

ESG COMPLIANCE  
INFORMATION  
RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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- The total period for which any program participant may receive services must not exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.
- Cannot Use with Other Subsidies
- Rental assistance cannot be provided to a household receiving rental assistance from another public source for the same time period (except 6 months of arrears).

***Persons in public housing units or using housing choice vouchers cannot receive monthly rental assistance under ESG.***

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- **Only tenant-based rental assistance is eligible** (participant selects housing)
- Current Rent can't exceed the Fair Market Rent
- Rent must comply with HUD's Rent Reasonableness Standards
- Unit must comply with Minimum Habitability Standards & Lead-Based Paint Regulations
- ESG funds cannot be used to pay late fees generated after person enters program

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- Mortgage payments are ineligible
- Requires a legally-binding, written lease between the owner and participant (except for arrears only)
- Agencies providing assistance must enter into a rental assistance agreement with the landlord/owner to whom rental payments will be made

# RENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

- Set forth terms under which rental assistance will be provided (*includes requirements at § 576.106*)
- Must contain same due date, grace period, and penalty requirements as participant's lease
- Must state that tenant-based rental assistance will be provided

# RENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

During term of agreement:

- Owner of housing must give agency a copy of any notice provided to the participant to vacate the housing unit
- Owner of housing must give agency a copy of any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the participant