EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
2026-2027
PROJECT APPLICATION SCORE SHEET FOR NEW APPLICANTS

Organization Name:

❑ Nonprofit ❑ Local Government

Project Type (Check all that apply):

❑ Emergency Shelter ❑ Homeless Prevention ❑ Rapid Rehousing ❑ Street Outreach

Amount Requested: ________________ **Amount Approved:** __________________

Comment: ____

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SECTION 1: Organization Information

Applicant is eligible to apply for ESG funds and meets threshold requirements: ❑ Yes ❑ No

- Applicant will serve Cumberland County
- Applicant's mission, vision and values are consistent with homeless programs service and housing delivery
- Applicant is a nonprofit (501(c)(3) or local unit of government
- Applicant is a participant / member of the local CoC

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Scoring Guidelines

0 = Inadequate: The Applicant failed to provide a response to the question.
1 = Weak: The Applicant failed to answer the basic components of the question; the answer was confusing or misleading.
2 = Marginal/Acceptable: The Applicant answered the question; however, the response does not answer all of the question's components; the response requires additional information/clarification.
3 = Good: The Applicant provided a response and answered all question components; however, further clarification would be helpful.
4 = Strong: The Applicant provided a clear, complete and detailed response.
5 = Exemplary: The Applicant provided a complete, insightful and value-added response.

SECTION 2: Organizational Capacity & Stability	Max. Points	Reviewer's Score
Financial Capacity	**15**	
The organization has expended all ESG funds in the prior fiscal year. If not, the organization clearly outlines a plan for full expenditure in the following fiscal year. (Project Application: Section 2-Financial Capacity Q3)	5	
The organization has sufficient operating funds to pay ESG eligible expenses and request reimbursement. (Project Application: Section 2-Financial Capacity Q4)	5	
The organization's most recent financial audit, including management letter showed no findings and if findings or concerns, a clear corrective action plan has been made. (Project Application: Section 2-Financial Capacity Q5)	5	

Organizational Capacity to Meet HUD Guidelines	**5**	
The organization describes how it will monitor activities to ensure ESG compliance and how ESG funds will be applied and tracked against specific activities. The organization has no HUD or ESG monitoring findings received or unresolved. (Project Application: Section 2-Organizational Capacity & HUD Guidelines Q1-2)	5	
Organizational Board Capacity	**5**	
Organization's Board of Directors have persons with lived experience of homelessness or a plan to add persons with lived experience. (Project Application: Section 2-Board Capacity Q1)	5	
Organizational Staff Capacity	**5**	
Organization has experienced paid staff, specifically for the ESG program and utilizes community volunteers including persons with lived experience in some capacity to support funded activities? (Project Application: Section 2-Staff Capacity Q1-4)	5	
SECTION 3: Data Collection and Evaluation	**5**	
Applicant clearly describes how they will ensure compliance with HUD data requirements, including staffing, timely data entry, and data quality standards. (Project Application: Data Collection & Evaluation Q2-3)	5	
Street Outreach Project Application	**15**	
Applicant describes Housing First approach and philosophy aligns with HUD best practices written standards. (Project Application: Street Outreach Q5)	5	
Applicant describes how outreach and engagement is conducted, including participant eligibility and how referrals are made, participants engaged or denied services, and how often outreach will be/is conducted? (Project Application: Street Outreach Q5)	5	
Applicant clearly describes CoC Coordinated Entry utilization and partnerships to ensure shelter access, services and housing placement in the community. (Project Application: Street Outreach Q8-9)	5	
Emergency Shelter Project Application	**15**	
Applicant clearly describes eligibility requirements, low barrier approach and reasons, if any, for denial of access to emergency shelter. (Project Application: Emergency Shelter Project Q4)	5	
Applicant clearly describes experience implementing emergency shelter and support services. (Project Application: Emergency Shelter Project Q7)	5	
Applicant clearly describes connection to CoC Coordinated Entry (CE), Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs and describes plans to ensure/improve exits to positive destinations for program participants. (Project Application: Emergency Shelter Project Q8-9)	5	
Rapid Rehousing Project Application	**15**	
Applicant clearly describes how it will utilize a Housing First approach including: eligibility criteria, process for accepting new clients, process and criteria for exiting clients and 4 processes and criteria for termination of assistance. (Project Application: Rapid Rehousing Project Q4 and Q8)	5	
Applicant clearly describes connection to CoC Coordinated Entry (CE), Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs and describes plans to ensure/improve exits to positive destinations for program participants. (Project Application: Rapid Rehousing Project Q10)	5	

Homeless Prevention Project Application	**10**	
Applicant clearly describes how landlord engagement and retention is achieved and how staff address issues that arise with participants or landlords in securing and maintaining housing. (Project Application: Homeless Prevention Project Q4-5)	5	
Applicant clearly describes connection to CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) and community partners, and other homeless prevention or crisis housing assistance programs. (Project Application: Rapid Rehousing Project Q9)	5	
HMIS/Comparable Data System Application	**5**	
Applicant clearly describes how ESG funding will contribute to the collection and analysis of data. Applicant clearly describes how they will ensure compliance with HUD data requirements, including staffing, timely data entry, and data quality standards.(Project Application: HMIS Project Q4-5)	5	
Total Maximum Points	**100**	
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	**NO SCORE**	
Population to be served by Project Activity. (Project Application: Q2) a. Street Outreach b. Emergency Shelter c. Rapid Rehousing d. Homeless Prevention		
Total number of persons projected to be served by Project Activity. (Project Application: Q10) a. Street Outreach b. Emergency Shelter c. Rapid Rehousing (Project Application: Q12) d. Homeless Prevention (Project Application: Q13)		
Total number of households projected to be served by Project Activity. (Project Application: Q10) a. Street Outreach b. Emergency Shelter c. Rapid Rehousing (Project Application: Q12) d. Homeless Prevention (Project Application: Q13)		
Percentage of households exiting to positive housing destinations by Project Activity. (Project Application: Q10) a. Street Outreach b. Emergency Shelter c. Rapid Rehousing (Project Application: Q12) d. Homeless Prevention (Project Application: Q12)		
Cost per household by Project Activity. (Project Application: Q10) a. Street Outreach b. Emergency Shelter c. Rapid Rehousing (Project Application: Q12) d. Homeless Prevention (Project Application: Q12)		
Percent of funding requested for Supportive Service Cost by Project Activity. (Project Application: Q6) a. Street Outreach b. Emergency Shelter c. Rapid Rehousing (Project Application: Q7) d. Homeless Prevention (Project Application: Q7)		

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Reviewer: (Print) ______________________________ (Signature) __________________________
Date: ___________________