

Program Transfers from ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing

Introduction

While the Emergency Solutions Grant, funded by the Cares Act (ESG-CV), is only available until September 30, 2023, communities are strongly encouraged to continue housing households experiencing homelessness using rapid rehousing, as housing is the most effective way to end homelessness, reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection and transmission, and to maximize the impact of ESG-CV funds.

If it becomes clear, despite the financial assistance and services offered through ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing, that the household will need more assistance, or if the household is just beginning their participation in the Rapid Rehousing project near the end of the expenditure period, it may be necessary to transfer that household to another program when the ESG-CV assistance is no longer available.

In many cases, the transfer will require the household to be assigned to a new program and/or case manager. This can be traumatic to individuals or families who have established a rapport with their current service provider. A warm, well-coordinated transfer, and staff training on cultural humility can help address this trauma and ensure tenants are supported during this uncertain time. Refer to this document for additional considerations to ensure services are trauma-informed. Regardless of what program the household is transferred to, care should be taken to ensure the process honors client choice and minimizes the harm and disruption to the individual or family receiving services.

Eligibility for Transfers

A household that despite the financial assistance and services offered through ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing, has been determined to need more assistance, or if the household is just beginning their participation in the Rapid Rehousing project near the end of the expenditure period, that household may be transferred to another program when the ESG-CV assistance is no longer available.

If transferring to Permanent Supported Housing (PSH), eligible ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing households would need to have a disability that would qualify them for PSH. If the PSH project is dedicated to households experiencing chronic homelessness, the participant must meet specific criteria.

Considerations

- 1) Transfers should only be done if there are available resources to justify accommodating households that may be permanently housed;
- 2) Transfers should be approved by the local Coordinated Entry Committee;
- 3) The community should consider whether the unit the participant currently resides in will meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS), or if the participant needs to move; and
- 4) If the PSH project is dedicated to households experiencing chronic homelessness, confirm that the household would qualify.