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City of Indianapolis Opens 2026 ESG and HOPWA Grant Applications

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Indianapolis, IN – On Tuesday, August 26, the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) announced the opening of the 2026 application period for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. Applications are due by October 6, 2025 and are available online at [Community Development Grants webpage](#) under each program's drop-down menu.

These annual federal entitlement grants provide critical funding to local nonprofits addressing homelessness and housing needs in Indianapolis and surrounding counties. Each fall, DMD conducts a competitive process to award prospective funds for the following spring.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) provides housing and services for individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Eligible uses include:

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Re-Housing Assistance
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) support

Funding is available to nonprofit organizations that serve eligible Indianapolis households.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program provides resources for housing and related services to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible uses include:

- Facility Operations
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility payments to prevent homelessness
- Supportive Services
- Permanent Housing Placement

HOPWA funding is available to nonprofits operating in Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, Brown, and Putnam counties. Applicants must serve households earning at or below 80 percent of the area median income with a family member who has a documented HIV/AIDS diagnosis.

For more information and to apply, visit indy.gov/activity/community-development-grants.

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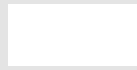
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