

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)



ESG offers emergency assistance through Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention services to address homelessness. The Rapid Re-Housing program helps a homeless individual or homeless family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Homeless Prevention services are available to individuals at risk of homelessness.

Who is eligible for Rapid Re-Housing? Individuals or families who lack a stable and adequate nighttime residence, such as:

1. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place, such as: a vehicle, a park, an abandoned building, bus or train station, airport or camping ground;
2. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated temporary shelter;
3. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
4. Any individual or family who is attempting to flee domestic violence and has no other residence or who lacks resources and support networks to obtain permanent housing.

What should I bring with me to apply for Rapid Re-Housing? To initiate an application, please bring verification of current housing status.

Who is eligible for Homeless Prevention services? Individuals or families whose annual income is below 30%; who do not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter; and must meet one of the following conditions:

1. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for Homeless Prevention assistance;
2. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
3. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated in 21 days after the date of application for assistance;

4. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of that is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State or local government programs for low-income individuals;
5. Lives in a single room occupancy or efficiency in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons per room;
6. Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care.

What if I've received an eviction notice? An eviction notice is not enough to receive assistance. You must have a court order resulting from an eviction notice notifying the individual or family to vacate the premise.

Can you help me with my mortgage if I'm heading toward foreclosure? ESG funding is not for homeowners. However, HRDC offers Foreclosure Counseling to connect you with the resources to prevent or help you through the foreclosure process. Call 406-247-4710 to learn more.

Where do I obtain an application? Applications for both programs can be downloaded in PDF format on the HRDC website, a hardcopy can be picked up at our office in Billings or you can request that an application be mailed to you.

For more information

Web: www.hrdc7.org
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