

HUD's Targeted Homeless Assistance Grants Programs

Continuum of Care Program

The purpose of the Continuum of Care program is to: (1) Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; (2) Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to re-house homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities as a consequence of homelessness; (3) Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and (6) Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness .

Overview

Funds are awarded through an annual competition to private nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, and public housing agencies. Project component types include permanent housing (including permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing), transitional housing, supportive services only, Homeless Management Information Systems, and homelessness prevention. Eligible costs include acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation, leasing, rental assistance, supportive services, operating, costs associated with HMIS, and project administration.

Funding History (FY)

2014: \$1.8 billion (not awarded yet)

2013: \$1.7 billion

2012: \$1.6 billion

Number of Continuums of Care: 410

Number of Projects: 8,000+

Emergency Solutions Grants Program

The ESG program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents; (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and (6) prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

Overview

Funds are awarded through a formula allocation to metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories, and states. Program component types include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, Homeless Management Information Systems, and project administration. Eligible costs include essential services, rehabilitation, shelter operations, housing relocation and stabilization services, short- and medium-term rental assistance, costs associated with HMIS, and project administration.

Funding History (FY)

FY 2014: \$250 million

FY 2013: \$215 million

FY 2012: \$286 million

Number of Recipients: 363 (51 states; 193 metropolitan cities; 115 urban counties; U.S. territories)

Resources

For more information on the CoC and ESG Programs, go to:

- The HUD Exchange, <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/>