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**2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG),
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS
(HOPWA) & Social Services Grant (SSG)
Overview and TA**

Eligible Applicants

- 501c3 Non-Profit
- Have active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) - **FEDERAL FUNDS ONLY**
- Match 100% of funds granted – **ESG ONLY**
- Must house people through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and enter all data into HMIS

Dates/Deadlines

- **May 22** – Local CoC NOFOs (RFP) & Applications Released
- **May 29** – Process Overview & TA
- **June 5** – Written Questions Due
- **June 25** – Proposals Due by 8pm
- **Week of June 29 – July 3** – Project Selection & Notification
- **July 10** – Target Date for Returned Contracts
- **August 4** – Target Date for Council Approval

ESG

TOTAL FY25-26 ALLOCATION

- **\$417,060**

ESG

Eligible Activities

- Rapid Rehousing TBRA & Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services
- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Prevention TBRA & Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services

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FY26 Priorities

HIGH

Rapid Re-Housing

Street Outreach (Existing Projects)

Diversion

MEDIUM

Residential Emergency Shelter

Non-Residential Emergency Shelter

LOW

Prevention

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High Priority Service – Rapid Re-Housing

Eligible Services

- Short – Medium Term Rental Assistance
- Rental Application Fees
- Security Deposits
- Previous Month's Rent
- Utility Deposits

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High Priority Service – Rapid Re-Housing

Eligible Services

- Utility Payments
- Moving Costs
- Housing Search & Placement
- Case Management

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High Priority Service – Diversion

About Diversion

- An intervention designed to immediately address the needs of someone who has just lost their housing and become homeless (individuals and families)
- Its main tool is Housing Problem Solving (HPS)
- Lightest touch of support which may include minimal financial assistance

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High Priority Service – Diversion

About Diversion – Examples

1. Doubled Up, Couch Surfing
2. Out-of-Town
3. Return to rental, shared housing or other permanent housing
4. New unit/First month rent and deposit

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High Priority Service – Diversion

Eligible Expenses

- Case Management (up to 30 days)
- Security Deposits
- Rental Arrears
- First Month's Rent

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High Priority Service – Diversion

Eligible Expenses

- Utility Arrears
- Utility Deposits
- Utility Payments

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Diversion & Rapid Rehousing

Eligible Recipients

- Meet Criteria of paragraph 1 or 4 of the “homeless definition”
- Have Annual income below 30% of AMI (Area Median Income)

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High Priority Service – Street Outreach

Eligible Services

- Engagement and Case Management
- Emergency Health/Mental Health Services
- Transportation

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Medium Priority Service – Emergency Shelter & Residential Emergency Shelter

Eligible Services

- Case Management
- Shelter Operations

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Overnight Emergency Shelter vs. Residential Emergency Shelter

Residential Emergency Shelter

- 24 Hour shelter
- Housing focused
- Clients reside in shelter while assisted with accessing permanent housing

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Overnight Emergency Shelter vs. Residential Emergency Shelter

Overnight Emergency Shelter

- Only available during evening hours
- Clients do not reside in shelter while assisted with accessing permanent housing

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Low Priority Service – Prevention

Eligible Services

- Short – Medium Term Rental Assistance
- Rental Application Fees
- Security Deposits
- Previous Month's Rent
- Utility Deposits

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Low Priority Service – Prevention

Eligible Services

- Utility Payments
- Moving Costs
- Housing Search & Placement
- Case Management

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Low Priority Service – Prevention

Eligible Recipients

- Meet Criteria of “At Risk of Homelessness”
- Meet Criteria of paragraph 1-4 of the “homeless definition”
- Have Annual income below 30% of AMI (Area Median Income)

HOPWA

TOTAL FY25-26 ALLOCATION

- **\$1,357,479**

(FULL FUNDING IS GRANTED TO ONE ORGANIZATION)

HOPWA

Eligible Services

- Housing location/re-location & stabilization services
- Rental Assistance (including shared housing arrangements)
- Short-term rent, mortgage & utility payments
- Case Management
- Operations
- Administration

HOPWA

Eligible Service Recipients

- Individuals with HIV/AIDS diagnosis
- Families with family member with HIV/AIDS diagnosis
- Income below 80% of AMI (Area Median Income)

SSG

TOTAL FY 25-26 ALLOCATION

- **\$121,000**

SSG

Priority Service

- Street Outreach

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Priority Populations

- Unsheltered Homeless
- Chronically Homeless
- Homeless Youth

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Program Requirements

- 95% of funds must be used within the Oklahoma City Limits

SSG

HMIS Requirements

- Beginning in 2026, all projects will be scored based on their HMIS usage
- Beginning in 2027, an applicant organization will be required to use HMIS to be eligible for funding

All Projects

Compliance

- Enter all client data into HMIS within 72 hours
- Clients are referred to programs through the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Must document client income, homelessness status, provision of housing and all supportive services

All Projects

Compliance

- Must document all service and housing costs + match payments
- If funding staff – payroll must comply with federal requirements (show hours charged to individual grants)
- HOPWA – Must complete annual report (CAPER)

All Projects

Applying

Applications for all programs must be submitted through the Foundant platform

- Go to www.cfok.org/grants
- Select to create a new account if you don't have one
- Once logged in all grants accepting applications will be visible and you may start reviewing and drafting

Helpful Links

APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING NOTICES

- <https://www.okc.gov/Government/Administration/Key-to-Home-Partnership/Opportunities-and-Announcements>

FOUNDANT ACCESS

- www.cfok.org/grants - (See directions in “Applying” section of this training)

ESG VIRTUAL BINDERS

- [Eligible Activities](#)
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/esg-eligible-activities/overview/>
- [Client Eligibility](#)
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/coc-and-esg-homeless-eligibility-overview/>
- [Program Components](#)
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/esg-program-components/overview/>

HUD HOMELESSNESS DEFINITIONS & RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1974/criteria-and-recordkeeping-requirements-for-definition-of-homeless/>

HUD INCOME LIMITS (AREA MEDIAN INCOME)

- https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2024/select_Geography.odn

HUD FAIR MARKET RENTS

- https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2024_code/select_Geography.odn

HOPWA LAWS & REGULATIONS

- https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/hopwa/regulations

HOPWA TOOLS, GUIDES & WEBINARS

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hopwa/guides/#resources>

Questions???