

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT  
to  
ACTION PLAN, 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012  
for  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)  
PROGRAM**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Lansing is preparing a substantial amendment to its FY 2012 Action Plan (7/1/2011-6/30/2012) for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive the second allocation of funding. Specifically, there were two funding allocations for the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant program. The City of Lansing's first allocation of \$97,326 is subject to the Emergency Shelter Grant Program regulations. The City of Lansing's second allocation of **\$54,746** must be exclusively used for **homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing, assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and administration**. An approved substantial amendment will allow ESG allocations in the future Consolidated Planning process.

**Background Information**

The ESG program changes are a result of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). The HEARTH ACT, enacted into law on May 20, 2009, consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program, and revises the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renames it as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care planning process, a longstanding part of HUD's application process to assist homeless persons by providing greater coordination in responding to their needs. The change in the program's name, from Emergency Shelter Grants to Emergency Solutions Grants, reflects the change in the program's focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City of Lansing amended its Consolidated Plan (7/1/08 –6/30/09) to receive \$898,823 of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) from HUD. This temporary program, HPRP provided financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program were intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds provided a variety of assistance including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance and case management. The new regulation for the ESG program, which is a permanent program, is patterned after the HPRP. Therefore, HPRP activities can continue and ensure continuity between HPRP and ESG.

**Proposed Activities and Funding -Second Allocation \$54,746, HUD FY 2011  
(7/1/11 – 6/30/12)**

The Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network (GLHRN), Continuum of Care for Ingham County is a collaborative body of agencies working to address the issues of homelessness in the community. GLHRN has been working with the City of Lansing regarding the substantial amendment for ESG. There have been several discussions regarding the CoC's funding priority for the ESG second allocation. Essentially, the CoC examined the existing HPRP and community needs to determine the funding needed in each category. Based on past practices of the HPRP, it was determined that there was a greater need to provide homelessness prevention assistance vs. rapid re-housing. Therefore, the CoC proposed the funding allocations as follows: 80% - Homelessness Prevention (\$43,800) and 20% Homeless Assistance or Rapid Re-housing.

<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Obligated Amount</b>
Homeless Assistance (Rapid Re-housing)	\$ 10,946
Homelessness Prevention	\$ 43,800
Administrative Activities	\$ 0
Total FY 2011 Award	\$ 54,746

The proposed activities will pattern those of the HPRP which includes financial assistance with rent, utility costs, moving costs, etc. for homeless persons or people at risk of homelessness to keep them in housing or to assist them with finding a place to live. Service providers will focus on linking the client with the appropriate community resources (such as housing counseling, home maintenance/repair, job training and education programs) to assist with preventing future housing instability. In addition, program participants will be provided an array of services to assist them with housing stabilization and placement. All program participants will have case management to assist them with counseling, developing a stabilization plan, etc. All participants will be monitored and evaluated. Also, the City of Lansing will continue to work with state and local social services agencies to provide housing and supportive housing services for the homeless and people at risk of homelessness. Non-profit housing corporations and the Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority are also involved with the development of supportive housing facilities and leasing programs to serve the homeless and special housing needs groups.

A copy of the Substantial Amendment detailed budget table is attached (total administration costs calculated is computer-generated) for ESG to the City of Lansing FY 2012 (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012) Action Plan. Even though the City of Lansing is allowed to charge the administration costs to administer the grant, all of the funding has typically gone into services.

**FY 2011 Detailed Budget Table**

First Allocation		\$97,326.00		<u>FY 2011</u>		
Second Allocation		\$54,746.00		<u>Emergency Shelter Grants/Emergency Solutions Grants</u>		
Grant Amount		\$152,072.00		<u>Program Allocations</u>		
Total Administration		\$11,405.40				
		First Allocation		Second Allocation	Total Fiscal Year 2011	
	Eligible Activities	Activity Amount	Reprogrammed Amount	Activity Amount	Activity Amount	
<b>Emergency Shelter Grants Program</b>	Homeless Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	<i>Rehab/Conversion</i>				\$0.00	
	<i>Operations</i>				\$0.00	
	<i>Essential Services</i>				\$0.00	
	Homelessness Prevention	\$97,326.00				\$97,326.00
	Administration					\$0.00
	<b>Emergency Shelter Grants Subtotal</b>	<b>\$97,326.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$97,326.00</b>	
<b>Emergency Solutions Grants Program</b>	Emergency Shelter**			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<i>Renovation**</i>			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<i>Operation**</i>			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<i>Essential Service**</i>			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<i>URA Assistance**</i>			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Street Outreach - Essential Services**			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	HMIS				\$0.00	
	Rapid Re-housing		\$0.00	\$10,946.00	\$10,946.00	
	<i>Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services</i>				\$0.00	
	<i>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</i>				\$0.00	
	<i>Project-Based Rental Assistance</i>				\$0.00	
	Homelessness Prevention		\$0.00	\$43,800.00	\$43,800.00	
	<i>Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services</i>				\$0	
	<i>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</i>				\$0	
	<i>Project-Based Rental Assistance</i>				\$0.00	
	Administration				\$0.00	
	<b>Emergency Solutions Grants Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$54,746.00</b>	<b>\$54,746.00</b>	
				<b>Total Grant Amount:</b>	<b>\$152,072.00</b>	

\*\*Allowable only if the amount obligated for homeless assistance activities using funds from the first allocation is less than the expenditure limit for emergency shelter and street outreach activities (see Section III.B. of this Notice).