

ESG Emergency Shelter Match Source Guidelines and Budget Guidance

ESG Program Match Sources

A 100% match is required. The matching requirement may be met by one or both of the following:

1. Cash contributions
2. Non-cash contributions. The value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the grantee's ESG project, provided that if the grantee had to pay for them with grant funds, the cost would have been allowable. Non-cash contributions may also include the purchase value of any donated building.

Calculating the amount of non-cash contributions

1. To determine the value of any donated material or building, or of any lease, the grantee must use and document a method reasonably calculated to establish the fair market value.
2. Services provided by individuals must be valued at rates consistent with those ordinarily paid for similar work in the grantee's organization. If the grantee does not have employees performing similar work, the rates must be consistent with those ordinarily paid by other employers for similar work in the same labor market.
3. Some non-cash contributions are real property, equipment, goods, or services that, if the grantee had to pay for them with grant funds, the payments would have been indirect costs. Matching credit for these contributions must be given only if the grantee has established, along with its regular indirect cost rate, a special rate for allocating to individual projects or projects the values of those contributions.

Instructions:

Please complete the Match Worksheet found on the Files tab of the Solicitation. The Total Amount of Match should be equal to or greater than the ESG amount requested. The ESG budget and match should be for a 15-month projection.

DCA will verify these amounts for compliance! Be realistic and be prepared to provide verification if funds are awarded!

Matching funds cannot be duplicated across projects. For example: Funds used for ESG cannot be used to match CoC or S+C

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Emergency Shelter - ESG funds may be used for costs of providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters and operating emergency shelters. Further note that the age, of a child under age 18 must not be used as a basis for denying any family's admission to an emergency shelter or services to families with children under age 18.

- a. **Case management.** The cost of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the project participant is eligible. Component services and activities consist of: (A) Using the centralized or coordinated assessment system as required under § 576.400(d); (B) Conducting the initial evaluation required under § 576.401(a), including verifying and documenting eligibility; (C) Counseling; (D) Developing, securing, and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State, and local benefits; (E) Monitoring and evaluating project participant progress; (F) Providing information and referrals to other providers; (G) Providing ongoing risk assessment and safety planning with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and (H) Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability.
- b. **Child care.** The costs of child care for project participants, including providing meals and snacks, and comprehensive and coordinated sets of appropriate developmental activities, are eligible. The children must be under the age of 13, unless they are disabled. Disabled children must be under the age of 18. The child-care center must be licensed by the jurisdiction in which it operates in order for its costs to be eligible.
- c. **Education services.** When necessary for the project participant to obtain and maintain housing, the costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills are eligible. Services include instruction or training in consumer education, health education, substance abuse prevention, literacy, English as a Second Language, and General Educational Development (GED). Component services or activities are screening, assessment and testing; individual or group instruction; tutoring; provision of books, supplies and instructional material; counseling; and referral to community resources.
- d. **Employment assistance and job training.** The costs of employment assistance and job training projects are eligible, including classroom, online, and/or computer instruction; on-the-job instruction; and services that assist individuals in securing employment, acquiring learning skills, and/or increasing earning potential. Learning skills include those skills that can be used to secure and retain a job. Services that assist individuals in securing employment consist of employment screening, assessment, or testing; structured job skills and job-seeking skills; special training and tutoring, including literacy training and prevocational training; books and instructional material; counseling or job coaching; and referral to community resources.
- e. **Outpatient health services.** Eligible costs are for the direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions and are provided by licensed medical professionals. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds may be used only for these services to the extent that other appropriate health services are unavailable within the community. Eligible treatment consists of assessing a project participant's health problems and developing a treatment plan; assisting project participants to understand their health needs; providing directly or assisting project participants to obtain appropriate medical treatment, preventive medical care, and health maintenance services, including emergency medical services; providing medication and follow-up services; and providing preventive and non-cosmetic dental care.
- f. **Legal services.** (A) Eligible costs are the hourly fees for legal advice and representation by attorneys licensed and in good standing with the bar association of the State in which the services are provided, and by person(s) under the supervision of the licensed attorney, regarding matters that interfere with the project participant's ability to obtain and retain housing. (B) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds may be used only for these services to the extent that other appropriate legal services are unavailable or inaccessible within the community. (C) Eligible subject matters are child support,

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guardianship, paternity, emancipation, and legal separation, orders of protection and other civil remedies for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and appeal of veterans and public benefit claim denials. (D) Component services or activities may include client intake, preparation of cases for trial, provision of legal advice, representation at hearings, and counseling. (E) Fees based on the actual service performed (i.e. fee for service) are also eligible, but only if the cost would be less than the cost of hourly fees. Filing fees and other necessary court costs are also eligible. If the subrecipient is a legal services provider and performs the services itself, the eligible costs are the subrecipient's employees' salaries and other costs necessary to perform the services. (F) Legal services for immigration and citizenship matters and issues relating to mortgages are ineligible costs. Retainer fee arrangements and contingency fee arrangements are ineligible costs.

- g. **Life skills training.** The costs of teaching critical life management skills that may never have been learned or have been lost during the course of physical or mental illness, domestic violence, substance use, and homelessness are eligible costs. These services must be necessary to assist the project participant to function independently in the community. Component life skills training are budgeting resources, managing money, managing a household, resolving conflict, shopping for food and needed items, improving nutrition, using public transportation, and parenting.
- h. **Mental health services.** (A) Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment by licensed professionals of mental health conditions. (B) ESG funds may only be used for these services to the extent that other appropriate mental health services are unavailable or inaccessible within the community. (C) Mental health services are the application of therapeutic processes to personal, family, situational, or occupational problems in order to bring about positive resolution of the problem or improved individual or family functioning or circumstances. Problem areas may include family and marital relationships, parent-child problems, or symptom management. (D) Eligible treatment consists of crisis interventions; individual, family, or group therapy sessions; the prescription of psychotropic medications or explanations about the use and management of medications; and combinations of therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems.
- i. **Substance abuse treatment services.** (A) Eligible substance abuse treatment services are designed to prevent, reduce, eliminate, or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors and are provided by licensed or certified professionals. (B) ESG funds may only be used for these services to the extent that other appropriate substance abuse treatment services are unavailable or inaccessible within the community. (C) Eligible treatment consists of client intake and assessment and outpatient treatment for up to 30 days. Group and individual counseling and drug testing are eligible costs. Inpatient detoxification and other inpatient drug or alcohol treatment are not eligible costs.
- j. **Transportation.** Eligible costs consist of the transportation costs of a project participant's travel to and from medical care, employment, child care, or other eligible essential services facilities. These costs include the following: (A) The cost of a project participant's travel on public transportation; (B) If service workers use their own vehicles, mileage allowance for service workers to visit project participants; (C) The cost of purchasing or leasing a vehicle for the recipient or subrecipient in which staff transports project participants and/or staff serving project participants, and the cost of gas, insurance, taxes, and maintenance for the vehicle; and (D) The travel costs of recipient or subrecipient staff to accompany or assist project participants to use public transportation.
- k. **Shelter operations.** Eligible costs are the costs of maintenance (including minor or routine repairs), rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual.