



## Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

Applicable Requirements for Rental Assistance and Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

### ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This matrix is designed to provide ESG recipients and subrecipients with a quick reference for assessing which ESG standards apply when providing rental assistance or housing relocation and stabilization services under the Rapid Re-Housing or Homelessness Prevention components of the ESG program. Recipients and subrecipients should always refer to the program regulations to ensure that they are in compliance with all requirements.

| Standard  | Rental Assistance | Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services |                |
|---|-------------------|---|----------------|
|   |                   | Financial Assistance                          | Services       |
| <b>Fair Market Rent</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.106(d)</i>   | X                 |   |                |
| <b>Rent Reasonableness</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.106(d)</i>  | X                 |   |                |
| <b>Housing Standards</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.403(c)</i>  | X                 | X   | X              |
| <b>Lead-based paint requirements</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.403(a)</i>  | X                 | X   | X <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Lease between the program participant and landlord</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.106(g)</i>   | X                 |   |                |
| <b>Rental assistance agreement between the landlord and recipient or subrecipient</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.106(e)</i>             | X                 |   |                |
| <b>Maximum Amounts and Periods of Assistance (24-month cap in 3-year period)</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.105(c) &amp; 576.106(a)</i> | X                 | X   | X <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Participation in HMIS<sup>3</sup></b><br><i>24 CFR 576.400(f)</i>  | X                 | X   | X              |
| <b>Prohibition of use with other subsidies</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.104(d) &amp; 576.106(c)</i>                                   | X <sup>4</sup>    | X   |                |
| <b>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</b><br><i>24 CFR 576.500</i>  | X                 | X   | X              |

<sup>1</sup> When providing *homelessness prevention services only* assistance – housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair – to keep a program participant *in the same unit*, a lead-based paint assessment is not required.

<sup>2</sup> Housing stability case management services cannot exceed 30 days during the period the program participant is seeking permanent housing. In addition, these services cannot exceed 24 months, not including the previous 30 days, during the period the program participant is living in permanent housing (*24 CFR 576.105(b)(2)*).

<sup>3</sup> Excludes victim service providers and legal service providers, which must maintain a comparable database.

<sup>4</sup> A one-time payment of rental arrears of the tenant's portion of the rental payment is permitted while the program participant is receiving another subsidy for rent.

The following chart provides a list of the eligible activities under each category of assistance, within the Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention components.

| <b>Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention Components</b>   |  |  |
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| <b>Rental Assistance<sup>o</sup></b>   | <b>Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services</b>   |  |
|  | <b>Financial Assistance</b>  | <b>Services Costs</b>  |
| <p>Eligible activity types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term rental assistance</li> <li>• Medium-term rental assistance</li> <li>• Rental arrears</li> </ul> <p><sup>o</sup>Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant-based.</p> | <p><u>Eligible activity types:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rental Application Fees</li> <li>• Security Deposits</li> <li>• Last Month's Rent</li> <li>• Utility Deposits</li> <li>• Utility Payments</li> <li>• Moving Costs</li> </ul> | <p><u>Eligible activity types:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Search and Placement</li> <li>• Housing Stability Case Management</li> <li>• Mediation</li> <li>• Legal Services</li> <li>• Credit Repair</li> </ul> |