

# *Homeless Prevention*

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# Agenda

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- ❑ Types of housing assistance
- ❑ Overview of the Emergency Solutions Grant
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# *Kansas Housing: Overview*

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**Who we are:** A self-supporting, nonprofit public corporation, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) administers housing and community programs across Kansas.

**What we do:** We help Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve.

**Who we work with:** Local government officials, mortgage lenders, business leaders, developers, builders, property managers, real estate professionals, service providers, homeless / affordable housing advocates, nonprofit organizations, government agencies.



# *KHRC Programs*

<b>EMERGENCY HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Emergency Solutions Grant</li></ul>
<b>COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Community Services Block Grant</li><li>+ Tenant Based Rental Assistance</li></ul>
<b>HOUSING DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Low Income Housing Tax Credit</li><li>+ HOME</li><li>+ Moderate Income Housing</li><li>+ National Housing Trust Fund</li></ul>
<b>HOMEOWNERSHIP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ First Time Homebuyer Program</li><li>+ Manufactured Housing</li></ul>
<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Weatherization Assistance</li></ul>
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Contract Administration</li><li>+ Housing Compliance</li></ul>
<b>EMERGENCY RESPONSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance</li><li>+ Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund</li><li>+ Bridge to Housing Stability</li></ul>





# Definitions:

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## Literally Homeless

- (1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
  - (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
  - (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution



# Definitions:

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## At risk of becoming homeless

(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

(i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;

(ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and

(iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing



# Definitions:

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## Homeless under other Federal statutes

(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with Children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

- (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;
- (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;
- (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and
- (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers





# Definitions:

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## Fleeing / Attempting to Flee DV

(4) Any individual or family who:

(i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;

(ii) Has no other residence; and

(iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing



# *Impact of homelessness*

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Homelessness can have an impact on your:

- Health
- Employment
- Income
- Relationships
- Future plans

Figure 1  
Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment	Housing	Literacy	Hunger	Social integration	Health coverage
Income	Transportation	Language	Access to healthy options	Support systems	Provider availability
Expenses	Safety	Early childhood education		Community engagement	Provider linguistic and cultural competency
Debt	Parks	Vocational training		Discrimination	Quality of care
Medical bills	Playgrounds	Higher education		Stress	
Support	Walkability				
	Zip code / geography				

**Health Outcomes**

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations

# *Types of assistance*

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- One time rent assistance
  - Emergency Solutions Grant or ESG
  - Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance or KERA
- Ongoing rent assistance
  - Tenant Based Rental Assistance
  - HUD Section 8 vouchers
  - VASH
  - Shelter plus Care



# *What is the ESG Program*

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ESG provides funding to a network of service providers who assist Kansans experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.



# *ESG Funding*

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- Formula grant from Housing & Urban Development
- ESG funds awarded to KHRC for non-entitlement cities (excludes Kansas City, Topeka, and Wichita)
- KHRC subgrants the ESG funds to units of local government and/or to private nonprofit agencies
- Units of local government subaward the funds to local agencies



## *Who are we helping*

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- ESG funds are targeted to help people who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless
- People living outdoors or in places not meant for human habitation
- People being evicted from their homes or staying temporarily with others
- Victims fleeing sexual or domestic violence



# *ESG Activities*

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- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing
- Data Collection
- Administrative costs





# *ESG Activities*

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## Street Outreach

- Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families
- Connect people to emergency shelters, housing or other critical services
- Eligible costs include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services



# *ESG Activities*

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## Emergency Shelter

- ESG funds used for costs related to
  - Essential shelter services
  - Shelter operations
  - Renovation
- ESG Emergency shelter funds can also be used to pay for motel/hotel
- Eligible participants must be homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless



# Emergency Solutions Grant

Homelessness Prevention (HP): Prevent households from becoming homeless through rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services.

## **Financial Assistance**

Rental Application Fees  
Security Deposits  
Last Month's Rent  
Utility Deposits  
Utility Payments  
Moving Costs

## **Services Costs**

Housing Search and Placement  
Housing Stability Case Management  
Mediation  
Legal Services  
Credit Repair

## **Rental Assistance**

- Short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months)
- Medium-term rental assistance (4 to 24 months)
- Rental arrears (one-time payment of up to 6 months of rent in arrears)



# Emergency Solutions Grant

Rapid Re-housing (RRH): Quickly move homeless individuals and families into permanent housing through rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services.

## **Financial assistance costs**

Rental application fees  
Security deposits (up to 2 months)  
Last month's rent  
Utility deposits and payments (up to 24 months, including up to 6 months for payments in arrears)  
Moving costs

## **Service costs**

Housing search and placement  
Housing stability case management  
Mediation  
Legal services  
Credit repair

## **Rental Assistance**

- Short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months)
- Medium-term rental assistance (4 to 24 months)
- Rental arrears (one-time payment of up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears)



## *How to access assistance?*

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1. Contact the ESG funded agency or
2. Contact the access point for the local coordinated entry

# How to access assistance?

The screenshot shows the website for Kansas Housing Resources Corp. (kshousingcorp.org). At the top, there is an orange banner for "HOUSING RELIEF FUNDS" with the text "If you are struggling to pay your rent or mortgage, help is available." and a "LEARN MORE" button. Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, SERVICES, RESOURCES, NEWS, CONFERENCE, CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE, and CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS. The main content area features a background image of a child drawing on a sidewalk. Overlaid on this image is a section titled "I NEED MORE INFORMATION ON:" with a list of links: Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF), Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA), Homeowners, Renters, Homelessness, Community Service, and Housing Partners. A "Privacy + Terms" link is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.



# How to access assistance?

Service Providers | Kansas Housing

HOME ABOUT SERVICES RESOURCES NEWS CONFERENCE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Service Providers

Home > Service Providers

Homeless Shelters Domestic Violence Services Homeless Services

City of El Dorado		
Butler Homeless Initiative	Debbie Hill	316-323-4122
City of Manhattan		
Manhattan Emergency Shelter	Emily Wagner	785-537-3113
City of Pittsburg		



# *Coordinated Entry*

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## **Coordinated Entry**

HUD require all CoC's to develop and implement a centralize or coordinated assessment process.

A centralized or coordinated entry process covers the geographic area (CoC), is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool. The assessment system may vary from community to community based on individual communities' needs.





# *Other tips*

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- **Call 211**
- **Contact local Catholic Charities office**
- **Contact local Salvation Army office**
- **Contact Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition**
- **Look for resource information posted at local public library**



# Questions

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# Contact Information

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