

2014 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

AND

STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Program Guide & Application

RENEWAL

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Section 1: Overview and Purpose

Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing) uses funds from certain federal and state resources for grants to emergency shelters for their expenses for provision of shelter and services to homeless persons.

This Program Guide and Application govern the Emergency Shelter Funding Allocation set forth in MaineHousing's Homeless Programs Rule. The source of funds is as follows:

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds: federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and designed to be a first step in a continuum of assistance to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act (the Stewart B. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11301 et seq.) as recently amended by the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (the "HEARTH Act") and the implementing regulations.

State Homeless Assistance Funds: allocations from the Real Estate Transfer Tax fund (State HOME), the State General Fund, and monies generated from savings on bonds MaineHousing has issued.

Section 2: Process

Applicants submitting a renewal application must have been approved and received Emergency Solutions Grant and/or State Homeless Assistance Funds in 2013 and submit the completed renewal application no later than Friday, February 28, 2014 via electronic submission in Adobe format or hard copies may be forwarded via postal currier. Faxed applications WILL NOT be accepted. Applications received via postal currier will be date and time stamped to verify receipt by the deadline. Applications submitted electronically will be printed when they are received. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify a successful electronic submission. Applications that are incomplete and/or missing required documents, in MaineHousing's sole judgment, will not be eligible for consideration. The application package is available on the MaineHousing website at the following link:

http://www.mainehousing.org/docs/default-source/homeless/shelter-funds-program-guide-renewal-application.pdf

or from the MaineHousing Homeless Initiatives Department.

MaineHousing will use the following process to determine which applicants will be eligible for funding:

- a. MaineHousing staff will review each application to ensure that it is complete, including the submission of the required attachments. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant. Only complete applications will be considered.
- b. Applicants who are eligible for funding will be issued a grant agreement specifying terms and conditions of a funding award. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a Certification of Local Approval verifying that the municipality in which the program will run will not be seeking any funds from the Emergency Solutions Grant program to perform similar activities. A grant agreement will not be fully executed until this certification and any other documents that may be required by MaineHousing are received.

Section 3: Eligible Program Activities

Funds must be used for shelter program expenses for provision of shelter to persons who are staying at the emergency shelter.

Eligible activities include: salaries, rent, insurance, utilities, security, operating supplies, maintenance, food, equipment, fuel, furnishings and minor or routine repairs all related to emergency shelter operations.

Section 4: Data Collection and Reporting Requirements

In order to receive shelter funds, applicants other than providers of shelter to victims of domestic violence must demonstrate their ability to do the following:

- Enter client data prescribed by MaineHousing and HUD in accordance with requirements set forth in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standards Revised Notice (March 2010) and the HEARTH Act, on a monthly basis and submit reports as prescribed by MaineHousing or HUD for State Homeless Assistance Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funds;
- Enter client data on outcomes and housing stability as prescribed by MaineHousing or HUD, which will be used for performance measurement, research, or evaluation; and
- Meet HUD and MaineHousing's Minimum Data Entry and Quality Standards; ESG 2014 Minimum Data Requirements (Exhibit B)

Providers of shelter to victims of domestic violence will be required to collect the information contained in MaineHousing's Minimum Data Entry Standards in an electronic database and provide aggregate, de-duplicated data to MaineHousing in electronic form.

Section 5: Monitoring

MaineHousing will review a grantee's shelter program for program compliance as applicable at least once every two years at reasonable times. Additionally, MaineHousing may copy and examine all of a grantee's records other than medical or other confidential client information protected by privacy laws. The grantee will maintain records sufficient to meet monitoring and auditing requirements of MaineHousing and HUD Including without limitation bednight rosters and client files. In the case of a physical shelter program facility MaineHousing will inspect to a minimum for compliance with HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS) as well.

Section 6: Funding

Once applications have been approved, work plans must be completed and returned for approval within the timeframe indicated by MaineHousing. MaineHousing will issue a grant agreement once the work plan is approved. The grant agreement is required to be executed and returned by shelter program providers within the timeframe indicated by MaineHousing.

Funding will occur as outlined in the Homeless Programs Rule. MaineHousing at its discretion may not pay on bednights for clients who have had a stay which equals more than 180 consecutive nights.

Section 7: Application Submission and Review

Applicants must submit requested information, along with required attachments, to:

2014 SHELTER PROGRAM FUNDS APPLICATION

Attention: Laurie Glidden Maine State Housing Authority 353 Water Street Augusta, ME 04330 no later than Friday, February 28, 2014.

Section 8: Application Submission Requirements

Applicants must provide the following information: Application Cover Sheet containing:

- Name of organization
- Name of program
- Name, phone and e-mail address of contact
- Agency website address
- Counties served

Attachment A: Organization and Shelter Program Details

(Applicants may ask MaineHousing to rely on last years' application provided Applicants describe any changes in the following areas:

A: Applicant Organization

B: Shelter Program

C. Financial Management

D. Systems Coordination

E: Proposed Use of Grants)

Attachment B: Maine Minimum Shelter Standards Certification

Attachment C: Homeless Consumer Participation Certification

Attachment D: ESG 2014 Minimum Data Requirements

Attachment E: Applicant Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Attachment F: Budget Form Information

List of agency board of directors outlining who each member represents

Section 9: Non-Discrimination Policy

MaineHousing does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, age, familial status or receipt of public assistance in the admission or access to or treatment in its programs and activities. In employment, MaineHousing does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability or genetic information. MaineHousing will provide appropriate communication auxiliary aids and services upon sufficient notice. MaineHousing will also provide this document in alternative formats upon sufficient notice. MaineHousing has designated the following person responsible for coordinating compliance with applicable federal and state nondiscrimination requirements and addressing grievances: Louise Patenaude, Maine State Housing Authority, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-4633, Telephone Number 1-800-452-4668 (voice in state only), (207) 626-4600 (voice) or Maine Relay 711.

ATTACHMENT A: ORGANIZATION AND SHELTER PROGRAM DETAILS

Applicants may request MaineHousing rely on last years' application provided Applicants describe any changes in the following areas, If there have been no changes please indicate by checking the "No Changes" option.

A: Applicant Organization	No Changes
B: Shelter Program	No Changes
C. Financial Management	No Changes
	0
D. Systems Coordination	No Changes
E: Proposed Use of Grants	
Indicate, with an X, how your organization proposes to use gra	nt funds.
Rent (not to include mortgage payments)Utilities	Insurance Security
Othlues Operating Supplies	Maintenance
Food	Equipment
Fuel Minor or Routine Repairs	Furnishings Salaries

ATTACHMENT B: MINIMUM SHELTER STANDARDS

SIGNATURE &

DATE

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I,	(name)	of (title)
	of	
	(organization name)	(street address)
		certify that our shelter program is in
compliance wi	th the following Maine Minimum Shelter Standar	rds:
a)	Applicant provided cots, floor mats or other c standard if the applicant is actively working wi	or other collapsible bed for every shelter client; however, if ar ollapsible beds to clients in 2006, the Applicant will satisfy the the Statewide Homeless Council to develop strategies to ible beds, and there is no displacement of clients during this
b	supplies adequate linens and blankets which ar	
c)	* *	
ď	with children;	space other than open dormitory style shelter for the families
e)	child-proofs areas serving children;	
f)	•	if open 24 hours, also provides lunch and dinner or access to
۵.	lunch and dinner;	abolton alignete at time or established by abolton malign
g) h)		shelter clients at times established by shelter policy; dures in a conspicuous place and review the procedures with
i)		elter clients including precise sleeping locations;
j)	ensures staff is trained for fire and other emerg	
k)	an effective communication system;	the proper supervision and monitoring of the shelter through
1)	forbids use or possession of illegal drugs, wear	
m	clients within 24 hours of their arrival and with	s, and potential consequences if the rules are not followed, to
n)		icable federal, state, and local building codes, laws, and
o)		
p)	reimbursements from any third party source, in	ity to pay or their eligibility for reimbursement or actual ncluding local, municipal, state, or federal funding sources;
q)	 provides for intake and assessment of Homele including services that help clients move towar 	ss Persons and offer clients links to appropriate services,
r)	*	11 1
s)		•

ATTACHMENT C: HOMELESS CONSUMER PARTICIPATION

1: Eligibility Documentation Regarding Homeless Consumer Participation

equivalent policymaking entity which makes policies and decisions regarding any facility, service, or other assistance is a requirement for organizations applying for ESG funds as per 24 CFR Part V, 576.56 (b) (1).
Name of Organization:
 1. Does the organization have representation of a Homeless or Formerly Homeless member on the Board of Directors or other equivalent Policymaking Entity? Yes, homeless representative serves on the Board of Directors. Yes, homeless representative serves on a Policymaking Entity. No
2. The number of homeless representatives on the Board of Directors or policymaking entity:
3. The name of the Policymaking Entity is:
 4. a. Does the Policymaking Entity consider and make policies and decisions regarding any facility, service, or other assistance provided by your organization? Yes No b. If yes, explain the types of policies and decisions regarding the facility, services, or other assistance which are made by the Policymaking Entity and how policies and decisions made by the Policymaking Entity are forwarded to the Board of Directors and what happens after. Please limit your response to a narrative that fits within the remaining space on this page.
5. Does your organization involve homeless families and individuals in maintaining, operating and rehabilitating the shelter or other facilities, and/or providing services? Yes No
OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT APPLICANT ORGANIZATION TO THIS AGREEMENT
PRINT Name & Title
SIGNATURE &

Documentation of the active participation of a homeless or formerly homeless individual on the governing board or other

<u>Attachment D – Exhibit B.</u> 2014 MINIMUM ESG DATA REQUIREMENTS (On client <u>ENTRY</u> to Shelter) Pg. 1

Today's Date:	Entry date	(If part of a	Household,	Name / ID	of Head of House	hold	
Client name: First:	MI:	: Last:					
Name Type:Full or partial	l - reliable Full or pa	artial name unreliable	Anon	ymous – Un	named Client		
SSN:	SSN Type: _	Full Partial	Don't know _	Refused			
SSN: SSN Type: _FullPartialDon't knowRefused DOB: DOB Type:Full Approximate or Partial Race: (P= Primary S= Secondary)							
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Don't know Refused (P= primary S= Secondary)							
Ethnicity:Hispanic/LatinoOther (Non-hispanic /latino) Don't know Refused							
Gender:FemaleMaleTG Male to FemaleTG Female to MaleOtherDon't knowRefused U.S. Military Veteran (only ask clients 18 and older):YesNoDon't knowRefused							
National Guard or Reserve called to active duty:YesNoDon't knowRefused							
Disability of long duration?: _	YesNo	Don't knowF	Refused				
Where did you stay last n Emergency shelter Transitional housing for h Permanent housing for ho Psychiatric Hospital / faci Substance Abuse facility Hospital(non-psychiatri Jail, Prison or JD facility Length of stay at location	Questions in this box are only required of adults (18 and over) and unaccompanied youth (17 and under) Where did you stay last night (Type of living situation on night before program entry): Emergency shelter Rental by Client no subsidy Safe Haven Transitional housing for homeless Owned by Client no subsidy Rental by client w VASH Permanent housing for homeless Staying / living w family Rental by client w other subsidy Psychiatric Hospital / facilities Staying / living w friend Owned by client w subsidy Substance Abuse facility Hotel / Motel no ES subsidy Other Hospital(non-psychiatric) Foster care home / group home Don't know Jail, Prison or JD facility Place not for habitation Befused Length of stay at location selected above: 1 week or less More than 1 week but less than 1 month 1 to 3 months More than 3 months but less than 1 year 1 year or longer Don't know Refused						
Housing Status:							
Literally Homeless (u Imminently losing th Unstably housed and Stably Housed Is Client Chronically Home	eir housing (being evicted at-risk of losing housing Don't know R	d from private unit, di g (in housing or double Refused	ischarge from	institution, o	or in condemned hous	sing)	
Income received from any	source in past 30 day	/s?:Yes	No	_Don't	Receiving	\$ per month from	
Earned income					NoYes		
Unemployed insurance					NoYes		
Supplemental Security income (SSI)					NoYes		
Social Security disability income (SSI	 DI)				NoYes		
Veterans disability income					NoYes		
Private disability insurance					NoYes		
Workers compensation					NoYes		
Temporary Assistance for Needy Far	milies (TANF)				NoYes		
General Assistance (GA)					NoYes		
Retirement income from Social Secu	arity				NoYes		
Veteran's pension					NoYes		
Pension from a former job					NoYes		
Child Support					NoYes		
Alimony or other spousal support					NoYes		
Other source					NoYes		
Calci source							

Total Monthly Income _____

Attachment D - Exhibit B. 2014 MINIMUM ESG DATA REQUIREMENTS (On client ENTRY to Shelter) Pg. 2

Non-Cash benefit received from any source in last 30 days	No	Yes	_ Don't know _	Refused	

Source of non-cash Benefit	Received Benefit
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – Food Stamps)	NoYes
MEDICAID health insurance (Maine Care)	NoYes
MEDICARE	NoYes
State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	NoYes
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	NoYes
Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Services	NoYes
TANF Child Care services	NoYes
TANF transportation services	NoYes
Other TANF-funded services	NoYes
Section 8, public housing, or other rental assistance	NoYes
Other Source	NoYes

Health, Substance Abuse, and Disabilities (Collected AFTER entry into shelter, prior to exit)

Physical Disability?:	Yes No
Developmental Disability?:	Yes No
Chronic Health Condition?:	Yes No
HIV / AIDS?:	Yes No
Mental Health:	Yes No
Substance abuse problem:	Yes No; Alcohol abuse Drug abuse Both

Domestic Violence Experience / Victim?: Within the past the a year ago Don't know Refused		o From six to twelve months ago More than
Employed:YesNoDon't know	Refused	
Highest Level of Education Achieved		
		5th or 6th grade7th or 8th grade 11th grade12th grade, no diploma Post-secondary school
For children ages 5-17 only Has McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison:Yes	NoDon't knowRefused	
Child Enrollment difficultiesStart Date (entry date in most cases)	End Date	
Enrollment problem		
Legal guardianship requirements	Availability of school records Transportation Physical examination records Don't know	Birth Certificates Lack of available preschool programs Other Refused

Attachment D - Exhibit B. 2014 MINIMUM ESG DATA REQUIREMENTS (On client EXIT from Shelter) Pg. 3

Please complete one sheet for each person served, whether they are an individual or a family member

Today's Date:	Exit date _		(If part	of a Household, Name	/ ID of Head of Household
Client name: First:		MI: _	Last	:	
Reason for Leaving: Left for housing opp. before on the Non-Payment of rent / occupation of the Criminal activity / destruction of the Needs could not be met: Death	ancy charge:	_	- - -	Completed program Non-Compliance w Reached maximum Disagreement with Unknown/Disappe	ith program time allowed rules/persons
If Other					
Destination or residence at progression Emergency shelter Transitional housing for hom Permanent housing for hom Psychiatric Hospital / facility Substance Abuse facility Hospital(non-psychiatric) Jail, Prison or JD facility Rental by Client no subsidy	neless eless		_ Staying / lin _ Staying / lin _ Hotel / Mo _ Foster care	Client no subsidy ving w family temporary ving w friend temporary stel no ES voucher home / group home or habitation	Rental by client w VASH Rental by client w other subsidy Owned by client w subsidy Staying / living w family permanent Staying / living w friends permanent Deceased Don't know Refused
Health, Substance Abuse, and	r		cted AFTE	R entry into shelter, p	rior to exit)
Physical Disability?: Developmental Disability?:	Yes				
Chronic Health Condition?:	Yes				
HIV / AIDS?:	Ye				
Mental Health:	Yes				
Substance abuse problem:	Yes	No	; Alcohol	abuse Drug abuse	_ Both
Income received from any som Monthly Income - Financial Earned income			ng income		
Unemployed insurance		No			
Supplemental Security income (SSI)		No			
Social Security disability income (SSDI))	No	_Yes		
Veterans disability income		No _	Yes		
Private disability insurance		No _			
Workers compensation		No			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Famil	lies (TANF)	No _			
General Assistance (GA)	iles (Tritt)	No			
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Retirement income from Social Securit	у	No			
Veteran's pension		No			<u> </u>
Pension from a former job		No			
Child Support		No _			
Alimony or other spousal support		No _	_Yes		
Other source		No _	Yes		

Total Monthly Income _____

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ther TANF-funded services	NoYes		
ection 8, public housing, or other rental assistance	NoYes		
ther Source	NoYes		
ERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE			
ERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE, in my capacity as Executive Directory of the comply with the	ctor of		do hereby

(Date)

(Signature)



Attachment E - APPLICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

To ensure that we maintain the continued confidence of Maine people and our partners in carrying out our mission of providing affordable housing, our employees and commissioners and former employees and commissioners must avoid situations which are, or appear to be, at odds with their responsibility to MaineHousing. These situations can include obligations or commitments to other organizations or individuals or personal or financial relationships or interests.

Maine law and, when federal funding is involved, federal regulations govern conflicts of interest. In general, these laws prohibit MaineHousing employees and commissioners from working on transactions with applicants with whom they have financial, business, professional, or personal relationships or other ties. In addition, these laws prohibit former MaineHousing employees and commissioners from working on certain transactions for up to two years after leaving MaineHousing.

To help ensure the continuing integrity of MaineHousing's business and compliance with these laws, applicants for loans or certain other assistance under MaineHousing's programs must disclose any financial, business, professional, civic, charitable, family (or other personal) relationships, associations or connections that the applicant, its affiliates, employees of applicant who may work on the MaineHousing project, or any parties the applicant intends to hire to work on the MaineHousing project (whether employees, contractors or consultants) may currently have with MaineHousing or any MaineHousing employee or commissioner or may have had within the past two years. An applicant and its affiliates include:

- if the applicant is one or more individuals, all individuals;
- if the applicant is a business or nonprofit entity, that entity;
- the officers and board members of the applicant;
- employees of the applicant with decision-making authority, including an executive director, manager or someone in a similar position;
- if the applicant is a business corporation, any shareholder with a controlling interest;
- if the applicant is a partnership, the applicant's partners;
- any other business partner or associate of the applicant involved in this MaineHousing project;
- if the applicant is a limited liability company, the members and managers;
- a family member (including husband, wife, child, brother, sister) or other person in a personal relationship;

If you are unsure whether a relationship, association, or connection you have may constitute a conflict of interest, please consult with MaineHousing's Manager of Internal Audit

APPLICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

To the best of your knowledge:

1.	party to (or finance MaineHousing co	Are you, any of your affiliates, or any party you intend to hire to work on the project a party to (or financially interested in) any business owned or operated by a MaineHousing commissioner or employee either as an individual or through an interest in a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity?					
	(please circle)	YES	NO	nty company, or other entity?			
2.	Do you, any of your affiliates, or any party you intend to hire to work on the project have family relations or other personal associations with any MaineHousing employee or MaineHousing commissioner?						
	(please circle)	YES	NO				
3.	Do you or any par was once an empl	• •		vork on the project have any employee who MaineHousing?			
	(please circle)	YES	NO				
4.	any other type of	relationship	either with a	you intend to hire to work on the project have MaineHousing employee or MaineHousing a conflict of interest?			
	(please circle)	YES	NO				
5.	•	•		ily, your partner, or an organization which J.S. Department of Housing and Urban			
	(please circle)	YES	NO				
	LEASE NOTE: If r on back).	you answere	ed yes to any	of the above questions, please describe below			
Na	ame of Applicant: _						
Sig	gned:			Date:			
D.	inted Name:			Title			

Name of Shelter			Attachment F
Agency Operating Shelter			
Number of Beds Available:			
Budget should include i	revenue and expenses that are no	ecessary to maintain physical	
plant operations and n	not programs that are offered as p	part of your shelter program	
INCOME			EVDENICEC
INCOME	2044P : 1P		EXPENSES
	2014 Projected Revenues		2014 projected Activities
Calendar or fiscal year dates		Calendar or fiscal year date	
MaineHousing State Funds:		Salaries	
Other State Funds		Employee Benefits	
MaineHousing Federal Funds		Rent	
Other Federal Funds:		Utilities	
County/Municipal Funds		Insurance	
Program Income:		Security	
i logiam income.		Security	
Other Revenue:		Telephone	
Total revenue for shelter plant operations (should equal total expenses)		Copier/Printing	
Cost to provide one bednight of shelter		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
(total operating expenses divided by total		Office Supplies	
number of available bednights)		Postage	
		Transportation	
		Repairs & Maintenance	
		Equipment	
		Fuel	
		Furnishings	
		Administrative Costs	
		HMIS Data Entry	
		Total expenses for shelter plant operations	
		prant operations	
Signature of person completing form		Date	
Title of person completing form		Date	
The of person completing form		Dall	