

**NASSAU COUNTY
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

The Nassau County Office of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs is issuing a Notice of Funding Availability and inviting applications from qualified applicants to undertake housing activities under Nassau County 2009 Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program. This funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Nassau County anticipates the receipt of approximately \$692,150 in ESG funds in federal fiscal year 2009. Additional ESG Program funding may be allocated to the County via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The County will utilize the same application in allocating these funds. Funding awards, in this case will consider any additional federal requirements imposed on the funding, including spending deadlines, in addition to the criteria outlined below. The County's 2010 program year begins September 1, 2010.

The Emergency Shelter Grants Program is designed to restrict the increase of homelessness through the funding of prevention programs as well as to fund existing shelter services. Eligible activities include:

- Rehabilitation of buildings for use as emergency shelters;
- Provision of essential services to the homeless;
- Payment of maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities, and furnishings for emergency shelter;
- Development and implementation of homeless prevention activities;
- Degree of involvement in Nassau County's "Warm Bed Program" (programs assisting victims of domestic violence excluded).

Eligible applicants include units of local government and private non-profit organizations.

Emergency Shelter Grants funds must be matched with an equal amount of funds from other sources. In calculating the match, applicants may include the value of donated buildings, the value of any lease on a building; any salary paid to staff in carrying out programs; and the time and services contributed by volunteers to carry out the programs.

All applications will be screened by OHIA staff for completeness and compliance with applicable regulations. Additionally, the County will utilize the following criteria in selecting projects for funding:

- Experience of the applicant in developing and/or operating homeless housing;
- Experience of the applicant in working with the federal Emergency Shelter Grants Program, including, but not limited to compliance with reporting and expenditure requirements;
- Administrative capabilities and financial capacity in undertaking proposed projects;
- Proposals that implement recommendations identified in Nassau County's *10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness*;
- Proposals that invest in the prevention of homelessness including preventing housed families and individuals from becoming homeless; preventing individuals from becoming homeless upon discharge from institutions; and preventing veterans from becoming homeless upon discharge.
- Proposals that meet the needs of homeless subpopulations as defined by HUD including the chronically homeless, veterans, persons with chronic disabilities (physically disabled, severely mentally ill, chronic substance abusers, and HIV/AIDS), victims of domestic violence, youth, and elderly.
- Projects that leverage other resources;
- The availability of matching resources; and

- Degree of assistance provided to the homeless including implementing a “Housing First Approach” to help people exit homelessness.

Applications must be received by 4:00 on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the address noted below. To obtain an application or for further information on program requirements, please contact the Nassau County Office of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs (OHIA) via telephone at (516) 572-1915 or via email at: NassauCountyOHIA@nassaucountyny.gov or log onto our website: www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OHIA .

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