



## **LUZERNE COUNTY EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM**

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services.

**ELIGIBLE FUNDING RECIPIENTS:** Eligible recipients can be local government agencies or private nonprofit organizations. Private Non-profit organizations located in Luzerne County with non-profit status under the IRS Code Section 501(c) (3) who demonstrate they primarily serve low/moderate income persons.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:** Activities include emergency shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention, data collection (HMIS), and grant administration.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS:** Costs of transportation, renovations, utilities, rental assistance, case management, and operating costs, are examples of costs of approved activities.

**PROGRAM FINANCING:** Funding for ESG activities is derived from the County's Emergency Shelter Grants Programs yearly allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is based upon the availability and demand for funds. The amount of funding for a specific activity will be determined upon review of the application.

**PROGRAM MECHANICS:** Prior to the submission of the County's annual application (Action Plan) to HUD, the Non-profit agency must submit an application to the County, along with required supportive documentation specified in the application. The application will be reviewed for eligibility and fundability under the federal guidelines. The activity must also address a priority in the County 5-year Consolidated Plan. The ESG activities are submitted to the County Council for approval prior to submission of the County's Action Plan to HUD. Applicants are notified in writing that their request for funding was not approved or if approved, the amount that has been allocated for their project. A Sub-recipient Agreement is prepared and forwarded to the Non-profit for execution after the County's contract with HUD is executed.

**MBE/WBE:** All non-profit agencies receiving funding through the Luzerne County Office of Community Development are encouraged to utilize the services of minority and/or women owned businesses.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** No organization receiving funding through the Luzerne County Office of Community Development shall discriminate against any individual because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or familial status.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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