



# EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) & ESG-CV

## Homelessness Prevention Certification for

### Category 3

#### Participant Information

Participant Name:	HMIS #:
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**Instructions:** This form is to be completed by ESG program staff to certify homelessness and participant eligibility for Homelessness prevention services. Check the housing status box applicable to the individual or family below and retain both this form and proper documentation to support the housing status in the participant file. Unless otherwise noted, the general order of priority for obtaining evidence is third-party documentation first, intake worker observations second, and certification by the individual or family seeking assistance third.

#### General Eligibility

ESG funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance necessary to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "homeless" definition in § 576.2. Homelessness prevention may be provided to individuals and families who meet the criteria under the "at risk of homelessness" definition, or the criteria in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of the "homeless" definition in § 576.2 and have an annual income below 30% (50% ESG-CV) of area median income.

**REQUIRED:**

Individual or family has an annual income below 30% (50% ESG-CV) of the area median income and is documented in either ESG Verification of Income or ESG Income Eligibility Worksheet.

#### Criteria for Homelessness Prevention

**Category 3:** Homeless under other Federal statutes

**Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:**

\*Participants must meet **all** requirements listed below.

Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes: section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)) or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)

- Certification by the nonprofit or state or local government that the individual or head of household seeking assistance met the criteria of homelessness under another federal statute

Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application

- Certification of no permanent housing in the last 60 days with written documentation (e.g., from an outreach worker or homeless liaison) OR documentation of intake worker's attempts to verify information

Have experienced persistent instability as measured by 2 moves or more during the preceding 60 days; **and**

- Certification by the individual or head of household, and any available supporting documentation, that the individual has moved 2 or more times in the past 60 days with written documentation OR documentation of intake worker's attempts to verify information

Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers.

- Documentation of special needs (e.g., copy of SSI check, third party verification, direct observation) or at least two barriers to employment

#### Agency/Staff Certification

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information presented and attached to this form is true, accurate, and complete. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the individual or family above meets all eligibility requirements for Homelessness Prevention services and that I am not related to the individual or family through family, business, or other personal ties. I certify that neither I nor anyone related to me has received or will receive any financial benefit for this eligibility determination. I understand that fraud is investigated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, and may be punished under Federal laws to include, but not limited to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 18 U.S.C. 641. I also understand that if any of these certifications are found to be false, I will be subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties and sanctions.

Staff Signature:	Date:
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Staff Supervisor Signature:	Date:
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