ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF FY2026 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), d/b/a Housing Delaware, 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. Housing Delaware will allocate an amount of $251,768 under the FY26 ESG program to Kent and Sussex counties in the State of Delaware. This limited amount of funding 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 qualified applicants with the ability to effectively comply with federal regulations as well as provide the necessary matching funds.

Housing Delaware 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 FY2026 allocation ($251,768) shall be available for Homelessness Prevention activities.

Applicants shall be required to provide documentation of 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 Housing Delaware on **October 22, 2026,** 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/community-benefit/#esg**

A notice published in Delaware State News and Bay to Bay News on October 14, 2026, incorrectly stated that $163,308 was available for Street Outreach activities. This notice is hereby corrected to reflect that all FY26 ESG funds in the amount of $251,768 shall be awarded to eligible Homelessness Prevention activities.

FY2026 ESG Virtual Public Information Session
Thursday, October 22, 2026, 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 Housing Delaware by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2026;**

2. The ESG application is available online at: Community Benefit Programs - Housing Delaware;

3. The ESG application process will be an electronic application process only. The application and required support documentation must be submitted to Housing Delaware 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. Each individual exhibit must be submitted in **separate PDFs**, labeled as "Exhibit "X"- "Name of Exhibit". e.g. "Exhibit B – Demonstrated Need;" and

5. Partial application submissions will not be accepted. Applications received after 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**, will not be accepted. For confirmation purposes, please send all application e-mails with a **"Read Receipt"** request

Accommodation is available for applicants with disabilities in all phases of the application process. Please call Housing Delaware 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, Homelessness Initiatives Program Specialist II, by telephone at (302) 739-0204 or via e-mail at Zoe.Rawheiser@delaware.gov.

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