



Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH)

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RUSH Overview

- Special allocation of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding
- Can be used to address housing and services needs of people experiencing homelessness whose needs are exacerbated by disasters, and people who are at risk of longer-term homelessness as a result of disasters
- Fills a gap in federal disaster assistance for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness
- Focused on disaster declared geographies

Eligible Activities

- Emergency Shelter (Congregate and Non-Congregate)
- Rapid re-housing or Homelessness Prevention
 - Short/Medium term rental assistance (Up to 24 months)
 - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - Financial assistance for move in costs,
 - Supportive services for people currently experiencing homelessness;
- Street Outreach Services
- HMIS
- Administration

RUSH Funding Allocations

Determined based on the number of persons experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness (based on the most recent Point-in-Time count) in counties or local municipalities for which TSA is made available and the Fair Market Rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in those areas.

RUSH Awards to date

Grantee / PJ Name	RUSH Allocation*
Collier County	\$861,716
State of Florida*	\$3,000,000
Lee County	\$288,673
Orlando	\$666,918
Polk County	\$374,935
Seminole County	\$386,784
Tampa	\$799,599
Volusia County	\$391,184
TOTAL	\$6,769,809

**To be used in non-entitlement jurisdictions impacted by the disaster outlined in the Presidential Declaration*

RUSH Operates Like ESG (not ESG-CV)

Follow the ESG Program Regs: 24 CFR 576 except for the special grant requirements identified in your RUSH award letter:

- Program participant eligibility
- Match & program income
- Pre-award costs
- Previously granted regulatory waivers
- Duplication of Benefits
- Environmental review process during emergencies following disasters
- Con Plan Citizen Participation & Consultation requirements
- CoC Consultation requirements

Target Population

Three eligibility factors must be met:

- 1 be homeless or at risk of homelessness
- 2 have been residing in an area affected by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Stafford Act on or after December 20, 2019 (e.g., an area covered by DR-4673-FL, dated September 29, 2022); **AND**
- 3 have needs that will not be served or fully met by the TSA Program (42 USC 5170b) and other existing Federal disaster relief programs (including both Federal and non-Federal cost share).

If already found eligible for ESG *prior* to the disaster, households are not required to re-qualify as homeless or at risk of homelessness for assistance under RUSH

Special RUSH Requirements

- No match requirements
- Recipients can account for any program income generated by either using the “addition” method (see [2 CFR 200.307\(e\)\(2\)](#)) or by deducting the costs incidental to the generation of PI from gross income (see [2 CFR 200.307\(b\)](#)).
- Pre-award costs may be incurred by the recipient or subrecipient as of the award date 10/25/22
- Consultation with the CoC and citizen participation process suspended for this allocation.
- Duplication of Benefits – see the [Quick Guide](#)
- All Hurricane Ian Waivers are applicable:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Signed-Hurricane-Ian-CPD-Waivers.pdf>

Special RUSH Requirements

Previously-waived ESG requirements for Hurricane Ian:

- Term Limits on Rental Assistance and Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- Fair Market Rent
- ESG Housing Standards (“Habitability”)
- ESG Shelter Standards
- Subleasing
- 24-month expenditure deadline for RRH and HP (and related admin and HMIS costs) – limited to when RRH or HP is used for the funds related to the rental assistance, services or FMR waivers

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Questions?

