

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM

UNLOCKING CRITICAL HOUSING RESOURCES.

Pennsylvania has administered federal homeless assistance for more than 25 years. Traditionally, the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) provided homeless persons with basic shelter and essential support services. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) renamed this program the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) because of an expansion to include rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention.

The ESG program is the first step towards self-sufficiency for homeless individuals and families, while also assisting other households in avoiding the causes of homelessness. Its funds are limited to supporting households and individuals that earn less than 30 percent of the median income, and it is used to serve a broad category of persons with homeless needs, from victims of domestic abuse, veterans, youth and those with disabilities to displaced families.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Local governments (counties and other municipalities)
- Emergency shelters which must apply through local governments
- Agencies serving the housing needs of the homeless or those at risk of homelessness (must apply through their local governments)

ELIGIBLE USES

- Street outreach services
- Emergency shelter (includes renovations, operational costs and essential services)
- Rapid re-housing (services to remove individuals/families from their homeless status quickly and move them into stable permanent housing)
- Homelessness prevention (services to assist individuals/families at risk of becoming homeless)
- Homeless Management Information System