Stark Housing Network, Inc.

Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) Collaborative Applicant

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Application Workshop

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Program Overview

"The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 amended to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, revised the Emergency Shelter Grants Program and renamed it to the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The ESG Interim Rule took effect on January 4, 2012. The change in the program name reflects the change in focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness".

The program provides funding to:

- Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
- Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
- Help operate these shelters;
- Provide essential services to shelter residents;
- Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and
- Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

ESG: Emergency Solutions Grants Program - HUD Exchange

Emergency Solutions Grant

- City of Canton is the recipient of the annual Emergency Solutions Grant funding
- City of Canton holds an annual application competition to award funding to eligible sub-recipients that serve City of Canton residents
- Awarded Projects (sub-recipients) are notified by the City of Canton
- Sub-recipient contracts will be issued by the City of Canton and may include additional requirements as specified by HUD
- Estimated ESG allocation for the City of Canton – FY 2027 is $222,932
  - *7.5% is retained for administration fees*
  - *The total amount of the recipient's fiscal year grant that may be used for street outreach and emergency shelter activities cannot exceed the greater of 60 percent of the recipient's fiscal year grant*
    https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/section-576.100

Emergency Solutions Grant

- Project funding decisions are based on the annual dollar amount the City of Canton receives from HUD, the project's ability to meet threshold requirements and approved funding priorities

- Funding opportunities for ESG sub-recipients:
  - Emergency shelter
  - Homelessness prevention
  - Rapid re-housing assistance
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - Street outreach

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Collaborative Applicant for the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County

Contracted by the City of Canton to provide administrative services for ESG funding including the development of program policies*, monitoring of program activities, and oversight of the application process

*** Policies and procedures continue to be under review and revised based on additional guidance from HUD.**

FY2027 ESG Funding Components

- Homeless Management Information System
- Homelessness Prevention
- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing

ESG
Threshold Requirements

- Abide by ESG Regulations, HMIS and Coordinated Entry (CE) Requirements-Note: *** Policies and procedures continue to be under review and revised based on additional guidance from HUD.**

- Comply with the HUD's definition of "Literally Homeless" or "At Risk of Homelessness" HUD's Definition of Homelessness: Resources and Guidance - HUD Exchange

- 1:1 match with sources that meet match requirements identified in ESG interim regulations – 24 CFR 576.201

Agencies applying must actively participate in the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC)

City of Canton ESG Application Resources

- FY2027 ESG Local Application Guidance
- FY2027 ESG Project Applications
- FY2027 ESG Application Attachments
- FY2027 ESG Local Scoring Form

All FY2027 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) documents are located on the Funding Opportunities page at Starkcountyhomeless.org website

ESG Competition Timeline & Submission

- Application period opened on **October 1, 2026**
- Application period ends on **November 6, 2026 (11:59 pm)**
- Applications must be submitted to the Stark Housing Network, Inc.

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Helpful Tips

- Review the ESG Application Guidance, ESG Application, and all required attachments before submission
- Double check all attachments are submitted with the ESG application
- Complete all elements of the ESG Application for funding consideration

Resources & Guidance

HUD Exchange

ESG Requirements

ESG Law, Regulations, and Notices

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Components Quick Reference

ESG Code of Regulations

StarkCountyhomeless.org

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Thank you!