

<p>Enter program-specific information in the green and yellow fields to clarify the application process. Green fields are mandatory, yellow fields are optional.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">New Jersey Department of Community Affairs</h2>
	<h3 style="text-align: center;"><i>Division of Housing</i></h3>
	<h3 style="text-align: center;"><i>Prevention of Homelessness Program</i></h3>
	<h3 style="text-align: center;"><i>Application Instructions</i></h3>
<p>General Instructions</p>	<p>Complete all items in the electronic application, starting with the left side of the Application Menu. If an item is not applicable to your program, enter NA or 0 (zero), as appropriate.</p> <p>For detailed instructions and definitions, download the DCA SAGE User Manual. A link is available on the SAGE log in screen and in Quick Links on your Start Page.</p> <p>Follow the directions below. If you have questions about the Grant Program or how to fill in a form, click the Application Manager hyperlink in the green box in the upper left corner of the Application Menu to email or call your DCA Application Manager.</p> <p>Before getting started, check your Start Menu. If you have an item on your Task List stating that your Agency Information Update is due (Submission Required), click the hyperlink and submit the Update BEFORE beginning your application. You will not be able to Submit your completed application until your Agency Information Update is submitted and approved.</p> <p>If you want to add more staff members to start working on this application, go to Contacts, below.</p>

<p>1. Applicant Information</p> <p>You can skip this step if you have recently submitted your Agency Information Update.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click View Applicant Information and review your agency's information. <p>If it has changed (phone numbers, address, etc.), submit a revised Agency Information Update. To modify your agency's information* and submit a revised Agency Information Update, at your Agency Authorized Official or Agency Administrator's Start Menu, in Quick Links—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click View All Agency Information Updates • At the Search Agency Information Updates screen, <i>do not Search</i>—Click the Create Update button • At the Agency Information Update page, click Edit • Revise the information that has changed since your previous Update • Save
<p>2. Contacts</p>	
<p>Assigning people to work on the Application</p> <p>IMPORTANT! Before you can give staff members access to this <i>application</i>, they must have been given authorization to use SAGE (as Agency Contacts) by your Agency Authorized Official or Agency Administrator. See Agency Contacts in the SAGE User Manual.</p>	<p>To work on – or even see – applications, Agency Contacts need to be added to the specific application as Application Contacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Control Access to Application <p>Initially, the person who initiated the application will be the only name listed under “Application Main Contact” as the Application Administrator. The Application Administrator may Add more staff members and/or a consultant to access the application, as needed.</p>

<p>Adding Agency Contacts</p>	<p>To give your SAGE Agency Contacts access to the application, in the Agency Contacts section—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the desired Agency Contact from the pull down list in the Name field • In the Contact Type field, select whether this person will be a Main Contact or a Staff Member from the pull down list (Main Contacts see the application on their Task Lists) • Select the appropriate Level of Access from the pull down list • Click Grant This User Access • Continue to give access to additional Agency Contacts, if desired. Delete this row if not needed.
<p>Adding Consultants</p>	<p>If you want to use an outside consultant, at the bottom of the screen, in the Agency Consultants section—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the word here in the middle of the paragraph • At the Agency Consultant Search screen, enter all or part of the consultant's name and/or the consulting firm's name (remember to be careful about spelling) • Click Search • Select the consultant you want from the list by clicking on the little magnifying glass • Select the Level of Access you want to give to the consultant • Click Give this User Access <p><i>If your consulting firm is not on the list, they can apply for SAGE access by clicking Request SAGE Access at the SAGE login screen.</i></p>
<p>3. Components</p>	<p>A grant component is the foundation upon which a budget is based. You must create and name the component before creating the application budget. Some grant programs allow multiple components, to allow easier tracking of different types of expenses, such as Program vs. Administration or sub-grantee programs.</p>

<p>Program Components</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on Program Components • Program Type/Sub-Type – Select a component from the drop down list. • Name – Enter a specific Title for the program or project you will implement for this Component • Location – Specify the location (city and county) of the program/project (may or may not be the same as your office location) • Address – Provide the address of the program’s day-to-day administrator • Room # – Identify the room number, if applicable • If your program has multiple components, repeat the steps above until you have selected and described all the appropriate components
	<p>Homelessness Prevention Rental Assistance</p>
<p>Service Areas</p>	<p>In this section, indicate what areas (counties and/or towns) will benefit from <i>this</i> project – this may or may not be the area that your agency serves as a whole.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on Service Areas • Counties – This screen should only be used if the project benefits the <i>entire</i> County. If so, select the county or counties to be served and click Add. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Select the County where the project will be located from the drop-down list and press List
<p>4. Application Information</p>	
<p>Application Program Description</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Application Information, click on Application Program Description • Click Edit • Enter your Application Title: Use a specific Title for the program or project you will implement with this Component. • Enter your Program Description. Briefly describe your project as if you were completing the sentence, “provide funds to...” Include a short description for each program you plan to implement with this grant.
<p>Homelessness Prevention Rental Assistance</p>	<p>To provide temporary assistance with security deposits and rent to eligible households.</p>

	<p>NOTE: Should you receive an award, the Program Description you enter here will be used in your award letter. Your entry in this field should be no longer than a standard sentence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Save
<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>An Objective is a discrete and quantifiable element that must be achieved in order to attain the goal of a program or project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on Objectives and enter— • Number – Number your objectives in sequential order. If you have multiple program components, please differentiate each program by the first number, i.e. objectives for the Youth Program should begin with a 1, the objectives for the Seniors Program should begin with a 2, etc. • Short Description – Provide an abbreviated version of the objective.
	<p>Homelessness Prevention.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Description – Use this field to elaborate on the Short Description you entered in the previous field.
	<p>Provide temporary assistance to eligible renters in financial crisis due to no fault of their own.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method(s) – List the methods(s) to be used to attain the objective(s) described in the Detailed Description section.
	<p>Direct interview with families in need.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation – Briefly describe how you will evaluate the success of the objective.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Program Component –Use the drop down menu to select the Program Component that corresponds to this Objective. • Click Save. <p>Your objective will appear under Current Objectives at the bottom of the screen. You will get a blank screen to enter a new objective. Add as many objectives as needed, numbering them sequentially. Be sure to Save each objective.</p>
<p>Scope of Services</p> <p>A Scope of Services is a description of what will be accomplished if a grant is awarded, including who will be responsible and when the program or project will be accomplished.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on Scope of Services • Enter your scope of services in the text box.

Homelessness Prevention Rental Assistance	The overall county-wide administration of the rental component of the Homelessness Prevention Program which includes: interviewing applicants to determine eligibility; verifying financial and legal documents; approving a level of assistance that is the minimum amount necessary to obtain housing or to avoid eviction; issuing the payment to the appropriate landlord; completing and maintaining required program documentation; and creating and maintaining detailed records on all applicants including a log that will include the name of the household being assisted, address, amount of assistance and the reason for assistance. Further training will be provided to awarded agencies, if needed.
Eligible Counties	All Counties
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Click Save

5. Application Forms	After completing each form, click Save . Go back to the Application Menu to select another form or click the Next button to work on the next form on the list.
<i>Agency History/Capacity</i>	Narrative Form in SAGE.
<i>Previous Program Performance</i>	Narrative Form in SAGE.
<i>Program Summary and Projections</i>	Narrative Form in SAGE.
<i>Schedule A: Personnel</i>	Narrative Form in SAGE.
<i>Attachments</i>	Narrative Form in SAGE

<p>Certification Sheets</p> <p>The address for sending or delivering hard-copy attachments is at the end of these Instructions.</p>	<p>Items 1 through 4—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Yes or No to each item listed, or, if an item does not apply to your organization, select N/A. • If you answered No to item 4, enter your explanation in the text field provided <p>Item 5 applies to non-government agencies only.</p> <p>If you have received a grant from DCA within the current fiscal year—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click N/A <p>If you have not received a grant from DCA within the current fiscal year—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Yes • Select you will upload the past 3 years audits <p>Item 6 applies to government agencies only. If you want to see the text of Executive Order 134, click the hyperlink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Yes, No, or N/A <p>The Certification Sheet contains links to Schedules G, H, and I. When you click the link to each Schedule, the form is displayed as an Adobe PDF document. Print each of the forms from this window. Sign each document and submit it to DCA. Go to http://www.adobe.com if you need Adobe Acrobat instructions.</p> <p>Schedule G – Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select you will upload this attachment <p>Schedule H – Certification Regarding Lobbying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select you will upload this attachment <p>Schedule I – Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select you will upload this attachment <p>In the case where a resolution has not been signed prior to the deadline for submission, a memorandum indicating the date it will be forwarded must be signed by the appropriate Official of your agency and submitted to DCA.</p>
	<p>Generate Coveragepage PDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click  Application PDF (lower left of the Application screen) • Click Generate Coveragepage PDF

<p>Budget</p>	<p>To create your Project/Program budget in SAGE—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on Budget Overview at the bottom of the Application Forms list. • Each of the Program Components you selected will be displayed as a hyperlink on the Budget Overview page. (Your Grant Program may have only one Component) Click on the appropriate Program Component hyperlink; it will take you to the Budget Detail page for that component. • Click the Add a Budget Item tab. • Select a Budget Category from the drop down list in the top field. • Fill in the Provide a short description for this budget item field. • Fill in the Provide a more detailed description of this budget item field. • Enter the amount you are requesting in the Grant Funds Requested from State and Funds from Other Sources (if applicable) fields. • Click Save • Continue adding Budget Items until you have added all the items for this component of your program <p>You can check your budget for this component by clicking the Budget Detail or Budget Summary tab.</p> <p>If you have more than one Program Component—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Go to Budget Overview at the top left of the page • Select another Budget Component hyperlink and create its budget, following the instruction above. • Continue this process until you have created the Budget for each Program Component
<p>Submission Requirements</p>	<p>The following Attachments must be submitted to DCA electronically. (Upload Document in SAGE)</p>

	<p>The following is a list of documents required to process your application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency History/Capacity. • Previous Program Performance. • Program Summary and Projections. • Schedule A: Personnel. • Attachments. • Letter from HMIS Provider. • Letter from your region CoC • Schedules G, H and I (Please refer to the Certification Sheets Instructions on page 8.) • Copy of Articles of Incorporation. • Copy of By-Laws.
<p>Printing the Application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click  Application PDF (lower left of the Application screen) • Click Generate Full PDF <p>A full version of the application will be produced overnight, which can be printed or saved for your records. You will receive an email when the file is ready, and you can retrieve it from the same screen. Go to http://www.adobe.com if you need Adobe Acrobat instructions.</p>
<p>Printing the Application Cover Sheet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click  Application PDF (lower left of the Application screen) • Click Generate Coveragepage PDF • Print the document
<p>Submitting the Application in SAGE</p>	<p>When you have completed all the Application Forms, Certifications, and Budget, click on the Submit Application button on the upper right side of the Application Menu.</p> <p>The system will alert you if you have omitted required information in any of the forms.</p> <p>Be sure to turn pop-up blockers OFF in your Internet browser or you may not be able to see the explanations of the errors.</p>

<p>After you submit...</p>	<p>After you submit an application, it disappears from your Task List. To access a submitted application, in Quick</p>
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Links—

- Click [View All Agency Applications](#)
- At the **Search** screen, click **Clear** to erase any previously entered criteria
- If desired, enter or select criteria to narrow down your search
- Click **Search**
- Scroll down to see your results at the bottom of the page
- To access an application, click on its magnifying glass 

You cannot modify and application once it is submitted, unless your Application Managers sends it back to you (in SAGE) as “Modifications Required.” If you think you’ve made a mistake or omitted important information, contact your Application Manger.