

Emergency Shelter Grant Program

The Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program, administered by HUD, provides formula grants to states and localities that may be used for homelessness prevention, emergency shelters, and street outreach. Twenty-five percent of the funds go to states; the rest of the funds go to localities.

The economic recovery package provides an additional \$1.5 billion for ESG for use only for homelessness prevention activities (not for emergency shelters). The funds could be used for short-term or medium-term rental assistance, housing stabilization services, and housing relocation assistance, including security or utility deposits and moving costs.

The funding will help some families avert homelessness by providing them with help to pay for a few months of overdue rent or utility bills or the costs of moving into a new apartment. Relocation funds will help families meet the one-time costs associated with getting settled in new housing after being displaced by foreclosure, including many renters who are left without housing when the property in which they live is foreclosed upon. These funds will be spent quickly, boosting local economies and improving cash-flow for rental property owners, which are typically small businesses.

This table shows the estimated amount of additional ESG funds each state (including localities within a state) will receive under the final recovery package and the estimated number of families assisted with such funds. Using the 2008 ESG awards as provided on the HUD website, we calculated the percentage of total 2008 funds allocated to each state. We then applied those percentages to the \$1.5 billion provided in the recovery package to get the dollar figures. To estimate the number of households assisted, we assumed that the national average ESG cost per household assisted would be \$5,000, and weighted this estimate by the average HUD Fair Market Rent for the state.

2008 ESG awards: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/budget/budget08/index.cfm>
FMRs: NLIHC's Out-of-Reach 2007-2008 <http://www.nlihc.org/oor/oor2008/>

**State by State Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
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(Millions of dollars, total allocated in FY2009)

	Additional Funding	Estimated number of households assisted by new funds
U.S. Total	\$1,500.0	299,400
Alabama	\$20.1	5,600
Alaska	\$1.9	300
Arizona	\$22.1	4,400
Arkansas	\$11.2	3,100
California	\$190.7	25,200
Colorado	\$15.6	3,100
Connecticut	\$17.0	2,600
Delaware	\$2.9	600
District of Columbia	\$7.6	900
Florida	\$65.7	11,500
Georgia	\$33.6	7,600
Hawaii	\$6.2	700
Idaho	\$5.0	1,300
Illinois	\$71.5	14,000
Indiana	\$28.7	7,000
Iowa	\$16.8	4,500
Kansas	\$11.4	3,000
Kentucky	\$18.6	5,000
Louisiana	\$25.4	5,600
Maine	\$8.1	1,700
Maryland	\$22.7	3,400
Massachusetts	\$44.8	6,200
Michigan	\$53.8	12,000
Minnesota	\$23.7	5,100
Mississippi	\$14.4	3,800
Missouri	\$27.5	7,000
Montana	\$3.8	1,000
Nebraska	\$7.9	2,100
Nevada	\$8.3	1,400
New Hampshire	\$5.4	900
New Jersey	\$41.2	5,900
New Mexico	\$8.6	2,200
New York	\$142.6	19,600
North Carolina	\$29.1	7,000
North Dakota	\$2.6	800
Ohio	\$66.1	16,000
Oklahoma	\$12.4	3,400
Oregon	\$15.0	3,400
Pennsylvania	\$90.6	19,800
Rhode Island	\$7.0	1,100
South Carolina	\$15.9	3,900
South Dakota	\$3.3	900
Tennessee	\$20.4	5,200
Texas	\$104.1	22,000
Utah	\$8.4	2,000
Vermont	\$3.4	700
Virginia	\$25.0	4,400
Washington	\$25.1	5,000
West Virginia	\$10.2	3,000
Wisconsin	\$27.3	6,300
Wyoming	\$1.7	500
Puerto Rico	\$45.2	15,800