



Housing and Revitalization Department Consolidated Plan Education Series

Emergency Solutions Grant

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) is a funding source from the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) that focuses on helping people regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

How Does HRD use ESG Funds?

The City of Detroit’s Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) pairs its ESG funding with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to meet the needs of Detroiters experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Combined, approximately \$5 million is used to administer various programs and activities related to homelessness. We’ll talk more about those activities when we highlight some CDBG programs. In the meantime, check out what we can use the ESG funds to do.



Emergency Shelter: overnight accommodations for single adults or families with children. While staying at the shelter, individuals receive assistance in addressing the issues that led to their homelessness. Although each shelter may offer varying services based on the agency, all are mandated to provide meals, beds, hygiene supplies, and case management support.



Street Outreach: provides support to individuals living in places not intended for human habitation, such as parks, streets, bus stops, and benches. Outreach teams connect these individuals to emergency shelters and supply food, clothing, and other essentials to address their immediate needs, while also offering case management services.



Homelessness Prevention: services assist households facing imminent eviction or those needing to leave their homes within a few weeks. Once enrolled in the program, staff collaborate with the household to either prevent them from having to leave or, if that’s not feasible, help them secure a new place to live.



Rapid Rehousing: Aimed at helping individuals or families currently in emergency shelters or unsuitable living conditions transition into permanent housing. This program offers up to 24 months of rental assistance and case management services. Once they move in, households contribute only 30% of their income towards rent, allowing them to allocate funds for essential needs like food, personal items, and transportation. The case management aspect focuses on helping households find suitable housing and supporting them to maintain their residence after the program concludes.



Data Collection and Reporting: Gathering information and statistics about individuals experiencing homelessness, services they receive, and the outcomes of those services. This data helps organizations track progress, identify trends, and improve the effectiveness of their programs.

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Next, we will highlight
Housing Opportunities
for Persons with AIDS.