



# HOUSE EVERYONE STL

## HESTL TORNADO RELIEF (RFP)

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**Proposal Deadline: Rolling Submission**

## BACKGROUND

### Organization:

House Everyone STL is a 501(c)3 agency created to provide a data-driven approach to serving our region's unhoused and coordinating a cohesive, collaborative system to give people home with the supportive services needed for success.

### Project Goals

House Everyone STL (HESTL) is pleased to announce the availability of flexible funds to support community-based organizations for targeted funding to support the direct services for families and/or individuals impacted by the May 16, 2025 tornado in the St. Louis metropolitan area. This one-time grant opportunity is designed to aid those who have become unsheltered or at risk of losing shelter due to the disaster.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:

1. **Non-profit Status:** Applicants must be registered 501(c)(3) organizations or demonstrate a fiscal sponsorship arrangement with a registered non-profit entity.
2. **Experience:** Demonstrated experience in providing services to individuals experiencing homelessness, particularly in shelter operations.
3. **Geographical Focus:** Services must be provided to tornado victims who were affected in the following zip codes: Missouri: 63102, 63105, 63106, 63107, 63108, 63112, 63113, 63115, 63117, 63147 Illinois: 62025, 62026, 62040, 62060, 62090
4. **Demographic Focus:** Services must be provided to individuals affected by the tornado.

# PROJECT DETAILS

## Description

HESTL aims to allocate funds to organizations and initiatives that can effectively and compassionately support individuals experiencing homelessness. The primary focus of this funding opportunity is to:

### 1. Emergency Housing Placement and Shelter Support

-Hotel/motel vouchers for temporary placement

-Temporary or pop-up shelter operation support

- Staffing costs (salaries, stipends, etc.)
- Food and nutrition services for shelter clients
- Training for shelter staff and volunteers
- Medical and clothing supplies
- Maintenance and operating expenses for shelter facilities
- Additional needs as identified by applicants that align with HESTL's mission

### 2. Relocation Assistance

-Security deposits and first month's rent for new housing

-Rental application fees

-Temporary storage unit rentals for displaced individuals/families

-Transportation directly related to relocation (e.g., moving truck, bus fare)

### 3. Stabilization Support

-Utility deposits and initial payments to activate essential services at new units

-Basic household items needed to stabilize in a new unit (e.g., bedding, kitchen supplies)

## Scope and Budget

Available Funds: Grant awards will be between \$1,000 - \$10,000.

Funding Period: The funding period will cover operations and emergency preparedness on a rolling basis.

# PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should include the following components:

1. Organizational Information:

- Organization name, contact information, and mission statement
- Proof of registered 501(c)(3) status

2. Project Description:

- Description of the proposed tornado relief activities
- Staffing plan, including roles and responsibilities
- Project budget
- Plan for training staff and volunteers
- Expected number of individuals served
- Requested Funding Amount and Brief Budget Narrative, including how your organization is engaging with the community to assess and respond to disaster-related needs, what specific services or resources are being provided as part of your disaster response and a brief explanation of how impact will be measured and reported:

3. Timeline:

- Detailed project timeline, including dates of operation, days of the week and hours open

4. Partnerships:

- Description of partnerships or collaborations with other organizations if applicable

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

Please submit your proposal electronically to [Melissa.Johnson@houseeveryonestl.org](mailto:Melissa.Johnson@houseeveryonestl.org).

Please include the following in your proposal:

- ☐ Application (includes Project Narrative)
- ☐ Project Budget
- ☐ Copy of Agency's W-9
- ☐ Direct Deposit Form - all funds will be transferred through EFT
- ☐ Copy of Agency's Federal Tax Exemption Letter – 501(c) 3 (if applicable)

## REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of HESTL board members, staff members, and community representatives. Funding decisions will be based on the strength of the proposal,

alignment with HESTL's mission, and the potential impact of the project.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and supporting innovative and compassionate solutions to meet the needs of our community during this season.



For more information about this project, reach out to

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