EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) & HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM (HPP)

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DEHCR
Division of Energy Housing and Community Resource

WHAT IS EHH?

- EHH includes three funding sources:
  - ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant / Federal Funding
  - HPP: Homelessness Prevention Program / State Funding
  - HAP: Housing Assistance Program / State Funding
    - HAP funding is awarded only to the HUD CoCs and will not be included in this overview
- Funds are distributed via formula to the HUD Continua of Care (HUD CoCs) and Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) throughout the state. The groups select a Lead Agency and distribute the funding to agencies in their area.

WHAT CAN THIS FUNDING SUPPORT?

- EHH funding can support four (4) types of programs as well as data collection (HMIS) and administrative costs. The details of each program and how each piece works together will be shown in the following slides.

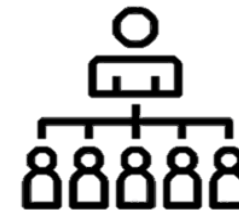| Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Data Collection (HMIS)
Rapid Re-Housing	Homelessness Prevention	Administration

WHAT CAN THIS FUNDING SUPPORT? STREET OUTREACH

- ESG funding can be used to provide Street Outreach.

Covered Services

Engagement

Emergency Health Services (Physical & Mental)

Case Management

Transportation

Eligible Clients (HUD Definitions)

Literally Homeless - Category 1

Note: Individuals and families must be living on the streets (or other places not meant for human habitation) and be unwilling or unable to access services in emergency shelter.

See HUD's homeless definitions for a full description of each category.

WHAT CAN THIS FUNDING SUPPORT? EMERGENCY SHELTER

- ESG funding can be used to provide Emergency Shelter.

Covered Services

Shelter Stay & Hotel/ Motel Costs

Case Management

Employment Assistance/ Job Training

Legal Services

Outpatient Health Services (Including Mental & Substance Abuse)

Life Skills Training

Transportation

Education Services

Childcare

Eligible Clients (HUD Definitions)

Literally Homeless - Category 1

Imminent Risk of Homelessness – Category 2

Homeless Under Other Federal Statues – Category 3

Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence – Category 4

Note: See HUD's homeless definitions for a full description of each category.

WHAT CAN THIS FUNDING SUPPORT?
RAPID RE-HOUSING (RRH)

- ESG and HPP funding can be used to provide Rapid Re-Housing.

Covered Services

Rental Assistance
Monthly Rent
Arrearages
Security Deposit
Application Fees
Last Month's Rent

Housing Search
& Placement

Housing Stability
Case Management

Moving Costs

Utility Deposits
& Payments

Credit Repair

Legal Services/
Mediation

Eligible Clients (HUD Definitions)

Literally Homeless - Category 1

Note: See HUD's homeless definitions for a full description of the category.

After 12 months of assistance revaluation of client's income and other resources is required in order to continue assistance

WHAT CAN THIS FUNDING SUPPORT? HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- ESG and HPP funding can be used to provide Homelessness Prevention.

Covered Services

Rental Assistance
Monthly Rent
Arrearages
Security Deposit
Application Fees
Last Month's Rent

Housing Search & Placement

Housing Stability Case Management

Moving Costs

Utility Deposits & Payments

Credit Repair

Legal Services/ Mediation

Eligible Clients (HUD Definitions)

Imminent Risk of Homelessness – Category 2
Homeless Under Other Federal Statues – Category 3
Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence – Category 4
OR At Risk of Homelessness

PLUS client's annual income must be below 30% (ESG) or 80% (HPP) Average Median Income (AMI)

Note: See HUD's homeless definitions for a full description of each category.

After 3 months of assistance revaluation of client's income and other resources is required in order to continue assistance

WHAT CAN THIS FUNDING SUPPORT?
DATA COLLECTION (HMIS) & ADMINISTRATION

- ESG funding can be used to support agency costs related to data collection (HMIS) and both ESG and HPP can be used for administrative costs.

Data Collection (HMIS)	Administration
The costs associated with maintaining the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and HMIS comparable databases (subscription fees, database tech support), adding new reporting modules, and staff time for inputting data.	The costs associated with shared services (example: accounting, HR), office space, office supplies that directly relate to providing EHH funded services.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Applicants must meet the following requirements:

    1. Have current, direct experience in delivering services to people experiencing homelessness.

    2. Be either a local unit of government OR a private non-for-profit.

    3. Have the capacity to offer or connect clients to services that will increase their stability and link them to safe, affordable, and permanent housing.

    4. Use HMIS or an HMIS-comparable database.

    5. Participate in Coordinated Entry.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS LIKE?

- EHH has a **consolidated application process**.

  - The goal of this is to increase coordination of services and help avoid duplication of efforts.

- Each HUD CoC (Milwaukee, Dane, Racine) and LHC (representing the Balance of State HUD CoC) submits one application for all their members.

- Each group selects one agency to be the lead applicant, who will hold the contract with DEHCR and act as the fiscal agent. All other agencies will have a contract with the lead.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS LIKE? (CONTINUED)

- Each HUD CoC or LHC is given an estimated award and develops their own process to split the dollars amongst member agencies using local data and EHH guidelines.
  - The goal is for local experts to play a key role in determining how funds will be used.
- Budget Constraints
  - ESG Admin cannot exceed 3% of the total ESG award.
  - HPP Admin cannot exceed 10% of the total HPP award.
  - The combined budget for ESG Emergency Shelter and ESG Street Outreach cannot exceed 60% of the total ESG award.
- Match Requirement
  - ESG requires a 100% match commitment.
  - The match can be for the entire HUD CoC/LHC and does not have to be matched on a project basis. For example: If an emergency shelter project has excess match, the excess can be used to support a rapid re-housing project.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

- DEHCR's EHH Program page has more information including the program manual, application, and reference materials.

- https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/AgencyResources/ehh-program.aspx
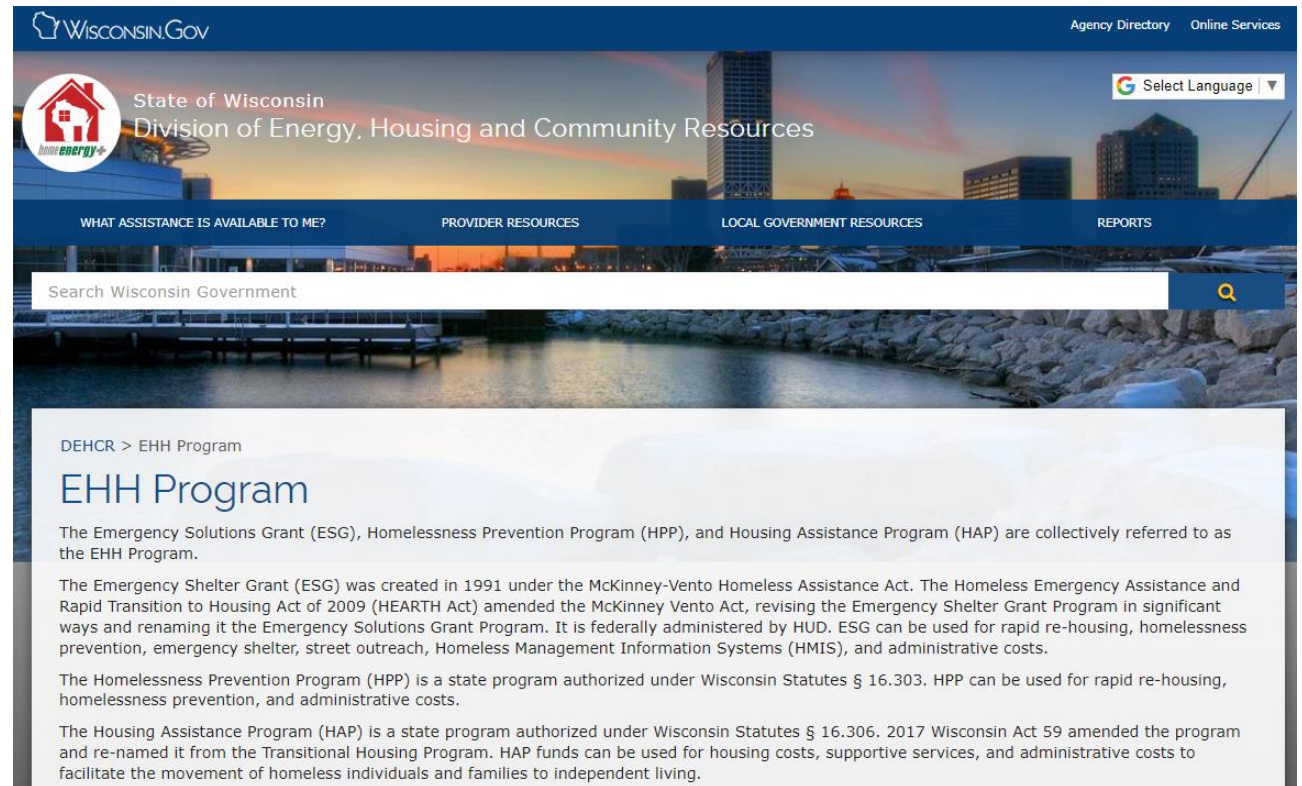
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Thank you