



## Non-Congregate Sheltering during COVID-19




### FACT SHEET

*This fact sheet provides a summary of resources that may be available for sheltering individuals who do not require hospitalization and have no other safe place to quarantine, isolate, or social distance due to COVID-19.*

#### Summary

It is the responsibility of the county to identify resources needed to provide temporary, non-congregate shelter assistance (hotel/motel rooms, feeding and wrap around services). If the local and county jurisdictions do not have the resources to assist individuals, the current resource request process remains the same. The requirements and type of assistance varies, depending on the source of the funding.

#### Three possible sources of non-congregate sheltering assistance

 <p><b>Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES)</b></p> <p>Federal funds provided directly to counties for COVID-19 response (including non-congregate sheltering).</p>	 <p><b>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG/ESG-CV)</b></p> <p>Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds provided to homeless service organizations to assist with non-congregate care ONLY when there is no shelter space for homeless populations.</p>	 <p><b>Category B (CAT B)</b></p> <p>Federal Emergency Management Agency (Public Assistance) <i>reimbursement</i> for non-congregate shelter and some wrap around services. Does not cover supportive services.</p>
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#### Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES)

- May be used for **hotel/motel** and **wrap around services**.
- Also applies to emergency workers.
- Counties determine how funds are to be spent.

To find out if CARES funding is available in your county, contact:  
**Your county clerk's office.**



## Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG/ESG-CV)

- May be used for: **shelter, wrap around services** and **supportive services** (case management, job or housing placement, legal services, outpatient health services, etc.)
- Pays for non-congregate care ONLY when there is no shelter space for homeless populations (including due to social distancing guidance)
- Must meet the HUD definition for “Homeless”:  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1974/criteria-and-recordkeeping-requirements-for-definition-of-homeless/>

To find out if ESG/ESG-CV funding may be used for non-congregate sheltering, contact:  
**Your county continuum of care agency.**



## Category B (CAT B)

- May be used for: **hotel/motel** and **wrap around services**.
- There must be an emergency declaration in place and PEMA approval.
- The county must exhaust local resources first.
- FEMA approves non-congregate sheltering for the following:

### Homeless:

- Positive COVID-19 and does not require hospitalization but needs isolation (including those exiting from hospitals).
- Exposed to COVID-19 and does not require hospitalization but warrants quarantine.
- Persons needing social distancing as a precautionary measure, as determined by public health officials, particularly for high-risk groups such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, chronic disease).

### First responders and health care workers:

- Individuals who are at reasonable risk, as determined by public health officials, of exposure to COVID-19 and cannot return to their usual residence due to risk of infecting other household members.
- If local resources are not available, The PA Department of Human Services may assist with coordinating a location and available funding. Transportation to the facility *will not* be included. Emergency Housing will be made available based on location, the willingness of local hotel vendors to accept and other availability. Pre-identified state managed facilities will be utilized when there is no hotel availability.
- For an updated list of available hotels/motels, email: [dpw\\_eplo@pa.gov](mailto:dpw_eplo@pa.gov).

To find out if FEMA Category B funding may be used for non-congregate sheltering, the county emergency management coordinator may contact:  
[RA-EMBORM@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EMBORM@pa.gov)