

**Notice of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Substantial Amendment Process for
Recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants Program
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In order to clarify certain requirements of the interim rule for the Emergency Solutions Grants program and Consolidated Plan conforming amendments (Interim Rule), today HUD posted the *Notice of the FY 2011 Substantial Amendment Process and Other Related Information for Recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants Program Funds*. The document and relevant documents are available online at:

<http://hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewResource&ResourceID=4590>. This document will also be published in the Federal Register in approximately 1 week.

The Notice advises the public of the award amounts and spending restrictions on the second allocation of FY 2011 Emergency Solutions Grants funding. To receive funds from the second allocation, recipients must prepare a substantial amendment to their Program Year 2011 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. The Notice explains the requirements of this substantial amendment, while highlighting relevant changes under the Interim Rule and providing guidance on critical decisions to be made during the planning process. Substantial amendments must be submitted to the appropriate HUD field office no later than **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**. The Notice also provides information on requirements for FY 2012 and future consolidated planning submissions.

For more information about ESG, please visit: www.hudhre.info/hearth to view a copy of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH), or to read the amended ESG regulations.

HUD encourages all interested parties to read the Notice and regulations completely and thoroughly and to review related resources before asking questions about ESG. Because of a high volume of questions about this program, there may be a delay in responding to your question. In addition, HUD will be providing further support through webinars and user guides in the following months. Please submit all remaining questions to the HUD Homelessness Resource Exchange Virtual Help Desk at <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewHelpdesk>.