



**State Shelter Grant
Clarification to SSG/CSCG Guidelines/Application
(April 16, 2010)**

The State Shelter Grant guidelines state:

*The goal of SSG is to assist homeless families and individuals by providing financial support, technical assistance and training opportunities for local government and nonprofit agencies that provide services and support through the operation of **emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities** in Virginia.*

In the application portion of the guidelines/application document it states that **Emergency Shelter programs are programs offered for up to six months.** Likewise, it states that **Transitional Housing programs are programs offered for up to 24 months.**

The following provides additional clarification:

Eligible applicants must be emergency shelters or transitional housing facilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Emergency shelters provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless. Emergency shelters must be short-term, six months or less. Domestic Violence shelters are a type of emergency shelter.

Transitional Housing is a type of supportive housing used to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing. It is housing in which homeless persons may live for up to 24 months and receive supportive services that enable them to live more independently.