



# Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Components Quick Reference

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds can be used to provide a wide range of services and supports under the five program **components**: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-housing, Homelessness Prevention, and HMIS. Each component is described in the tables below, accompanied by a list of corresponding ESG activities and eligible costs. Note: Administration is not a component, it is considered an activity.\* **Always refer to the program regulations at 24 CFR Part 576 for complete information about all eligible costs and program requirements.**

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| <b>Component: Street Outreach. These activities are designed to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services. § 576.101</b> |  |
| <b>Activity type: Essential Services</b>   |  |
| <u>Eligible costs:</u>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement</li> <li>• Case Management</li> <li>• Emergency Health Services</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Services for Special Populations</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Component: Emergency Shelter. These activities are designed to increase the quantity and quality of temporary shelters provided to homeless people, through the renovation of existing shelters or conversion of buildings to shelters, paying for the operating costs of shelters, and providing essential services. § 576.102</b>   |  |  |   |
| <b>Activity types:</b>   |  |  |   |
| <b>Essential Services</b>  | <b>Renovation (also includes Major Rehab and Conversion)</b>   | <b>Shelter Operations</b>  | <b>Assistance Required Under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA)</b>   |
| <u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case management</li> <li>• Child Care</li> <li>• Education Services</li> <li>• Employment Assistance and Job Training</li> <li>• Outpatient Health Services</li> <li>• Legal Services</li> <li>• Life Skills Training</li> <li>• Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Substance Abuse Treatment Services</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Services for Special Populations</li> </ul> | <u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor</li> <li>• Materials</li> <li>• Tools</li> <li>• Other costs for renovation (including rehab or conversion)</li> </ul> | <u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 shelter operation</li> <li>• Hotel/Motel Vouchers</li> </ul> | <u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocation payments</li> <li>• Other assistance to displaced persons</li> </ul> |

**Component: Rapid Re-Housing.** These activities are designed to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance. § 576.104

**Activity types:**

| Rental Assistance**  | Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services   |   |
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|  | Financial Assistance  | Services Costs  |
| <p><u>Eligible costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term rental assistance</li> <li>• Medium-term rental assistance</li> <li>• Rental arrears</li> </ul> <p>**Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant-based.</p> | <p><u>Eligible costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rental Application Fees</li> <li>• Security Deposits</li> <li>• Last Month’s Rent</li> <li>• Utility Deposits</li> <li>• Utility Payments</li> <li>• Moving Costs</li> </ul> | <p><u>Eligible costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Search and Placement</li> <li>• Housing Stability Case Management</li> <li>• Mediation</li> <li>• Legal Services</li> <li>• Credit Repair</li> </ul> |

**Component: Homelessness Prevention.** These activities are designed to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a public or private place not meant for human through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance. § 576.103

**Activity types:**

| Rental Assistance**  | Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services   |   |
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|  | Financial Assistance  | Services Costs  |
| <p><u>Eligible costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term rental assistance</li> <li>• Medium-term rental assistance</li> <li>• Rental arrears</li> </ul> <p>**Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant-based.</p> | <p><u>Eligible costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rental Application Fees</li> <li>• Security Deposits</li> <li>• Last Month’s Rent</li> <li>• Utility Deposits</li> <li>• Utility Payments</li> <li>• Moving Costs</li> </ul> | <p><u>Eligible costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Search and Placement</li> <li>• Housing Stability Case Management</li> <li>• Mediation</li> <li>• Legal Services</li> <li>• Credit Repair</li> </ul> |

**HMIS Component.** These activities are designed to fund ESG recipients’ and subrecipients’ participation in the HMIS collection and analyses of data on individuals and families who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness. § 576.107

**Activity type: HMIS**

Eligible costs:

- Contributing data to the HMIS designated by the CoC for the area;
- HMIS Lead (as designated by the CoC) costs for managing the HMIS system;
- Victim services or legal services provider costs to establish and operate a comparable database.

**\*Administrative Activities. § 576.108**

Eligible costs are broadly categorized as follows:

- General management, oversight, and coordination
- Training on ESG requirements
- Consolidated Plan
- Environmental review