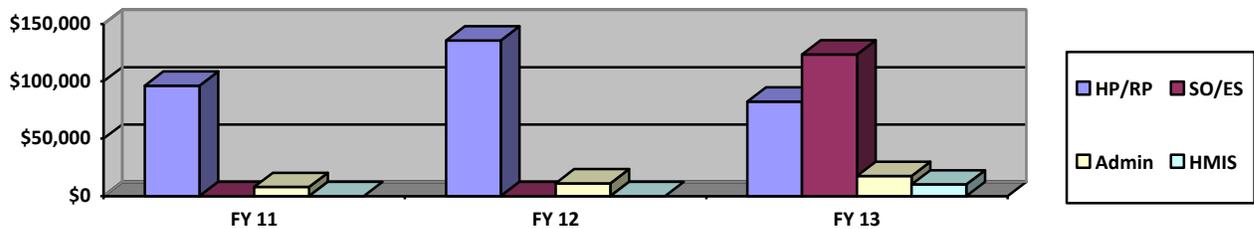


Emergency Solutions Grant

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The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) provides funding to Homeless Shelters and Homeless Prevention Programs to provide Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, and Rapid Re-Housing services to homeless and near homeless individuals and families. The ESG program requires data input into the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and allows 7.5% to be used for Administration.

In FY 2013, which ends December 31, 2013, ESG received an allocation of \$233,174 which was 30% less than in FY 12 (\$331,391). However, due to a Substantial Amendment Agreement, Wyoming received an additional allocation of \$103,952 from FY 11 and \$146,587 from FY 12 to be expended with FY 13 allocation during FY 13, making the total amount available during FY 13, \$483,713. The additional amounts from FY 11 and 12 are only allowed to be expended in the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Categories.



Eligible Activities include:

- Street Outreach – Essential services to homeless participants living on the streets, in parks, abandoned buildings, and in other such settings where unsheltered persons are staying.
- Emergency Shelter – Essential services to homeless participants residing in Emergency Shelters and the operating costs to maintain those shelters.
- Homelessness Prevention – Assistance to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help such persons regain stability in their current housing or other permanent housing.
- Rapid Re-Housing – Assistance to help homeless people transition, as quickly as possible, into permanent housing and then, help those persons to achieve stability in that housing.
- HMIS – All ESG Programs must participate in the Homeless Management Information System to input client data.
- Administration – 7.5% which is generally used for monitoring, and overseeing the grant.

Shelters utilizing ESG funding during FY 2013:

- Albany County: Interfaith-Good Samaritan in Laramie, WY
- Campbell County: Council of Community Services, Way Station in Gillette, WY
- Campbell County: Youth Emergency Services in Gillette, WY
- Fremont County: Good Samaritan Center in Riverton, WY
- Laramie County: COMEA Shelter in Cheyenne, WY
- Natrona County: Community Action Partnership of Natrona County in Casper, WY
- Sheridan County: Volunteers of America, Sheridan Community Shelter in Sheridan, WY
- Teton County: Jackson Good Samaritan Mission in Jackson, WY

Homeless Prevention Programs utilizing ESG funding during FY 2013:

- Laramie County: Community Action of Laramie County in Cheyenne, WY
- Natrona County: Interfaith of Natrona County in Casper, WY
- Sweetwater County: Southwest Wyoming Recovery Access Programs in Green River, WY

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is currently administered through the Wyoming Community Network.

*****CHANGE IS COMING!***** Beginning January 1, 2014, Governor Mead has appointed Delegation of Authority to the Department of Family Services in an effort to coordinate the Housing Programs within the State of Wyoming. ESG will be administered by Brenda Lyttle.