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Implementing the HEARTH Act




Moving Towards Implementation of the HEARTH Act



Moving Toward Implementation

- Program regulations are in the process of being developed
- HUD is using the input solicited through the discussion groups in 2009 while developing the program regulations
- The McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act, and the subsequent program regulations, will maintain local flexibility to best meet the needs of those homeless and at-risk of homelessness





Overview of the HEARTH Act




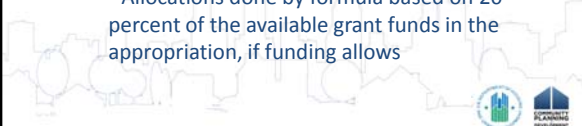
HEARTH Act Overview

- The HEARTH Act is organized in four sections:
 - Subpart A – General Provisions
 - Subpart B – Emergency Solutions Grant Program
 - Subpart C – Continuum of Care Program
 - Subpart D – Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program



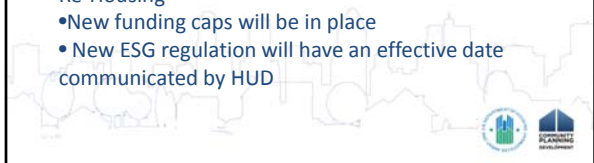
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

- The ESG Program is essentially a combination of the current ESG Program and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)
- Allocations done by formula based on 20 percent of the available grant funds in the appropriation, if funding allows



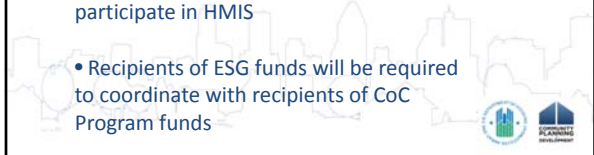
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

- FY11 Budget currently at \$200 million
\$40 million increase over FY2010
Same formula as 2010
HUD reviewing formula
- New activities include Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
- New funding caps will be in place
- New ESG regulation will have an effective date communicated by HUD



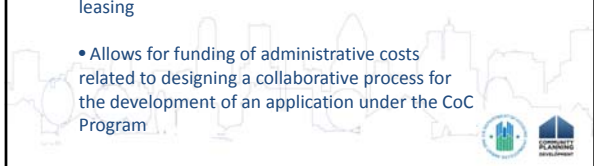
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

- A recipient may use up to **7.5 percent** of funds received for administrative purposes - State recipients shall share administrative funds with local governments
- The Act **requires** that recipients of ESG participate in HMIS
- Recipients of ESG funds will be required to coordinate with recipients of CoC Program funds



Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

- Combines SHP and S+C into one program
- Codifies the CoC structure and process
- Creates one match requirement of 25 percent cash or in-kind across all line items, except leasing
- Allows for funding of administrative costs related to designing a collaborative process for the development of an application under the CoC Program



Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

- The statute requires CoCs to participate in the Consolidated Plan for the geographic area
- The statute requires CoCs to ensure operation of, and consistent participation by, project sponsors in a community-wide HMIS
- CoCs will be required to evaluate the outcomes of ESG- and CoC-funded projects within their geographic area



Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program

- The Rural Housing Stability Program is designed to assist individuals and families who are homeless, in imminent danger of losing housing, or in the worst case housing situations in the geographic area
- Applicants from rural areas will be required to choose between receiving funding through the CoC Program OR receiving funding through the Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program



Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program

- Creates selection set-asides for communities of less than 10,000 and communities less than 5,000 with priority given to communities that are not receiving significant Federal assistance
- Allows for funding of capacity building activities
- Introduces eligible activities that have not historically been available



Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program

Eligible activities include:

- New construction, acquisition & rehabilitation
- Rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Security deposits
- Short-term lodging in motels or shelters
- Leasing
- Rental Assistance
- Operating Costs
- Supportive Services



Resources

- Homelessness Resource Exchange: www.hudhre.info
- HEARTH: <http://www.hudhre.info/hearth/>
- HUD's HMIS Portal: www.hmis.info