



Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

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What is: Emergency Solutions Grant?

- HEARTH ACT of 2009 revised Emergency *Shelter* Grant to the Emergency Solutions Grant which took effect in January 2012.
- The ESG program provides funding to:
 - (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street
 - (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for persons experiencing homelessness
 - (3) help operate funded shelters
 - (4) provide essential services to shelter residents
 - (5) rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families
 - (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.
- ESG is a HUD formula grant program.
- New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is the program recipient.
- The 2018 ESG award to NYC is \$13,529,906

What is: Consolidated Plan

Eligible recipients apply through the Consolidated Planning process whose purpose lays out communities homeless assistance, housing need, examination of resources, sets a multi-year strategy.

The Proposed 2018 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan is NYC's annual application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the four Office of Community Planning and Development entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Read more about this plan on NYC City Planning website

- <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/consolidated-plan.page>.

Consolidated Plan Grants Grantees

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) administers the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant.

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) administers the City's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Grant. Proposed projects fund affordable housing new construction, affordable housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyers homeownership assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) oversees the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is the recipient of the City's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These funds support efforts to serve homeless and at-risk of homelessness individuals and families.

ESG: Program Components

New York City uses ESG funds to support work in the following categories:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Street Outreach
3. Homeless Prevention
4. Homeless Management Information System

ESG: Emergency Shelter

HUD Definition:

Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, and furnishings.

Relocation assistance for persons displaced by a project assisted with ESG funds.

Component services generally consist of 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, and transportation.

Renovation of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. Site must serve homeless persons for at least 3 or 10 years, depending on the cost and type of renovation. Essential Services for individuals and families in emergency shelter.

NYC Consolidated Plan:

NYC DHS and social services agencies partners provide emergency and transitional shelter to persons experiencing homelessness in a network of general and specialized facilities. DHS provides individuals with shelter and services with an overall goal of housing stability

- NYC DHS provides Safe Haven and Stabilization beds which are low-threshold, low-demand service models specifically for chronically street homeless individuals
- Drop-In Center and Respite beds are also available to street homeless individuals. These programs provide a variety of services including but not limited to meals, counseling, medical/psychiatric services, showers, laundry facilities, clothing, referrals for employment, benefits assistance, etc.
- Twenty-six (26) DHS shelter programs receive ESG funding for operations and services
- NYC assisted 12,100 individuals in 2018 through ESG funded emergency shelter services

ESG: Street Outreach

HUD Definition:

Essential Services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and provide them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

Component services generally consist of engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, and transportation.

NYC Consolidated Plan: HOME-STAT

(Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement Street Action Teams)

- DHS doubled street homeless programs funding by 119% over four years from \$44.6M in FY2014 to \$97.6M in FY2018
- Through **HOME-STAT**, DHS developed the City's first-ever comprehensive by-name list of the individuals who are living on the street across the five boroughs, improving delivery of services, enabling outreach teams to more effectively provide the resources and case management resources needed to build the strong relationships that will help transition them from the street to a home.

ESG: Homeless Prevention

HUD Definition:

Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short and/or medium-term rental assistance necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter.

Component services and assistance generally consist of short-term and medium-term rental assistance, rental arrears, rental application fees, security deposits, advance payment of last month's rent, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair.

NYC Consolidated Plan:

The New York City community-based homelessness prevention program, **HomeBase**, has doubled in size since 2013 and enrolled over 27,752 at-risk persons experiencing homelessness in FY2018 through its network of contracted providers

- ESG funds for prevention services are **allocated to sixteen HomeBase contracts with 25 community based sites**
- In FY2018 HomeBase services expanded to provide aftercare services to ensure stability in the community after exiting shelter into permanent housing
- NYC has served 27,000 households through a mixture of funding sources, and will use ESG funds to provide HomeBase prevention services to over 3000 individuals.

ESG: HMIS

HUD Definition:

Grant funds may be used for certain Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and comparable database costs.

NYC Consolidated Plan:

NYC Department of Homeless Services and the NYC Coalition on the Continuum of Care use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for federal reporting purposes.

HMIS is used for regular reporting including the Annual Homeless Assessment Report, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, Housing Inventory Chart-Housing Inventory Count, System Performance Measures and the Notice of Funding Availability. DHS also uses HMIS to ensure data quality, completeness, accuracy, and consistency with the goal of improving program performance.

- DSS is further investing federal funds in the development and expansion of NYC Coordinated Assessment and Placement System (CAPS)
- DSS will support updates to the NYC Data warehouse

Questions?



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