During an eviction moratorium, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Homelessness Prevention resources for COVID-19 response may be used for individuals or families:

- Whose incomes do not exceed Very Low Income for the area; AND
- Who do not have sufficient resources or support networks to avoid emergency; AND
- Who meet ONE of the following criteria described below.

- **Multiple Moves**
  Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR

- **Doubled-Up**
  Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR

- **Hotel/Motel**
  Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR

- **Overcrowded Housing**
  Lives in a single room occupancy (SRO) or efficiency apartment unit where two or more persons reside or where there are more than one-and-a-half persons per room; OR

- **Exiting Institution**
  Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care (e.g., jail, prison, psychiatric hospital, etc.); OR

- **Other Situations of Housing Instability**
  Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient’s approved Consolidated Plan.

A child or youth (as well as their parent[s] or guardian[s], if living with them) may also qualify as eligible if considered homeless under other federal statutes and meet additional criteria (see “Homeless” definition at 24 CFR 576.2).