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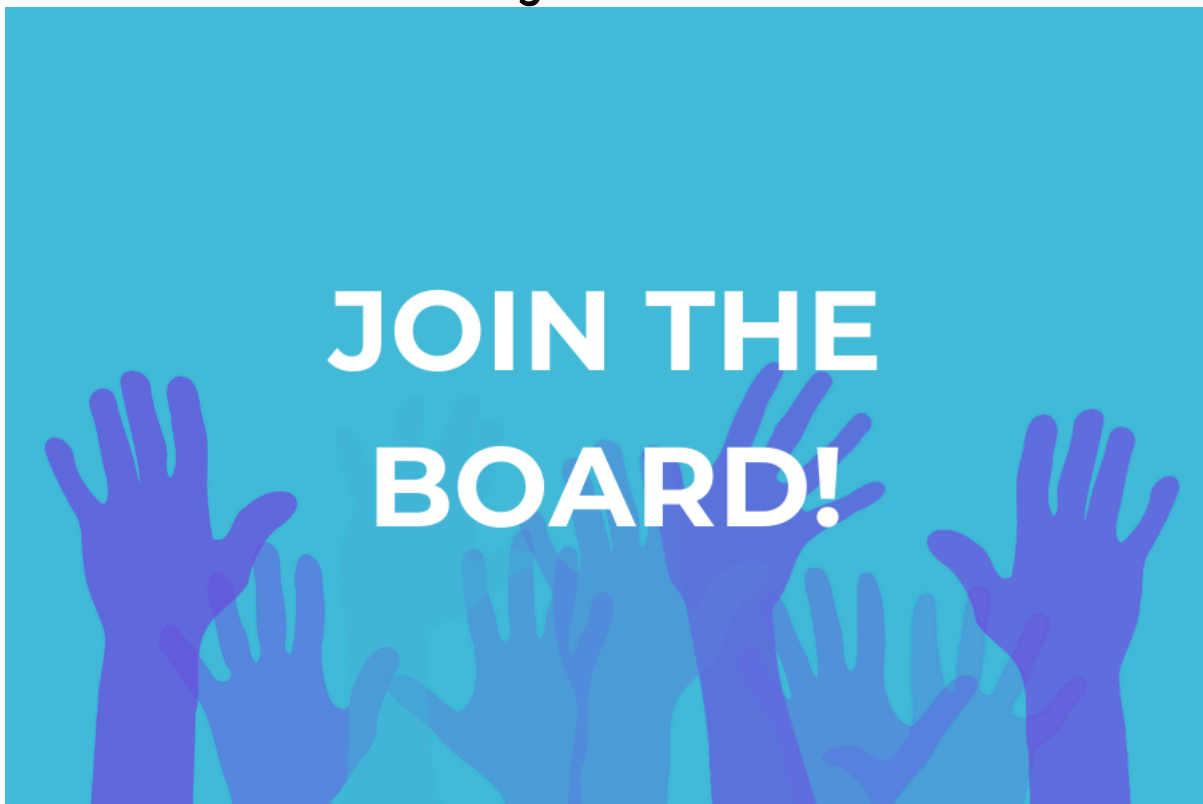
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### Announcements

#### TX BoS CoC Accepting Nominations for CoC Board Seat 7 through 7/19/2024



Do you have expertise in mental/behavioral health? Do you want to get more involved in the TX BoS CoC's work? If so, run for Seat 7 on the CoC Board!

The CoC is accepting nominations for Seat 7, representing mental/behavioral health, to fill an unexpired term through March 2026. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, July 19, 2024, at 11:45 P.M.**

[Click here to complete the nomination form online.](#)

The CoC Board determines the policy direction of the CoC and ensures that the CoC fulfills its

responsibilities. Additionally, the Board oversees the work of CoC committees and the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency (Texas Homeless Network). Board members also stay informed about how the CoC is performing to prevent and end homelessness, and they serve as liaisons between the CoC and the counties and sub-populations they represent. The CoC Board has historically met in person in February for an orientation session and once per month for 1.5 hours by webinar.

The persons filling Board Seat 7 will represent mental/behavioral health in one of the following ways:

1. Being a member of that group (for example, Seat 7 could be filled by someone who participates in mental/behavioral health services);
2. Working for an agency/organization that serves the designated group; and/or
3. Clearly representing the interests of that group, as evidenced in the nomination form.

The Board needs members with varying skills, expertise, and backgrounds to represent the diversity of people experiencing homelessness in the CoC. Anyone who lives and/or works in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area is a general member of the CoC and may run for a seat on the Board. (See the [CoC map](#)) See more guidance about elections in the [CoC Board Requirements Policy](#).

Persons with lived experience of homelessness and direct services providers are especially encouraged to nominate themselves.

THN staff will present nominations to the CoC Board, who will determine the next steps for filling Seat 7.

If you have any questions or need assistance related to this process, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).



## Lived Experience Committee (LEC) Recruiting

THN, as the lead agency for the TX BoS CoC, is recruiting individuals who have experienced homelessness to serve on a committee. This committee will provide THN staff with valuable input on homeless services within the CoC.

**Purpose:** The committee will spearhead the CoC's efforts to get input from people with lived experience of homelessness (PLE). The feedback provided by committee members will be based on their personal experience interacting with homeless services within [TX BoS CoC communities](#). Committee members and staff will also develop input processes and reach out to other PLE.

### Requirements for participation:

1. Has experienced homelessness
2. Lives and/or works within the [geographic boundaries of the TX BoS CoC](#)

**Important Considerations:**

The LEC meets monthly by video call, and meetings last about 1.5 hours each. Members who wish to receive compensation for participating in meetings will receive \$40 per meeting.

Interested individuals should fill out the [Interest Form](#). Questions may be directed to [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).

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## Funding & Other Opportunities

### **FY24 Smart Reentry: Housing Demonstration Program**

With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to fund state, local, and tribal governments to enhance or implement evidence-based activities or services to improve reentry and reduce recidivism by expanding and/or increasing access to housing for people who are currently or formerly involved in the criminal justice system. Prior to the release from incarceration, individuals will be screened, assessed, and identified for program participation. The program will help jurisdictions assess their reentry systems, identify strengths and gaps, and then build capacity for improved housing options for adults released from prison or jail.

**Grants.gov Deadline July 18, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern**

**Application JustGrants Deadline July 25, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern**

[Read the full announcement here](#)

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### **Impact Justice's National Housing Incubator**

Beginning in mid-2024, Impact Justice's National Housing Incubator will fund a select group of organizations who are seeking to refine or scale their own reentry housing programs. In addition to providing direct financial support, the Housing Incubator will also serve as a powerful hub through which Impact Justice and a suite of specialized partners will provide robust technical and capacity-building assistance to sub-awardees.

We are now accepting proposals for our 2024 Housing Incubator! Proposals are due on **Friday, July 19 at 11:59 pm EST/8:59 pm PST**.

[Download the RFP here](#)

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## Important Dates

### **Community Investment Committee Meeting**

*July 10, 2024, 1:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

**Texas BoS Board Meeting**

July 24, 2024, 2:00 PM

\*Closed Meeting

*Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Zoom's [Download Center](#)*

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## Staff Recommendation

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### The State of the Nation's Housing 2024

The Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies has released its annual report on housing in the U.S. The report shows that homeowners, renters, and potential homebuyers are facing high housing costs, and it calls on stakeholders to work together to address the affordability crisis and related challenges, including a record number of people experiencing homelessness. Read the [report](#).

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## Member Feedback

In our efforts to stay transparent and up to date with our members, we are creating this anonymous feedback form for members of the TX BoS CoC to provide any input they want the TX BoS CoC staff and Board to know about.

Provide Your Feedback Here

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## Join Us

Anyone who works or lives in the CoC's geographic area, and all housing and homeless services projects in the CoC's geographic area, are considered to be members of the CoC. The CoC has an open invitation process, so members may join at any time.

THN invites members to participate in the CoC's activities. Learn more on the [email list](#), the [website](#), and social media. CoC General Meeting minutes and recordings are posted on THN's website, in the ["Join Us" page](#). Presentations by and conversations between CoC members and staff on relevant topics keep members informed and updated.

Share this email with anyone you think may be interested!

### CoC General Meeting Schedule

Stay informed about CoC happenings by participating in the bi-monthly webinars. Each meeting will feature a topic that is important to preventing and ending homelessness. See the [Join Us page](#) for dates, topics, and registration links

### CoC Program Funding

If you are a representative of an agency that is interested in applying for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact [txboscoc@thn.org](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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