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Announcements

CPD Guidance on Income Determinations: Federally Mandated Exclusions from Income – Updated Listing Notice

On January 31, 2024, HUD published the **Federally Mandated Exclusions from Income – Updated Listing Notice** in the Federal Register to replace the previously published version, which impacts HUD grantees, including Community Planning and Development (CPD) grantees.

The purpose of this Notice is to update the list of income and asset sources specifically required by Federal law to be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or benefits in a HUD program. The updated Notice adds new exclusions and removes exclusions that are now codified in HUD's 24 CFR Part 5 income regulations. The exclusions listed in the Notice apply to income only, except where HUD states that the exclusion also applies to assets.

This Notice applies to HUD programs regardless of the definition of annual income used to determine eligibility for assistance

[Read the full notice here](#)

2024 HUD Innovations in Ending Homelessness Roundtable Series: The State of Homelessness in 2024

We are pleased to announce the upcoming HUD Innovations in Ending Homelessness Roundtable Series. This series is a continuation of the [Rapid Rehousing Roundtable Discussion Series](#), which included panel discussions from system leaders, program staff, and people with lived experience of homelessness, to discuss challenges, lessons learned, and innovative new approaches to rapid rehousing. This new series will move beyond the specific focus of rapid rehousing and focus on innovative strategies and interventions that provide the

most effective, equitable responses to homelessness at the individual and system levels. The first session, The State of Homelessness in 2024, is taking place on **March 14, 2024**.

Funding & Other Opportunities

HUD Opens Applications for \$150M to Expand Affordable Housing in Tribal Communities

The **Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competition** funding will be prioritized for new housing construction projects, housing rehabilitation projects, acquisition of existing housing units that increase the affordable housing stock, and necessary affordable housing-related infrastructure projects.

Applications are due no later than March 19, 11:59 ET.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Important Dates

***No General Meeting in March**

Lived Experience Committee Meeting

March 6, 2024, 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Texas BoS Executive Committee Meeting

March 7, 2024, 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Community Investment Committee Meeting

March 13, 2024, 1:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

Coordinated Entry Steering Committee Meeting

March 26, 2024, 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Texas BoS Board Meeting

March 27, 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](#)

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Homeless Camp Refuges Cringe as Eviction Rumors Swirl](#) (Tom Green County)
[Activist Knows How to Solve San Angelo Homelessness](#) (Tom Green County)
[Hope & Heartache: Inside the San Angelo Homeless Camp](#) (Tom Green County)

South

[Beeville pastor lives the Cardboard Challenge bringing attention to homelessness](#) (Bee County)
[McAllen, Hidalgo County conduct annual homelessness survey](#) (Hidalgo County)

East

[From couch surfing to sleeping in a car: What one teen's story tells us about homelessness in rural Texas](#) (Angelina County)
[Community Healthcare receives \\$269K federal grant to fight Longview homelessness](#) (Gregg County)

West

[City of Abilene clears out encampments, causing strife in homeless population](#) (Taylor County)

Central

[Local Queen feeds homeless at outdoor kitchen](#) (Williamson County)
[Killeen opens warming center; warm weather coming later](#) (Bell County)
[Operation Stand Down set for March 9](#) (Bell County)

These articles were gathered from Google Alerts and emails sent directly to us. If you have articles about your community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness that you want to be highlighted in our next newsletter, please email the articles to txboscoc@thn.org.

Staff Recommendation

The New York Times recently published an opinion piece that spotlights thoughts and feelings of people experiencing homelessness. In "[A Life without a Home: Voices from the Tents, Shelters, Cars, Motels, and Couches of America](#)," people tell their stories in their own words, giving powerful and moving testimonials about what it's like to live in homeless situations. This article provides a poignant reminder of why we work to prevent and end homelessness.

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

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.



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