LFUCG EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PLAN

RAPID RE-HOUSING

The intent of the ***Rapid Re-Housing*** component of the ESG program is to move people who are currently homeless to stable housing. In order to accomplish this, the program must provide sufficient assistance and support. The grant, therefore, will provide:

Medium-term rental assistance, lasting up to 6 months, based on the needs of the participant. The case manager will asses the client to determine how much financial assistance and for how long is needed to achieve housing stability. The assessment is based on the amount of housing barriers of the individual/family.

Financial assistance may include:

- Deposit on a rental unit
- Rental assistance that will decrease over the months of assistance as the participant becomes more self-sufficient. The grant may pay the following percentage of rent:
  - 1st month – up to 100%
  - 2nd month – up to 100%
  - 3rd month – up to 100%
  - 4th month – up to 75%
  - 5th month – up to 50%
  - 6th month – up to 30%
- Deposit for utility service, if utilities are not included in rent
- Utility assistance, if utilities not included in rent, up to 100% for up to six months.
- Rental or utility arrears (up to 6 months of past due bills) if arrearage prevents participant from moving into rental unit

Intensive case management, for the duration of the financial assistance, to address barriers maintaining stable housing. The case manager will work with the participant to develop a permanent housing plan, which may include financial literacy, budgeting, personal goal setting, etc. In addition, the case manager will help the individual/family access mainstream benefits for which they may be eligible. The case manager will meet monthly with the participant.

ACCESS

Access to the ESG's Rapid Re-Housing program will be through referrals from agencies serving individuals/families who are homeless. An emphasis will be placed upon youth

between the ages of 15 and 24 who have aged out of foster care who have no support networks. Agencies providing referrals to the Rapid Re-Housing program will include:

- MASH Drop Inn Emergency Shelter
- Hope Center
- Salvation Army
- Dismas Charities
- Steppin' to a New Beat
- Veterans Administration
- Bluegrass Domestic Violence Shelter
- Volunteers of America
- Paragon Family Practice

Additional agencies to coordinate and work with include:

- Kentucky Refugee Ministries
- Bluegrass Community Health Center
- Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)

The goal of coordinated entry points into the ESG Rapid Re-Housing program is to have appropriate individuals/families referred to the program. So that no matter which program or agency a person/family presents to, if they appear to be eligible, they will be referred to the agency providing Rapid Rehousing/Homelessness Prevention assistance. The idea being that no matter where someone shows up – there is "no wrong door."

HOMELESS PREVENTION

ESG's ***Homeless Prevention*** program will target people have the highest risk of becoming homeless without ESG assistance. In particular,

- families with children lacking stable housing, who are "couch surfing," and
- people fleeing domestic violence
- youth between the ages of 18 and 24 who have aged out of foster care and who have no support networks

Levels of assistance are as follows:

Medium-term rental assistance, lasting up to 6 months, based on the needs of the participant. The case manager will asses the client to determine how much financial assistance and for how long is needed to achieve housing stability. The assessment is based on the amount of housing barriers of the individual/family.

Financial assistance may include:

- Deposit on a rental unit
- Rental assistance that will decrease over the months of assistance as the participant becomes more self-sufficient. The grant may pay the following percentage of rent:

  1st month –up to 100%
  2nd month – up to 100%
  3rd month – up to 100%
  RECERTIFICATION FOR INCOME ELIGIBILITY
  4th month – up to 75%
  5th month – up to 50%
  6th month – up to 30%
- Deposit for utility service, if utilities not included in rent
- Utility assistance, if utilities not included in rent, up to 100% for up to six months.
- Rental or utility arrears (up to 6 months of past due bills) if arrearage prevents participant from moving into/maintaining rental unit

Intensive case management, for the duration of the financial assistance, to address barriers maintaining stable housing. The case manager will work with the participant to develop a permanent housing plan, which may include financial literacy, budgeting, personal goal setting, etc. In addition, the case manager will help the individual/family access mainstream benefits for which they may be eligible. The case manager will meet monthly with the participant.