



**EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
NORTH DAKOTA HOMELESS GRANT
HOUSING HABITABILITY STANDARDS UNIT INSPECTION**
PLANNING AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
SFN 61266 (07/23)

Client Name			
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Evaluator		Date of Review	

The standards for housing unit inspections under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) are the housing habitability standards described in the HUD ESG Interim Rule. These standards apply when a program participant is receiving financial assistance or rental assistance and moving into a new (different) unit or remaining in a current unit. Inspections must be conducted upon initial occupancy and then on an annual basis for the term of the ESG/North Dakota Homeless Grant (NDHG) assistance.

The habitability standards are different from the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) used for other HUD programs. Because the HQS criteria are more stringent than the habitability standards, a grantee could use either standard. In contrast to HQS inspections, the habitability standards do not require a certified inspector. As such, ESG/NDHG program staff may conduct the inspections. This form documents compliance.

Instructions: Mark each statement as 'A' for approved or 'D' for deficient. The property must meet all standards to be approved. A copy of this checklist should be placed in the client's file.

Standard <i>(24 CFR part 576.403(c))</i>	Approved or Deficient
Structure and materials: The structures must be structurally sound to protect the residents from the elements and not pose any threat to the health and safety of the residents.	
Space and security: Each resident is provided adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident is provided an acceptable place to sleep.	
Interior air quality: Each room or space has a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air is free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.	
Water supply: The water supply is free from contamination.	
Sanitary facilities: Residents have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.	
Thermal environment: The housing has any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.	
Illumination and electricity: The structure has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the structure.	
Food preparation: All food preparation areas must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner.	
Sanitary condition: The housing is maintained in sanitary condition.	
Fire safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency. • The unit includes at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors are located, to the extent practicable, in a hallway adjacent to a bedroom. • If the unit is occupied by hearing-impaired persons, smoke detectors have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons in each bedroom occupied by a hearing-impaired person. • The public areas are equipped with a sufficient number, but not less than one for each area, of battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Public areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and other common areas. 	
Meets additional recipient/subrecipient standards (if any).	

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that I am not a HUD certified inspector and I have evaluated the property located at the address below to the best of my ability and find the following:

Property meets all the above standards

Property does not meet all the above standards

Therefore, I make the following determination:

Property is approved

Property is not approved

Evaluator Printed Name

Date

Evaluator Signature

Staff Initials