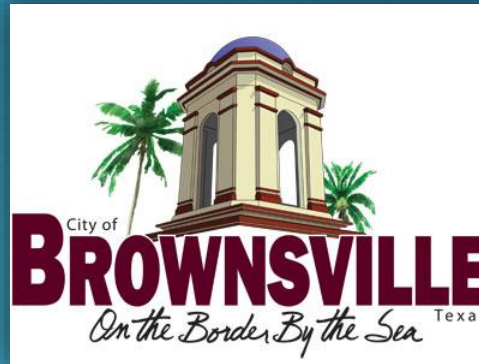


Emergency Solutions Grant



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Overview

- ▶ Purpose of the ESG program
- ▶ ESG program components and activities
- ▶ Basic ESG program requirements

Purpose of ESG Program

- ▶ Broaden existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities.
- ▶ Help people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.
- ▶ Enhance alignment of ESG regulations with other HUD programs -- including CDBG, HOME, and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.
- ▶ Alter framework to support more coordinated and effective data collection, performance measurement, and program evaluation.

Program Requirements

- ▶ Centralized/ Coordination
- ▶ Purpose of Coordination
 - Promote consistent standards
 - Avoid duplicative/unnecessary assistance
 - Promote strategic targeting of homeless assistance resources
 - Ability to refer clients to different resources through one system
- ▶ Used to initially assess the eligibility and needs of each individual or family who seeks assistance

Other Program Requirements

- ▶ Written standards are required to ensure consistent program administration
- ▶ Dollar-for-dollar match (cash or in-kind) to be submitted on a monthly basis with each reimbursement
- ▶ HMIS Participation or for DV shelters/programs a comparable system

Eligible Components & Administration

Component	Those who are Homeless	Those who are at risk of Homelessness
1. Street Outreach	✓	
2. Emergency Shelter	✓	
3. Homeless Prevention		✓
4. Rapid Re-Housing	✓	
	Collecting Data On...	
5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	✓	✓
Administration		

Street Outreach

- ▶ Serves unsheltered homeless persons
- ▶ Essential Services include street outreach services for:
 - ▶ Engagement
 - ▶ Case Management
 - ▶ Emergency health and mental health services
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Services for Special Populations

**Special populations include Homeless Youth, Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS, and Homeless Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, and Stalking.*

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Emergency Shelter

- ▶ Serves people staying in emergency shelters
- ▶ Essential Services include:
 - ▶ Case Management
 - ▶ Child Care, Education, Employment, and life skills services
 - ▶ Legal Services
 - ▶ Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Services
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Services for Special Populations
- ▶ Shelter Activities include:
 - ▶ Renovation (including major rehab or conversion)
 - ▶ Operations (e.g., maintenance, utilities, furniture, food)

Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter Funding Ceiling

- ▶ Street outreach and emergency shelter expenditure are capped
- ▶ Combined street outreach and emergency shelter expenditures from each fiscal year's ESG Grant cannot exceed the greater of:
 - ▶ 60% of that fiscal year's total ESG grant award
 - ▶ The amount of Fiscal Year 2010 grant funds committed for homeless assistance activities.

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Homeless Prevention

- ▶ Available to those at risk of becoming homeless
- ▶ Can be used:
 - ▶ To prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless
 - ▶ To help an individual or family regain stability in current housing or other permanent housing
- ▶ Eligible activities:
 - ▶ Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - ▶ Short- and Medium-Term Rental Assistance
 - ▶ (up to six months)

Rapid Re-Housing

- ▶ Available to those who are homeless
- ▶ Can be used:
 - ▶ To help a homeless individual or family move into permanent housing and achieve housing stability
- ▶ Eligible Activities
 - ▶ Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - ▶ Short-term and Medium-Term Rental Assistance
 - ▶ (up to six months)

Housing Relocation & Stabilization

Allowable activities for both Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing components:

Financial Assistance	Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving costs• Rent application fees• Security deposit• Last month's rent• Utility deposit• Utility payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing search / placement• Housing stability case management• Mediation and legal services• Credit repair/ budgeting/ money management

*No financial assistance to a household for a purpose and time period supported by another public source.

Short/Medium- Term Rental Assistance

Allowable activities for both Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing components:

Rental Assistance

▶ Definition:

- ▶ Short Term- up to 3 months
- ▶ Medium Term- up to 6 months

▶ Duration:

- ▶ Up to 24 months of rental assistance during any 3-year period, including one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent arrears on the tenant's portion of the rent

▶ Type:

- ▶ Tenant-Based or Project-Based

Short/Medium Term Rental Assistance

Standards for Both Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Components:

- ▶ FMR limits
- ▶ Rent Reasonableness
- ▶ Minimum Habitability Standards
- ▶ Rental assistance agreement and lease
 - ▶ (lease must be for a term of one year)
- ▶ No rental assistance to a household receiving rental assistance from another public source for same time period. (ex: Public Housing Assistance)

Homeless Management Information System

- ▶ Eligible costs for all recipients and subrecipients include:
 - ▶ Computer hardware, software, and software licenses
 - ▶ Office equipment
 - ▶ Obtaining technical support
 - ▶ Salaries for HMIS operation
 - ▶ Participation fees charged by HMIS Lead

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Questions?



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