

Program Overview: 2020 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Rehousing/Prevention

Amount available:	\$45,000 (approximate)
Eligible Uses:	Rapid Rehousing/Homeless Prevention Services
Eligible Applicants:	Non-profit agencies that currently provide services to the target population and have mechanisms in place to effectively and rapidly implement the program.
Matching requirement:	Dollar for dollar match (cash/noncash)
Project Period:	12-18 Months (approximate)
Application Deadline:	4:00 PM, March 18, 2020

Bucks County is pleased to announce the anticipated availability of funds the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the **2020 Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)**. Bucks County is considered the grantee for these funds and seeks to award funds to eligible sub-grantees to implement **Rapid Rehousing and/or Prevention projects**. Bucks County is reaching out to providers including the Homelessness Continuum of Care of Bucks County (HCoCBC), to solicit proposals for the use of these funds.

The selection of projects will be incorporated into the County's Annual Action Plan to be submitted to HUD. All funding allocation requirements for the provision of services, allowable budget expenditures, and necessary reporting and outcome measurements will be incorporated into the subcontracts by reference to the 2020 HUD agreement with the County. The subcontracts will also include the specific time frames for project progress, completion and expenditure of funds.

Participants will be evaluated by the sub-grantee according to policy to ensure continued program eligibility. Sub-grantees will submit reports to the Bucks County Housing Services Department (HSD) to document participant eligibility, services provided and funds expended. HSD will review all requests for payment for services to ensure compliance with regulatory and procedural requirements. HSD will schedule, at a minimum, annual monitoring visits with each sub-grantee to ensure that participant eligibility and uses of funds are properly documented.

Program regulations for ESG Rapid Re-housing and Prevention programs can be reviewed in HUD's 24 CFR Part 576. Specific program components are located in 576.104-Rapid Rehousing and 576.103-Prevention. An ESG Program Components Quick Reference is attached.

The 2020 Federal ESG Application criteria have been designed to ensure compliance with 2020 Rapid Rehousing and Prevention goals and directives and to assess an agency's capacity in operating similar projects. In addition, the information will determine if an agency has mechanisms in place to implement the program quickly and effectively. **Proposals must address all criteria with specific and complete information.**

Completed applications must be submitted by email to cedhs@buckscounty.org with the subject **2020 ESG Application** by **4:00 PM, Wednesday, March 18, 2020**. The Housing Services Department will confirm receipt of your application via email. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours, please contact the number below.

If you have any questions about the 2020 ESG funding opportunity or require further information, please contact Deb Kirkner at 215-345-3840 or dakirkner@buckscounty.org.



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.**

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	
Activity type: Essential Services	
<u>Eligible costs:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement • Case Management • Emergency Health Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Mental Health Services • Transportation • Services for Special Populations

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			
Activity types:			
Essential Services	Renovation (also includes Major Rehab and Conversion)	Shelter Operations	Assistance Required Under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA)
<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management • Child Care • Education Services • Employment Assistance and Job Training • Outpatient Health Services • Legal Services • Life Skills Training • Mental Health Services • Substance Abuse Treatment Services • Transportation • Services for Special Populations 	<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor • Materials • Tools • Other costs for renovation (including rehab or conversion) 	<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance • Rent • Security • Fuel • Equipment • Insurance • Utilities • Food • Furnishings • Supplies necessary for shelter operation • Hotel/Motel Vouchers 	<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation payments • Other assistance to displaced persons

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

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

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