

2027 Critical/Emergent Housing and Homeless Services Funding Request for Proposals & Application Guidelines



An Ingham County Housing & Homeless Services Millage Grant administered by the Housing Trust Fund

Open Application Period	Competitive Funding Round Applications Accepted: 9/1/2026 – 10/15/2026 Applications for Emergent Needs Funding Accepted: 9/1/2026 – until reserved funds committed. May be considered for Early/Rolling Response if meets eligibility criteria
Web Application Link	https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8983444/2027- Critical-Housing-and-Homeless-Services- Funding-Application
Application Q&A Instructional Webinar (to be recorded and posted to HTF website)	Tuesday Sep 8 th , 1-2pm on Teams Meeting ID: 286 509 943 075 423 Passcode: cz7FE3K7
Technical Assistance Office Hours	Wednesday Sep 9 th , 8am -10am Tuesday Sep 15, 12pm – 2pm on Teams Meeting ID: 253 561 609 480 219 Passcode: RQ6Ep379
Funding Period	January 2027 – December 2028
Total Housing Millage funds available for Critical Housing and Homeless Services in 2026	\$2,750,000
Maximum award amount per Applicant	\$400,000
Date of Anticipated Funding Announcements	December 15, 2026
Contact Information for Questions	ICHTF@ingham.org

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1.0 INTRODUCTION/FUNDING PRIORITIES

The mission of the Ingham County Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is to encourage construction, improvement, and maintenance of accessible, affordable, and sustainable housing to help build wealth and equity in Ingham County. Ingham County will award Housing and Homeless Services Millage funds through a competitive funding opportunity and/or through an early/rolling response for projects that propose to address emergent needs. All projects/programs must increase access to safe, affordable housing and/or support services for unhoused populations in Ingham County.

The HTF has established the following priorities for funding: Ingham County Housing & Homeless Millage funds must go towards eligible expenses related to program staffing, service delivery, and/or related activities in the following service areas:

- Expansion or improvement of shelter facilities or preservation of existing housing units managed/supported by a housing program
- Essential shelter and services for unhoused individuals and families
- Shelter diversion program to keep individuals out of shelter and/or increase housing stability
- Rental assistance, other financial assistance, housing navigation services, or case management in support of housing stability
- Programming to connect individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness with housing through landlord incentives and coordination
- Permanent supportive housing programs

2.0 HOUSING MILLAGE PURPOSE

In November 2024, Ingham County voters approved a millage increase of up to 0.5000 of one (1) mill, (50 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of four 4 years (2024-2027) in support of expanding and improving the quality of housing available to low- and moderate-income families, to prevent and reduce homelessness, and to provide services to unhoused persons in Ingham County, including the purchase, acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, extension, or repair of housing facilities and the elimination of detrimental housing conditions, and funding other housing programs.

3.0 RFP PURPOSE

The purpose of this RFP is to distribute up to \$2,200,000 of available Housing & Homeless Services Millage through a competitive funding opportunity for projects that propose to provide critical housing and homeless services that help improve housing outcomes for families and individuals who are currently experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Eligible projects/programs must operate within Ingham County, and can apply for a maximum of \$400,000 per project for a grant term of up to 24 months to establish and/or continue provision of critical housing and homeless services.

Maximum Award Amount for Competitive Funding Applications: \$400,000 per project*

This RFP also sets aside up to \$550,000 to be reserved for early/rolling response to applications that demonstrate urgent, time-sensitive emergent needs. Programs that provide critical housing and homeless services that demonstrate emergent needs will be eligible to apply for awards of up to \$100,000 per project, and must be able to expend funds within 6 months of execution of a funding agreement. Emergent needs are defined as urgent and time-sensitive, and may include requests to prepare for and operate emergency shelter/warming centers/cooling center in response to weather events, fund unexpected/emergency facility improvements, or sustain critical service delivery following sudden or unanticipated funding reductions.

Maximum Award Amount for Applications with Emergent Needs: \$100,000 per project*

* Requests outside the set minimum and maximum award amounts will be considered if the project can demonstrate significant impact, based in part on Applicant experience, and the scale and accessibility of proposed services.

4.0 AVAILABLE FUNDS

- Up to \$2,200,000 of 2027 Ingham County Housing & Homeless Millage funds are expected to be awarded to applicants of the competitive funding opportunity for Critical Housing and Homeless Services
- A Total of \$550,000 will be reserved for applications for programs that will address urgent and time-sensitive emergent needs to be reviewed on an early/rolling basis.
- Ingham County anticipates awarding 11-15 grants of between \$100,000 - \$400,000 per grant in 2027.
- Applicants of the competitive funding opportunity are encouraged to apply for 24 months of program delivery. Funding period will be 2 years following the date an Agreement with the County is in place.
- Applicants addressing an eligible emergent need are encouraged to apply for 6 months or less of program delivery. Funding period will be a maximum of 6 months following the date an Agreement with County is in place.

5.0 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

- Eligible proposals must include critical housing and/or homeless services such as the expansion or improvement of shelter facilities or preservation of existing housing units owned or operated by housing program; essential services/emergency shelter for unhoused individuals and families; shelter diversion services/programming; landlord incentive programs; permanent supportive housing programs; rental assistance, other financial assistance, housing navigation services, or case management to increase housing stability of individuals/families served.
- Eligible projects must be managed Applicant organizations with a service location within Ingham County that demonstrate financial stability, capacity to manage grant funds, and experience providing services for populations currently experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

6.0 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, and governmental agencies are invited to compete for funding through this request for proposals (RFP) process.
- New/emerging programs are eligible to apply for funds in partnership with an existing nonprofit, for-profit, or local governmental agency serving as fiduciary sponsor.

7.0 DEFINITIONS

BENEFICIARY: Any individual or family currently experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, also referred to as service participant.

EMERGENT NEEDS: For the purpose of this funding opportunity, Emergent Needs are defined as urgent, time-sensitive needs, that meet the following criteria: program is preparing for/planning to operate emergency shelter/warming centers/cooling center in response to weather events, program has unexpected/emergency facility improvement needs, or program is sustaining critical service delivery following sudden or unanticipated funding reduction.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES: Broadly defined as services and activities that address immediate physical needs along with longer-term structural supports to ensure survival, health, and dignity.

HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS: Populations who face barriers in accessing and obtaining affordable housing. Underserved populations may include individuals from communities who face barriers due to age, race, income, geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, or populations with special needs such as language barriers, disabilities, or current legal citizenship/alienage status.

HOUSING CASE MANAGEMENT: Broadly defined as individualized services to assess housing needs and improve housing stability of service participants, arrange, coordinate, and monitor the delivery of individualized services which may include but is not limited to securing documentation, gathering resources, and coordination with other providers.

HOUSING SUPPORTS: Broadly defined as services and activities that address urgent housing needs for service participants, including but not limited to security deposits, 1st month's rent, utility deposits/arrearages, housing search and placement support, stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, and credit repair.

LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAMS: Financial incentives or other resources offered to connect and incentivize property owners to rent to low-income tenants and households using housing vouchers.

LEVERAGED FUNDS: A financial commitment to the project/program from a source other than Ingham County Housing & Homeless millage funds.

MATCHING FUNDS: There are no minimum match requirement for Ingham County Housing & Homeless Millage funds. In the Supportive Services Grant Budget Template, Applicants

should identify sources of Cash Match (funding from other grants or sources), and estimate a dollar value for In-Kind Match (volunteers, donated space, goods, and services).

MUNICIPALITY: City, Township, or other unit of local government within County

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: A community-based intervention that combines affordable housing assistance (often based in a [Housing First](#) Program Model) with voluntary support services to address the needs of chronically homeless individuals.

SHELTER DIVERSION: Based on [MSHDA Office of Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions](#) definition as services and flexible financial assistance to end an individual or family's experience of homelessness as quickly as possible, with an emphasis on securing safe, appropriate housing that provides individuals or families with an alternative to emergency shelter stay. Eligible areas of flexible financial assistance include but are not limited to: transportation, food, education, employment, childcare, and household bill contribution, rental assistance, housing application fees, mediation, and monthly rental payments.

8.0 SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE FUNDING ROUND & FOR APPLICATIONS

Applicants for the Critical Housing and Homeless Services Competitive Funding Round must complete and submit an online application prior to the application deadline on Thursday October 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

Applicants that successfully demonstrate urgent, time-sensitive Emergent Needs must submit an online application to be considered for early/rolling response. The application will remain open online until all available funds are committed.

- The RFP and a Full Application will be released and posted to the [Housing Trust Fund Webpage](#) by September 1, 2026.
- Optional in-person and online Technical Assistance will be available upon request and during established office hours.
- An FAQ will be posted to the Ingham County Treasurer's Housing Trust Fund website.
- Complete applications will be forwarded to the Ingham County Housing Trust Fund Rating Committee for project scoring.
- Funding decisions and award announcements for the Competitive Funding Round are anticipated by Tuesday, December 15, 2026.
- Applications that qualify for urgent, time-sensitive Emergent Needs, will be considered by rating committee and funding recommendations will be forwarded to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners for approval within 15 days of submission of the application. Funding decisions and award announcements will be contingent on the Board of Commissioners meeting schedule.
- Funding decisions will be recommended by the HTFC based on scoring, funding availability, and additional factors as described below.
- Applications may be recommended for funding at an amount below the initial request.

- The HTF Rating Committee will make funding recommendations to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners for final funding determinations.
- If funding remains after funding determinations are finalized, additional funds may be made available for the early/rolling application process for programs with demonstrated emergent needs.
- Application scoring will help raters identify the level to which a project meets the objectives and goals adopted by the HTF. Funding recommendations to the Board of Commissioners may take into consideration geographic location and service accessibility, diversity of community-support, and previous grant performance, as well as the project's overall: cost-effectiveness, timeliness, and commitment to measurable outcomes.
- The HTF Rating Committee will accept more than one request from a single entity for distinct and separate programs/projects, and may consider prior awards in any funding decisions.
- All accepted grant recipients will be required to sign a grant agreement with the County regarding the use of Housing Millage funds and approved Scope of Work for the project.

9.0 RFP TIMELINE

- RFP and Application Released - Tuesday, September 1, 2026
- Optional Homeless & Housing Supportive Services Grant Instructional Webinar/Q&A (to be recorded and posted to HTF website)
 - Date/Time: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
 - Location: Online via [Teams](#)
 - Meeting ID: 286 509 943 075 423
 - Passcode: cz7FE3K7
- Optional Online Application Office Hours
 - Date/Time: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
 - Date/Time: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
 - Location: Online via [Teams](#)
 - Meeting ID: 253 561 609 480 219
 - Passcode: RQ6Ep379
- Applications to be considered in Competitive Funding Round Due - Thursday, October 15, 2026 by 11:59 PM
- HTF Committee Meeting to discuss applications, review scores, and come to consensus on scoring and send recommendations to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners for approval
- Following approval of Board of Commissioners - Applicants notified of decision

10.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Only costs incurred within the contract period will be eligible for reimbursement, beginning the date a contract with the County is signed/executed (anticipated to be in January 2027).

- Grant recipients braiding Housing Millage funds with other sources will be responsible for following guidelines for all State and Federal funding sources.
- Grant recipients must meet Ingham County's insurance requirements, including providing proof of insurance before commencing work.
- Grant recipients must meet inspection and monitoring requirements for all federal, state, and local funding sources, and/or adhere to County inspections/monitoring requirements.
- Grant recipients must follow the Ingham County Living Wage Policy, and if the funded activities include construction contracts over \$10,000 must follow the Ingham County Prevailing Wage Policy

11.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Grant recipients must submit quarterly financial and progress reports
- A final report, including a summary of outcomes and financial accounting, is due within 30 days of project completion
- Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in disqualification from future funding opportunities

12.0 ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

Eligible uses of Housing & Housing Millage funds include:

- Direct services expenses and costs associated with shelter or other housing program facilities expansion, improvements, service participant housing/shelter needs and homelessness prevention services
- Administrative & staffing costs associated with program delivery
- Contracted services related to program activities
- Materials and supplies directly related to program activities

13.0 INELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

The following are ineligible uses for Housing Millage funds:

- General operating costs not associated with the project
- Expenses unrelated to project or reimbursement for past expenses, unless the activity is explicitly approved for use of millage funds
- Capital expenditures, unless approved by the County

14.0 SCORING CRITERIA

See Attachment B for the Scoring Criteria Worksheet to be used to score and rank applications:

Criteria	Maximum Points
1. Applicant Organization Experience	10
2. Leverage/Program Matching Funds	10
3. Local Support	10
4. Accessibility to Services Across the Community	10
5. Measurable Impact within Critical/Emergent Housing & Homeless priority program areas	10
BONUS POINTS AVAILABLE	up to 30
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	80

GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

1. **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:** Nonprofit organizations must have organizational status as a 501(c)(3). For-profit business (sole-proprietors, partnerships, limited liability corporations, and corporations), government-affiliated agencies, and community-based groups with a fiscal sponsor are eligible to apply. At least one service location must be located within Ingham County in order to be eligible for this funding opportunity.
2. **APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS:** One application should be submitted for a project with multiple partners. One entity must receive the funds and provide fiscal oversight. A revised scope of work and budget reflecting the final award amount may be required of applicants who do not receive funding at their full grant funding request.
3. **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:** The application will ask applicants to describe their track record in performing services comparable to those specified in the RFP and other information relevant to ability of the applicant to perform these services.
4. **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS** Applications must be completed online using Alchemer: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8983444/2027-Critical-Housing-and-Homeless-Services-Funding-Application>. All sections of the application should be completed online and any required attachments should be uploaded to the online application and submitted. Please contact the ICHTF Team at ICHTF@ingham.org for technical assistance with the application or to report any technical problems with online application forms.

5. **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS:** The Ingham County Housing Trust Fund Rating Committee will evaluate each application submitted based on the scoring criteria outlined in the RFP. After receipt and review of the application, the committee will meet to finalize funding recommendations. The raters may or may not have prior knowledge of any discussions and processes. Evaluation will be completed on the information submitted in response to the application. Award allocations will be contingent on the number of applicants, geographic diversity, the extent to which the project aligns with County priorities, and the impact of services relative to the County investment.
6. **FUNDING CONDITIONS**
 - a. *Grant Terms* will be defined in a Grant Agreement with Ingham County. The grant period, scope, allowable budget, and reporting requirements will be outlined in the Grant Agreement. A revised scope of work and project budget reflecting the final award amount may be required.
 - b. *Compliance with Relevant Laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations* will be required for Grant Recipients. Grant Agreement to define requirements to include (but not limited to):
 - i. Projects selected for funding must comply with the Ingham County Living Wage requirements. Projects selected for funding that include construction contracts over \$10,000 must comply with Prevailing Wage requirements.
 - ii. Equal Opportunity Employment and Non-Discrimination Policies, in addition to all Federal, State, and local laws prohibiting discrimination, including, but not limited to: The Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, as amended; The Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, as amended; and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (42 USCA §12101 et seq), as amended
 - iii. Compliance with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State and County Safety and Occupational Health Standards and any other applicable rules and regulations.
7. **GRANT DISBURSEMENT:** Applicants selected for funding must enter into a grant agreement with Ingham County. Recipients may request up to 50% of the total grant amount to be disbursed upon an executed agreement. The remaining 50% will be eligible for disbursement after successful appropriate expenditure documentation and invoices are received.
8. **GRANT REPORTING AND MONITORING** Applicants recommended for funding will be required to provide financial and programmatic reports on a regular basis as specified in the Grant Agreement Contract. These reports describe progress towards deliverable outcomes. Agencies are required to maintain documentation of expenditures, available for review by county staff upon request. Financial documentation may include documentation of employee time and compensation, documentation of all equipment, materials, contracted labor, supplies, and other expenses, supporting documentation for

allowable equipment purchases, and any other records that support Grant charges. Failure to comply with these reporting requirements may jeopardize county funding. Site visits may be performed for funded agencies to determine and verify project progress.

9. DISCREPANCIES AND OMISSIONS: Should an applicant find discrepancies in, or omissions from the RFP documents, or is unsure of the meaning of any part of this document, please notify ICHTF@ingham.org
10. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS All applicants applying will be notified upon a final determination by the County.

END OF INSTRUCTIONS TO GRANT APPLICANTS.

ATTACHMENT A: COPY OF ONLINE APPLICATION

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM

All applications must be submitted online. Applications submitted by October 15, 2026 will be eligible to be considered in the competitive funding round for 2027 Critical Housing and Homeless Services Funding. Applications submitted that include urgent and time-sensitive Emergent Needs will be eligible to be considered by the HTF Rating Committee within 15 business days.

Any required forms and templates will be accessible from the online application.

If you have questions, please contact **Diana Bartlett** via ichtf@ingham.org

FAQs and related answers will be posted to the Housing Trust Page on the Ingham County Treasurer's [website](#).

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Applicant Information

1) Applicant Organization

2) Project/Program Name:

3) Primary Location of Project/Program Services:

*4) Please indicate if this application for funding is to be considered in the Competitive Funding Round for Critical Housing and Homeless Services (must be submitted by October 15, 2026) or does the application include Emergent Needs to be considered on an early/rolling basis? (choose one)**

☐ Application to be considered in 2027 Competitive Funding Round

☐ Application is for an Emergent Need to be considered on an early/rolling basis

5) Grant Amount Requested:

6) Primary Contact Name:

7) Primary Contact Address:

8) Primary Contact Phone Number:

9) Primary Contact Email:

Organizational Information

10) The Applicant organization is a:

☐ Non-Profit Organization

☐ Governmental Entity

☐ Other - Write In: _____

11) The Applicant organization is currently indebted to the Federal Government, State of Michigan, Ingham County, the City of Lansing, or any other City/Township/Local Municipality for the nonpayment of taxes, fines, judgements, liens, or fees:

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ If yes, please describe: _____

12) What is the Applicant organization's mission?

13) What is the Applicant organization's Total Annual Budget?

14) What is the proposed project/program Total Annual Budget?

15) Include a narrative of Applicant organization's previous experience administering grants:

16) *Does the Applicant organization have any known conflicts of interest with Ingham County or the Board of Commissioners?*

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ If yes, please describe: _____

17) *Is the Applicant organization an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, marital status, a person's political affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, height, weight, disability, genetic information, or any other legally protected status?*

☐ No

☐ Yes

18) *Is the Applicant organization in compliance with all pertinent state laws regarding licensing and registration?*

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ If no, please describe why not:: _____

19) Describe Applicant organization plans to secure financial support for this project/program from other sources (including the State of Michigan or any other municipalities)?

20) Does the Applicant organization have letters of support for this project from project/program collaborators or funders?

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ If no, please describe why not:: _____

21) Will there be material participation in the project administration by any additional organization (in a co-applicant or fiduciary role)?

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ If yes, what will the role of this organization be in this project/program?:

Project/Program Information & Narratives

22) Is this a new or existing project/program?

23) Please provide a narrative of the project budget. Include why funds are being requested now and how funds will be spent.

24) Select the priority program areas identified in the RFP to be served through the project/program proposed

- ☐ Expanding or improving shelter facilities or housing program units
- ☐ Providing shelter and/or essential direct services for unhoused individuals and families
- ☐ Shelter diversion to move individuals out of shelter and/or increase housing stability
- ☐ Rental, financial, or case management assistance to support housing stability
- ☐ Connecting individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness with housing through landlord incentives and coordination
- ☐ Providing staffing, services, or housing for a permanent supportive housing program

25) If applying to be considered for early/rolling Application review for Emergent Needs, please select how your request aligns with the urgent, time-sensitive, emergent needs as defined in the RFP

- ☐ Fund will be used to prepare for and operate emergency shelter/warming centers/cooling center in response to weather or other emergency events
- ☐ Funds will be used to address unexpected/emergency facility improvement needs
- ☐ Funds will be used to sustain critical housing or homeless service delivery following sudden or unanticipated funding reductions.
- ☐ N/A - Not applying for early/rolling Application review for Emergent Needs

26) Please describe in detail how funds will be used to address emergent needs. If not applying for early/rolling Application review for Emergent Needs, please skip question.

27) Describe the target populations for project/program services and how they will benefit

28) What is the estimated number of individuals/households to be served each year by proposed project/program services? Please describe how you came up with this number

29) Describe plan for service delivery or service accessibility to promote better housing outcomes for service participants

30) Describe plan for serving individuals across the County, in rural and urban communities

31) Outline the timeline for the implementation of funds.

32) What are the measurable program outcomes and deliverables for the project/program (include at least 2)?

33) What efforts being made to ensure priority populations (including LGBTQ+ individuals, elder populations (65+), families or at-risk youth, justice-involved populations, veterans, or individuals with documented mental or physical disabilities) or other historically marginalized groups are able to participate in and/or receive services from the applicant?

34) How will funds build the capacity to serve people with significant barriers to service, including but not limited to LGBTQ+ individuals, elder populations (65+), families or at-risk youth, justice-involved populations, veterans, or individuals with documented mental or physical disabilities?

35) If there are other programs doing similar or complementary work, how does this project differ and how do you work collaboratively with those other programs?

36) If your project will be providing referrals or working collaboration with other programs to provide wrap-around services, please list those programs here:

37) Please list the titles and qualifications of key staff and/or volunteers that will ensure the success of the proposed project/program

Required Attachments

38) Upload Program Budget using [Critical Housing or Homeless Services Grant Program Budget Template](#)

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39) Upload any Position Descriptions for personnel included in Program Budget

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40) Upload Budget IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (Nonprofits only)

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41) Upload most recent annual financial statement (reviewed or independently audited, if available) or Form 990

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42) Upload List of Board of Directors/Principals

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_____3

43) Upload Organizational Chart for Applicant Organization

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_____3

44) Upload Letters of Support (minimum of 2)

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Thank You!

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ATTACHMENT B: SCORING CRITERIA

DECISION MATRIX - Critical/Emergent Housing & Homeless Services					
	CRITERION 1	CRITERION 2	CRITERION 3	CRITERION 4	CRITERION 5
CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	Does the applicant demonstrate capacity and expertise in the area of the proposed services?	Will millage funds be leveraged?	Is there strong local and collaborative support for this proposal?	Will millage funds be accessible across the community?	Does the proposal address critical/emergent needs AND increase the number of individuals served/increase access to services in one or more of the priority program areas? (expansion or improvement of shelter/housing, emergency shelter/essential services; shelter diversion, rental assistance, housing navigation/case management, landlord incentives, permanent supportive housing)
AVAILABLE POINTS	CRITERION 1 SCORES	CRITERION 2 SCORES	CRITERION 3 SCORES	CRITERION 4 SCORES	CRITERION 5 SCORES
10 Points	The applicant has more than 5 years of demonstrable experience administering grant funds and/or serving the proposal's target populations	The applicant demonstrates that they can provide \$1 to \$1 matching funds for each dollar requested from the County	Proposal provides at least 2 letters of support, with one from a collaborative partner and the other from: a funder, an established housing organization, a local government/community leader, or a program participant.	Proposal includes a primary service location within Ingham County with a detailed service plan for serving individuals across the County, in rural and urban communities	The proposal addresses critical/emergent needs AND the program will reach more than 100 individuals/families per year in one or more of the priority program areas and/or helps supportive/case management services keep an average caseload of 25 or fewer individuals per case manager
8 Points	The applicant has more than 2 years of demonstrable experience administering grant funds and/or serving the proposal's target populations	The applicant demonstrates that they can provide at least \$1 in matching funds for every \$2 requested from the County			The proposal addresses critical/emergent needs AND the program will reach more than 75 individuals/families per year in one or more of the priority program areas
5 Points	The applicant has an established partnership with an agency with more than 5 years of experience administering grant funds and/or serving the proposal's target populations	The applicant demonstrates that they can leverage volunteer or in kind sources as matching funds	Proposal provides at least 1 letter of support from: a collaborative partner, a funder, an established housing organization, a local government/community leader, or a program participant	Proposal includes at least one service location within Ingham County, and provides resources and referrals for service participants across the County	The proposal addresses critical/emergent needs AND the program will reach at least 50 individuals/families per year in one or more of the three priority program areas
2 Points	The applicant has less than 2 years of experience but provides plan for building capacity to administer grant funds and provide proposed services				The proposal addresses critical/emergent needs AND the program will reach at least 25 individuals/families per year in one of the priority program areas
0 Points	The applicant does not demonstrate capacity to administer grant funds and provide proposed services	The applicant does not demonstrate that millage funds will be leveraged	The applicant does not provide letters of support	The proposal does not include a service location within Ingham County (NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING)	The proposal does not address critical/emergent needs AND the program will not reach at least 25 individuals/families per year in one or more of the priority program areas
POINTS SCORED					

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BONUS CRITERIA		
Up to 30 Points available	Will proposal increase housing stability and/or create specialized safe shelter options for one or more of the following populations: LGBTQ+ individuals, elder populations (65+), families and at-risk youth, justice-involved populations, veterans, and/or individuals with documented mental or physical disabilities?	Does proposal incorporate program Best Practices with a focus on measurable outcomes and collaborative partnerships?
BONUS POINTS AVAILABLE		
10	The proposal includes specialized services to improve housing stability for one or more of the following populations: LGBTQ+ individuals, elder populations (65+), families and at-risk youth, justice-involved populations, veterans, and/or individuals with documented mental or physical disabilities	Proposal includes structured plan and outcome measures to transition service participants from emergency shelter to stable housing
5	The proposal will increase shelter capacity or create more low-barrier access to shelter for one or more of the following populations: LGBTQ+ individuals, elder populations (65+), families and at-risk youth, justice-involved populations, veterans, and/or individuals with documented mental or physical disabilities	The proposal includes resource navigation and collaboration with existing community resources to provide wraparound support for service participants (including but not limited to health care and wellness support, financial and benefit support, educational resources, and access to other essential services)