**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Certifications and Assurances**

I certify that on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, that if this proposal is awarded Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds by Westmoreland County, that said organization shall, in carrying out grant funded activities, comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. The program will comply with all requirements under the [ESG Interim Rule](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HEARTH_ESGInterimRule%26ConPlanConformingAmendments.pdf) 24 CFR Part 576.
2. If ESG Funds are used for Homelessness Prevention: 1) the individual or family income is below 50% of area median income for the geographic area, and 2) the individual or family lacks the sufficient resources to retain housing or attain it without this assistance.
3. Homeless individuals and families will be given assistance in obtaining appropriate supportive services, including permanent housing, medical health treatment, mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services needed to achieve independent living, and other Federal State, local and private assistance available for such individuals.
4. The applicant organization will enter all required data into the HMIS system, and will be accountable to ensure the timeliness, completeness and accuracy of data entry. **(*Exception: DV Organizations***: who assure they will enter data into a comparable database (e.g. ETO)**)**
5. The applicant organization will assure that they have taken all reasonable steps to minimize the displacement of persons, families or businesses, as a result of a project assisted under this part.
6. The applicant organization will comply with all Federal, State and local laws regarding nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity, and homeless persons’ rights with respect to termination of services.
7. The applicant organization will comply with Federal Administrative Requirements found in [24 CFR Part 91 and 576](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HEARTH_ESGInterimRule%26ConPlanConformingAmendments.pdf) and Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in [Final Rule: 2 CFR Part 200](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl) which sets standard requirements for federal awards and supersedes OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-89, A-102, A-122, A-133 and Uniform Grant Management Standards.
8. The applicant organization will comply with the requirements of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821-4846), the Resident Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851-4856) as applicable, with the Drug Free Workplace Act and the requirement that it make a good faith effort to keep the work environment free from drugs and alcohol.
9. The applicant organization will comply with all rules and regulations regarding lobbying, conflicts of interest and the prohibited use of debarred, suspended or ineligible contractors. Applicant organization will also comply with all fair housing and civil rights requirements in 24 CFR 5.105, Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity in 77 FR 5662, Economic Opportunities for Low and Very-Low Income and Homeless Persons (Section 3) in 24 CFR Section 576.407(a), Affirmative Outreach in 24 CFR Section 576.407(b), and Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in 24 CFR Section 576.407(b).
10. The applicant organization will ensure that records are maintained as necessary to document compliance with the provisions of [24 CFR Part 576.2](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HEARTH_ESGInterimRule%26ConPlanConformingAmendments.pdf) and the organization’s grant agreement. Additionally, the applicant organization shall ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG.
11. The applicant organization has and will have, upon execution of the grant agreement, an action plan to assure that homeless and formerly homeless persons serve on the applicant’s Board of Directors in an advisory or other capacity, or will be able to demonstrate how homeless or formerly homeless persons are integrated into their organization’s policy-making.
12. The applicant will comply with the Western PA Continuum of Care’s written program standards. The undersigned attests that he/she is duly authorized by the Board of Directors of the above-named organization to submit the proposal and certifications.

**SIGNATURE:**

**PRINT NAME:**

**TITLE:**

**DATE:**