Emergency Solutions Grant

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What is Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)?

The ESG Program provides funding to improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; help operate these shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; provide essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people and connect them with housing and/or services; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families and prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

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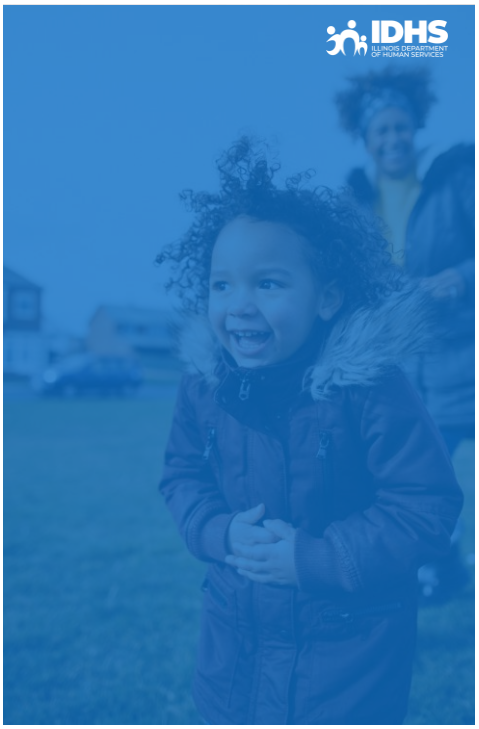
Funding of Emergency Solution Grant

ESG is a Federal grant funded by U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administered by State of Illinois within The Department of Human Services.

Emergency Solutions Grant

- **SFY26 Funding: $5.1M**
- **Coordinate with 18 Continuum of Care (CoC)**
- **Fund 81 Providers**
- **NOFO Exception-CoC makes funding recommendations**



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ESG and CoC Coordination

- **ESG provides formulated allocation to each CoC based on demographics.**
- **Each CoC should have a govern board that has a plan to end homelessness within the counties that lies within their region.**
- **Based on this plan agencies are referred to the State of Illinois ESG Program for funding. The allocation amounts are also provided by the CoC.**
- **Activities of each agency is rated by the CoC on a merit-based system to determine allocation per agency.**
- **Each referred agency is required to be involved within the CoC.**
- **ESG meets with the CoC quarterly to coordinate.**

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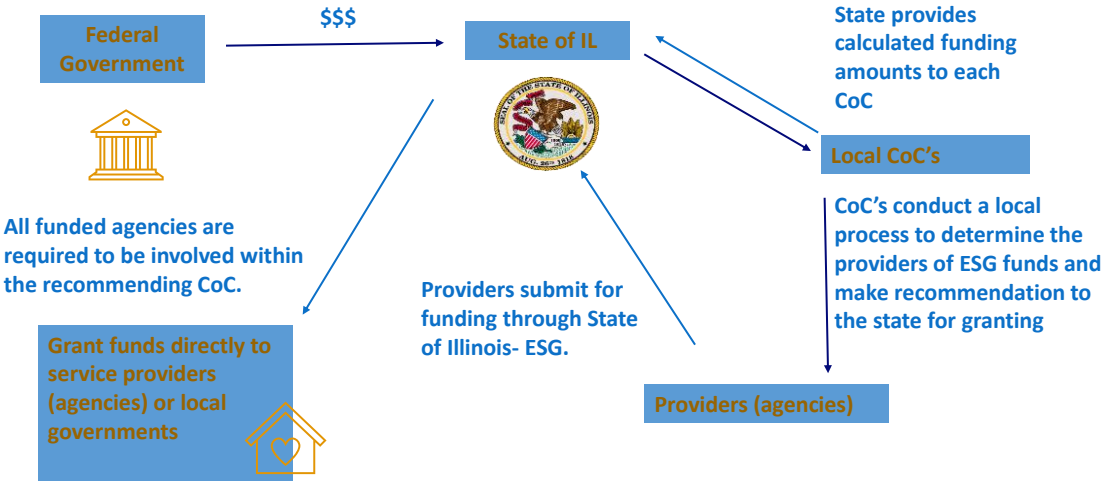
Structure of ESG Allocation Process



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ESG Funded Activities

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing
- HMIS
- Administration

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