



PY 25/26 ESG Allocation Consultation

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ESG Allocation: Stepping back to evaluate best use of ESG funds

- The landscape of the Washington County system is shifting.
- We want to ensure we strengthen the system by addressing gaps.
- We don't have the answers and need your support/feedback.



ESG Program Eligible Activities

| Eligible Activities | Street Outreach | Emergency Shelter | Homeless Prevention | Rapid Rehousing |
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| Program Components | Purpose to reach out to unsheltered homeless people, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing or critical services, and providing urgent, non-facility-based care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement Services Case Management | Any appropriate facility that has the primary use of providing temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless population in general or for specific populations of the homeless and the use of which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements. | Services intended to prevent persons who are housed from becoming homeless by helping them regain stability in their current housing or other permanent housing. | Services intended to transition eligible participants from the streets or shelter as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve housing stability. |
| Eligibility | Category 1 (literally homeless) Category 4 (fleeing/ attempting to flee DV) and are living on the streets or unwilling or unable to access services in emergency shelter | Category 1 (literally homeless) | Category 2 (Imminent risk of homeless) Category 3 (other federal statutes) Category 4 (fleeing or attempting to feel DV) | Category 1 (literally homeless) Category 4 (fleeing or attempting to feel DV) |
| Eligible Costs | Engagement Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting initial assessment of need or eligibility Providing crisis counseling Address urgent physical needs (i.e. meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries) Connecting folks to services / or referrals Cell phone costs of outreach workers Case Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and intake using coordinated entry Conduct initial evaluations including income and eligibility Counseling Securing or coordinating services Obtain federal, state or local benefits for client Referrals Develop housing stabilization plan | Shelter operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor or routine maintenance Rent Security Fuel Equipment Insurance Utilities Food Furnishings Supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter Hotel/motel voucher, only for families and individuals where no emergency shelter is available. | Short (3 months) or medium (more than 3 months no more than 24) One-time Payment of arrearages Housing relocation and stabilization financial assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rental app fee Security deposit Last months rent Moving costs Standard utility deposit Standard utility payments Payment of utility arrearages | Short (3 months) or medium (more than 3 months no more than 24) Housing relocation and stabilization financial assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rental app fee Security deposit Last months rent Moving costs Standard utility deposit Standard utility payments Payment of utility arrearages |



ESG Program Considerations

- Estimated Allocation based on PY 22/23: \$155,907
- HUD allows for 7.5% of the annual allocation to be retained for program administration costs by the grantee (Washington County Office of Community Development).
- ESG must be matched with equal resources. (Match can be cash or in-kind amount but cannot be counted as satisfying the matching requirement of another federal grant.)
- Combined street outreach and emergency shelter expenditures cannot exceed more than 60% of the fiscal year grant.



Feedback Needed to Inform the PY 25-26 ESG Allocation Plan

- For the last two years, ESG has been focused on homeless prevention. Is this still the right priority area to focus on?
- Do you see other gaps in our system where ESG could be a better fit?
- In FY22/23, we moved towards a competitive process. Do you have thoughts or concerns about this?
 - Set-aside
 - Multi-year



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