PY2020-2021 ESG Written Standards**
24 CFR 576.400(e)(3)
At a minimum these written standards must include:
- Standard policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG);
- Standards for targeting and providing essential services related to street outreach;
- Policies and procedures for admission, diversion, referral, and discharge by emergency shelters assisted under ESG, including standards regarding length of stay, if any, and safeguards to meet the safety and shelter needs of special populations, e.g., victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and individuals and families who have the highest barriers to housing and are likely to be homeless the longest;
- Policies and procedures for assessing, prioritizing, and reassessing individuals' and families' needs for essential services related to emergency shelter;
- Policies and procedures for coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential services providers, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing assistance providers; other homeless assistance providers; and mainstream service and housing providers (see § 576.400(b) and (c) for a list of programs with which ESG-funded activities must be coordinated and integrated to the maximum extent practicable);
- Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance (these policies must include the emergency transfer priority required under § 576.409);
- Standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent and utilities costs each program participant must pay while receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance;
- Standards for determining how long a particular program participant will be provided with rental assistance and whether and how the amount of that assistance will be adjusted over time; and
- Standards for determining the type, amount, and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services to provide to a program participant, including the limits, if any, on the homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance that each program participant may receive, such as the maximum amount of assistance, maximum number of months the program participant receive assistance; or the maximum number of times the program participant may receive assistance.

5 OTHER RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS

- **HUD Fair Market Rent**
  This web page contains HUD Fair Market Rents for the current fiscal year and historical Fair Market Rents data.

- **KnoxHMIS Homepage**
  The Knoxville Homeless Information System (KnoxHMIS) is a secured computer data collection system used by social service agencies in the greater Knoxville, TN area who provide housing and related supportive services. Subgrantees must participate in HMIS and CHAMP/Coordinated Entry System (in some circumstances, the City can approve the use of a comparable database).

- **Case Management Standards of Care, adopted by the Mayor’s Roundtable on Homelessness**
  Application requirement: “Willing to comply, as applicable, with established standards for outreach, case management, and housing placement, identified in the ‘Case Management Standards of Care,’ adopted by the Mayor’s Roundtable on Homelessness.”