# **ESG/NDHG MONITORING REPORT AND GUIDELINES**

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES SFN 60470 (07/18)

#### **General Information**

Grantee	Contact Person		
Title	Address		
City	State	ZIP Code	
Grant Number(s)	Grant Amount	Monitoring Date	

## Grantee Performance, Program Management, and Fair Housing

1.	Was the grant utilized as proposed in the grantee's application? (review program description & grant application)	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
2.	Were there any amendments to the grant? If yes, for what?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
3.	Does the agency have a grievance procedure for clients?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
4.	Does the agency have written position descriptions for staff administering this program?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
5.	Does the grantee have a fully accessible (i.e., barrier-free) site available for persons to apply for program benefits? If not, what accommodations are made available?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
6.	Is your agency currently participating in the HMIS?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
7.	For projects serving domestic violence victims, is there established written procedures regarding confidentiality of client records and the address/location of any project serving domestic violence victims?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
8.	Does the grantee have a written policy for the termination of clients? If no written guidance is available, interview staff to determine how terminations are handled. Describe:	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
9.	Has the grantee posted all required notices relative to Equal Employment Opportunity and Fair Housing?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
10	. Does the grantee maintain and update a list of Fair Housing Resources?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
11	. Does the grantee use the Fair Housing logo on all materials relating to their housing programs distributed to the general public?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
12	. Who is the Fair Housing contact person?	
13	. Has the program received any discrimination complaints?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No

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Fin	Financial Management and Internal Accounting Control Monitoring			
1.	What is your fiscal year?			
	☐ Jan 01 - Dec 31 ☐ June 01 - May 31 ☐ July 01 - June 30 ☐ Oct 01 - Sept 30 ☐ Other			
2.	2. Are financial and related records maintained <i>per program</i> requirements after closeout of your grant? (DCS 5 years)			
3.	Who is responsible for generating/maintaining financial statements & records?			
	Director Bookkeeper-Accountant Outside Accounting Firm CPA			
	Other (employs a staff person who possesses a bachelor's degree in account, or possesses experience in accounting along with college account credits, or a bookkeeper			
	whose work is overseen by an accounting firm)			
4.	Is supporting documentation maintained for all financial transactions?	□ Yes □ No		
5.	How often are financial reports prepared?			
	Monthly Quarterly Annually			
6.	How often does the Board review financial statement and report?			
	Monthly Quarterly Annually			
7.	Are receipts issued for all cash contributions received?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
8.	8. Are bank reconciliations performed monthly?			
9.	9. Are there procedures for approving payments/cash to vendors?			
10.	10. What is the specified dollar amount required for Board approval?			
11.	11. Who is responsible for writing checks and paying bills?			
12.	12. Is more than one signature required for any check?			
13.	13. Does the Board authorize all bank accounts and check signers annually?			
14.	List Authorized Signatory(ies), by Title (there may be two or more signers)			
15.	15. Are checks signed only when accompanied by approved invoices?			
16.	16. Are the following insurance coverages currently in force?			
	Public Liability Property Worker's Compensation			
17.	7. For staff salaries through ESG/NDHG funds, are you able to document that they work exclusively with homeless and/or near homeless clients?			
18.	8. Does the organization maintain records of the hours worked for each volunteer by type of job?			

# For Shelter Facilities Only

1.	If applicable, are the following licenses current? (provide documentation)	
	Certificate of Occupancy Permit for Fire Marshall Food Preparation	
	Programmatic Licensure (e.g., Substance Abuse, Day Care, etc.)	
2.	Does the agency have written confidentiality procedures which cover?	
	Locking/security of files Written authorization of release of information	
3.	Do clients have a secure place to store personal belongings and documents?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
4.	Is there at least one homeless person or formerly homeless participating in the policy decision-making process regarding projects receiving funds?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
5.	Is the facility in compliance with all codes, general ordinances and laws zoning health department compliance, etc.?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
	a. Are there any unresolved issues?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
6.	Is there regular pest control services? If yes, how often?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
7.	Is there a regular garbage removal and adequate storage (such as a dumpster with a lid)?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
8.	Are the housekeeping and maintenance plans adequate to assure that the facility is clean and in good repair?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
9.	Are clean linens provided for each client with a procedure to sanitize all linens and sleeping surfaces?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
10.	Is there a crib, bed or mat with clean linen for each person?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
11.	Are fire drills conducted regularly, depending on the maximum length of stay? How often?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
12.	Are fire detection systems operating, and are they tested regularly? How often?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
13.	Are first aid equipment and supplies available at all times?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
14.	Is there adequate ventilation (i.e., bath-one operable window or fan; sleeping rooms-one operable window designed to open)?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
15.	Are food service areas adequate and sanitary?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
16.	Are interior and exterior lighting adequate?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
17.	Are entrances and exits clear of debris, ice and other hazards?	🗌 Yes 🗌 No
18.	Do clients have sufficient shower/bath basins and toilets in proper operating conditions?	☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Exit Interview**

The monitoring is completed by an exit meeting with the appropriate staff or representative(s) to discuss the preliminary results of the monitoring visit and indicate that the grantee is to be formally informed of monitoring findings identified to date and any follow-up actions required of the grantee.

### Notes for Exit Interview

Estimated date for providing written monitoring report to grantee			
What unanticipated problems or barriers have arisen throughout the implementation of the grant program?			
Does the grantee need additional technical assistance to resolve these barriers? Explain:	Yes	No	
How can DCS be of more assistance to the grantee?			
General Comments:			

# Monitoring Documentation Checklist

Name of Agency	Name of Tenant	Date

# Eligibility Requirements

	YES	NO	COMMENT
Proof of Identification			
At Risk of Homelessness Certification			
Release of Information			
Screening Assessment of HMIS Printout			
Income Documentation (pay stubs, etc.)			
Self-Certification			
Homeless Certification			

## Housing Requirements

	YES	NO	COMMENT
Verification of Income			
Intake & Assessment			
Progress Notes			
Utility Shut Off Notice (if applicable)			
Documentation of Eviction (if applicable)			
Lease/Rental Agreement			
Housing Plan (for re-housing and prevention)			
Rent Reasonableness (for re-housing and prevention)			
Habitability Standards Inspection Form			
Lead-Based Paint Inspection Form			

## ESG/NDHG Forms Client Eligibility Forms

#### **Identification Documentation**

There must be identification documentation for all household members whether receiving case management and/or financial assistance. Documentation must be a copy of one of the following:

Drivers License 
Social Security Card 
Medicaid Card 
Birth Certificate 
Passport

#### **Homeless Definition and Certification**

The agency must complete the Homeless Definition and Certification indicating current living situation and provide the appropriate documentation as indicated on the form. Must be completed for each household.

#### **Release of Information Form**

A Release of Information form must be signed by each household member age 18 or older with a copy in file.

#### Intake and Assessment Form

The agency will conduct a comprehensive housing assessment with the household.

### Income Documentation (pay stubs, etc.)

All sources of household income (for all adult members) must be verified and documented at intake and every three months to determine program eligibility. To be eligible for assistance, gross household income must be below 30% (ESG), 50% (NDHG) area median income (AMI) for the county in which the household is residing.

#### Self-Certification

Must be completed if required verifications/other documents cannot be provided and self-certification is the only way to verify information to determine program eligibility.

#### Lease/Rental Agreement

A lease is required for households receiving financial assistance such as rental assistance, security deposits, rental arrearages and utility payments/deposits.

#### Housing Plan (case notes)

A Housing Plan must be completed for all individuals that receive a housing assessment and are determined eligible for services.

### **Rent Reasonableness**

Subrecipients <u>must</u> complete and file a Rent Reasonableness form for rental assistance above Fair Market Rent (FMR).

### Habitability Standards Inspection Form

All units must meet Habitability Standards before financial assistance can be provided such as rental assistance, security deposits, rental arrearages and utility payments/deposits.

#### Lead-Based Paint Inspection

Lead-Based Paint Inspection is required for housing for properties if built before 1978 and if a child age 6 or younger or a pregnant woman will be residing in the unit.