



839 Massachusetts
Gary, In 46402

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) RRH

Program Criteria

The purpose of the ESG program is to assist individuals and families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. This program may provide rental deposit assistance and/or a short-term rental subsidy for Lake County residents who are currently homeless. Individuals defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance through this program:

Category 1 – Literally Homeless - (1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

Category 4 – Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV (where the individual or family also meets the criteria for Category 1) (4) Any individual or family who: (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; and (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Household income limit is 30% of the Area's Median Income (AMI). Program assistance depends on funding availability. Rents must fall within the fair market payment standards and rent reasonableness standards for the defined service area.

Check List for Required Documents:

- **Valid driver's license or valid state ID for all adult household members.**
- **Social Security cards (not copies) for all household members)**
- **Birth Certificate- (not copies) for all household members)**
- **All current documentation of gross income (before taxes and other deductions) for all household members.** (This includes but is not limited to: wages from employment, income from "cash jobs," TANF, Social Security, SSI, SSD, insurance compensation, unemployment compensation, child support, disability payments, pensions, interest and dividends, etc.)
- **Most current bank statement for all household members who have any type of bank account.**
- **Documentation of assistance from other sources,** such as: WIC, food pantries, letters from family and/or friends listing type of help and amount of money given, etc. Letters must be verifiable and they must contain the name, address and phone number (if applicable) of the letter-writer; and they must be signed and dated).
- **Homelessness Documentation** Written verification from the institution's staff that the participant has been residing in the institution for less than 90 days; and information on the previous living situation as being homeless in shelter or streets.