

2016-2017 ESG APPLICATION Q&A Webinar



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Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing

2016 Technical Assistance



- Primary sources of information to applicants are on ESG web page:
- <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/specialneeds/programs/esg.asp>
 - Application Manual
 - Application Workshop PPT
 - Relevant forms
- Application assistance will be provided via webinar

Purpose of Today's Webinar



- Address questions about:
 - Application process
 - DCA funding priorities
 - Content of applications
 - Eligible activities (projects)

- Offer applicants a chance to learn from peers

- Assist applicants in this competitive process in a fair manner that does not give advantage to one applicant over another

Today's Webinar Will NOT

- ❑ We will not cover Organizational Documentation

- ❑ Explicitly tell you which projects your agency should apply for or not apply for.
 - These decisions should be made by a Board of Directors or other Executive level committee
 - If you are unsure about moving into a new field or project area, reach out to ESG subgrantees currently conducting those projects for advice

Award Limits by Project Type

Type of Funding	Minimum – Maximum Award Amounts
Emergency Shelter	\$30,000 - \$60,000
Transitional Housing	\$30,000 - \$40,000
Supportive Services	\$30,000 - \$40,000
Prevention	\$30,000 – no limit
Rapid Re-Housing	\$30,000 – no limit
Project Homeless Connect	\$5,000
Street Outreach	\$30,000 - \$40,000
Hotel/Motel	\$40,000
HMIS	\$25,000

Application Process

- ❑ **Closes April 5th at NOON...no exceptions!**
- ❑ HSONline link is available on the ESG applications web page:
 - ❑ <http://www.dca.state.ga.us/housing/specialneeds/programs/esg.asp>
 - ❑ For best results, please avoid using Firefox web browser.
- ❑ Download PDF documents, save docs to your computer/file and enter info
- ❑ Ensure that you have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat to avoid glitches
- ❑ Do NOT scan application and upload applications to HSONline
- ❑ Online applications for Street Outreach, HMIS, and Project Homeless Connect

Supplemental Doc Upload



- Local Government Approval Form
- Certification of Consistency Form
- Shelter and Housing Standards Certification Form
- Minimum Habitability Standards Form
- ESG Site Information Form
- RRH and Prevention 15 Month Projection Form

□ *Each of these forms can be uploaded to the application documents upload page in HSOnline.*

New Questions on Applications



- Family Composition
- Fair Housing
- Limited English Proficiency
- Housing First Questions
- Use HUDOneCPD website and Application Manual for more guidance:
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/>

References



□ Fair Housing

□ <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Equal-Access-for-Transgender-People-Supporting-Inclusive-Housing-and-Shelters.pdf>

□ <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Equal-Access-Expectations-Training-Scenarios.pdf>

□ Limited English Proficiency

□ <https://www.hudexchange.info/course-content/housing-counseling-webinar-tips-and-tools-for-working-with-clients-with-limited-english-proficiency/Housing-Counseling-Webinar-Tips-and-Tools-for-Working-with-Clients-with-Limited-English-Proficiency-LEP-Slides.pdf>

Family Composition Guidance



- ❑ Applies to all McKinney-Vento-funded programs, as well as to other housing assisted or insured by HUD.
- ❑ The 2012 “Equal Access Rule” creates a new regulatory provision that generally prohibits providers from considering a person’s marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity (a person’s internal sense of being male or female) in making homeless housing assistance available.
 - ❑ Defines “family”
- ❑ If a project is not currently in compliance, please explain the plan for achieving compliance in the narrative.

Family Composition Guidance



- Family includes, but is not limited to, regardless of marital status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, or gender identity, any group of persons presenting for assistance together with or without children and irrespective of age, relationship, or whether or not a member of the household has a disability.
- A child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family.

Family Composition Example



- ❑ While it is acceptable for a shelter or housing program to limit assistance to households with children, it may not limit assistance to only women with children.
- ❑ Such a shelter must also serve the following family types, should they present, in order to be in compliance with the Equal Access rule:
 - ❑ Single male head of household with minor child(ren); and
 - ❑ Any household made up of two or more adults, regardless of sexual orientation, marital status, or gender identity, presenting with minor child(ren).
- ❑ In this example, the emergency shelter or housing program would not be required to serve families composed of only adult members and could deny access to these types of families provided that all adult-only families are treated equally, regardless of sexual orientation, marital status, or gender identity.

Housing First and Low Barrier Projects



- Does the project ensure that participants are not terminated from the program for the following reasons? (check all that apply)
 - Failure to participate in supportive services
 - Failure to follow the individual service plan
 - Failure to make progress on a service plan
 - Loss of income or failure to improve income
 - Being a victim of domestic violence

Rapid Re-Housing and Prevention



- ❑ Requirements for units for which rental assistance is provided:
 - ❑ Environmental Reviews, Habitability Inspections, Lead-based Paint Inspections (some units), Rental Reasonableness, Fair Market Rent, Rental Assistance Agreement
- ❑ 15 month projection Sheets should be uploaded into the Application Upload Panel

Domestic Violence Applicants



- ❑ Existing DCA ESG subrecipients should submit HUD APR in Application Upload panel
 - Report date 7/1/2015 - 2/28/2016
 - Data quality and performance will be evaluated

- ❑ Must explicitly demonstrate knowledge of HUD regulations regarding definition and verification of homelessness

Certificate of Consistency



- ❑ Confirms that your proposed project is consistent with your local HUD Consolidated Plan
- ❑ Completed for EACH project
- ❑ NOT completed for projects in BALANCE OF STATE
- ❑ Who approves?
 - ❑ Local HUD Consolidated Plan jurisdictions are listed in Application Guidelines
- ❑ Applicant submits to DCA in Application Upload panel
- ❑ Guidance on Application Guidelines (Manual)

Local Approval Forms

- ❑ For Emergency Shelter applicants only
- ❑ Approval discretion exercised by the local government jurisdiction where projects are based
- ❑ N/A for community-based state entities, local boards and authorities
- ❑ Who approves?
 - ❑ City (if project is based there), if not: County
 - ❑ Agency head responsible for the HUD Consolidated plan
 - ❑ Check contact info in Application Guidelines
 - ❑ When in doubt contact the city/county administrator/manager, or the senior elected official
- ❑ Applicant submits to DCA, but in some cases local government contact will submit all approvals at once
- ❑ Additional guidance in Application Guidelines

Environmental Review Requirement



- For this application process, this applies to shelter and transitional housing applications.
 - Standard applies for RRH and Prevention, but ERs are conducted on individual units after funding is awarded.
- Approvals are good for 5 years.
- If your project has changed sites during the year or you are unsure if your site is approved, submit the environmental review form to phillis.thomas@dca.ga.gov

Q&A Webinars

DCA is conducting webinars to answer all questions concerning the applications:

- ❑ Thursday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - ❑ Monday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❑ Thursday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - ❑ Monday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❑ Thursday, March 24, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - ❑ Monday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❑ Thursday, March 31, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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- ❑ Please register for webinars through the ESG website
 - ❑ This is the primary source of application technical assistance available to applicants

Questions



- Please type your questions into the chat box.
- Please be patient as we get to as many questions as possible.
- **Please be aware that DCA cannot make programmatic decisions for your agency.**



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