



ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF FY2025 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS
GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FUNDS FOR KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program at the federal level. The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) has been designated to administer the federally funded Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program, which is authorized under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), which amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. DSHA will allocate an amount of \$249,982 under the FY25 ESG program to Kent and Sussex counties in the State of Delaware. This limited amount of funds must be awarded and obligated within a short period of time. Therefore, it is anticipated that the funds will be allocated to one or more nonprofit organization(s) with the ability to effectively comply with federal regulations as well as provide the necessary matching funds.

DSHA is soliciting applications from qualified nonprofit organizations, units of general-purpose local governments, and faith-based organizations (non-religious public services) interested in providing eligible services under the ESG Program that address one or more of the public needs targeting Kent and Sussex Counties.

ESG funds for the FY2025 allocation (\$249,982) may be used for the following activities:

1. Street Outreach activities (**\$161,481**); and
2. Homelessness Prevention activities (**\$88,501**).

Taking into consideration the quality and number of applications received, priority in awarding ESG funds shall be given first to qualified proposals requesting reimbursement of funding assistance for eligible Street Outreach activities, such as engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations (24 CFR §576.101). Second priority shall be given to qualified proposals requesting reimbursement of funding assistance for eligible Homelessness Prevention activities (24 CFR § 576.103).

Grantees shall be required to provide matching funds in an amount that is equal to their approved ESG funding awards for eligible program activities. Other ESG funding cannot be counted towards a qualified match.

A virtual public information session on the ESG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be held by DSHA on **October 23, 2025**, from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Information on the virtual public information session, as well as the NOFA, is available online at **[www.destatehousing.com/Other Programs/Emergency Solutions Grants Programs](http://www.destatehousing.com/Other_Programs/Emergency_Solutions_Grants_Programs)**.

FY2025 ESG Virtual Public Information Session
Thursday, October 23, 2025, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM (EDT)

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Funds will be disbursed through a competitive application process:

1. **Applicants must submit a completed and electronically signed application package to DSHA by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025;**
2. The ESG application is available online at: [www.destatehousing.com/Other Programs/Emergency Solutions Grants Programs](http://www.destatehousing.com/OtherPrograms/EmergencySolutionsGrantsPrograms);
3. The ESG application process will be an electronic application process only. The application and required support documentation must be submitted to DSHA electronically to the DSHA_comdev@delaware.gov **e-mail** address by the above-stated deadline. Applications will not be accepted in any other format (e.g. paper);
4. Required documentation for each exhibit needs to be labeled “Exhibit “X” – “Name of Exhibit.” The application and all exhibits should be combined into a **single PDF** and labeled “Application-Program Name.” For confirmation purposes, please send e-mails with a “**Read Receipt**” request; and
5. Partial application submissions will not be accepted. Applications received after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, will not be accepted.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities in all phases of the application process. Please call DSHA at (302) 739-4263 or (888) 363-8808 with any questions or requests. TTY/ASCII/VOICE/VCO users may utilize the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at (800) 676-3777.

Applications submitted in person or faxed will **NOT** be considered. If you have questions about the ESG Program, please contact Zoe Rawheiser, Community Development Analyst II, by telephone at (302) 739-0204 or via e-mail at Zoe.Rawheiser@delaware.gov.

