

TX BoS Modernization

What is Modernization?

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Tell us a little about you!

**Name, Pronouns (Optional), Agency,
Location, What are you hoping to get from
this presentation?**

Goal for today

Understand the what and why for modernization, including:

- the need for added capacity,
- the possibility of using a CoC split as a means of adding capacity,
- getting direction from those in attendance, and
- discussing next steps

1. What is modernization and why does it matter?

What is Modernization?

The CoCs exploration and implementation of options to:

- better support local communities,*
- improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness, and*
- amplify work done at the local level.*

Why this Discussion?

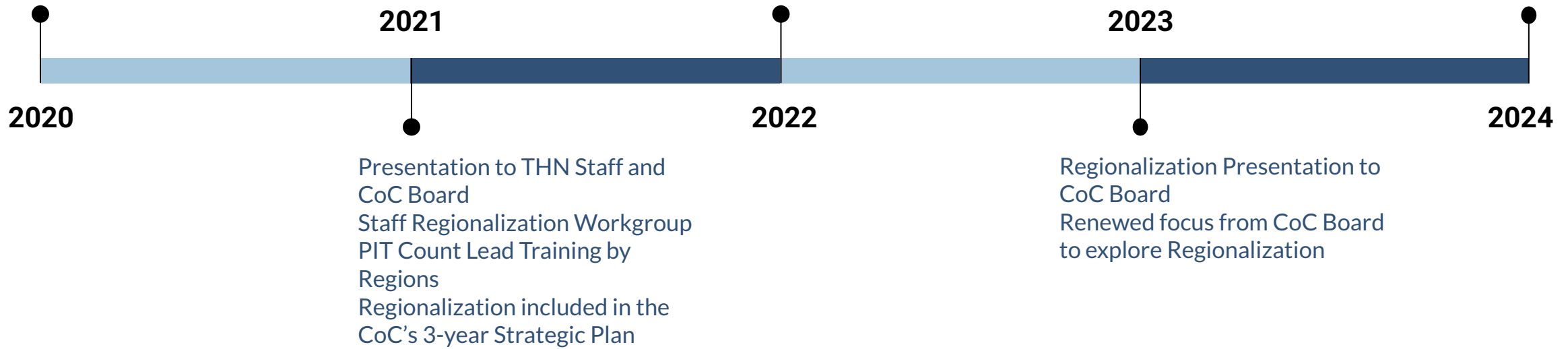
- *The TX BoS CoC is dedicated to prioritizing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and those who work most closely with them.*
- *The most effective approach involves resourcing, coordinating and supporting providers and response systems at the local level.*
- *The vast number of communities and extensive area within the Texas BoS present challenges that are not met by existing structures and capacity.*



Timeline

VISTA Member Research
Regionalization Report by Staff
Member
CoC's Gaps Analysis conducted
using regional framework

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Document Summary

There is a lack of capacity to provide adequate support “on-the-ground” from THN

Providers want THN to be more present in the field than they currently are (Gaps Analysis 2020)

- Communities struggle to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness (CE Evaluation 2022)
- Providers need more support from THN (Gaps Analysis 2020)
- Current level of training offered does not meet the needs of providers. (CE Evaluation, 2022)
- No mechanism exists at the CoC level to regularly review performance data, identify areas of concern, and elevate to appropriate bodies to address. (CE Evaluation, 2022)

Community Meetings and Input

- CoC Board Meeting (4/24)
- CoC Spring General Membership Meeting (5/15)
- LHC Leadership (6/27)
- Lived Experience Commission (LEC) (7/3)
- LHC and local governments (7/25)
- Fall CoC Meeting (9/11)
- CoC Grantee Meeting (1/9)
- Google Form ([accepting responses](#))

What we have heard so far

- A desire for a more regionally-focused presence - THN staff assigned by region as a primary point of contact or using a local agency with capacity.
- Offer more on-the-ground help, training, assistance, support (coordinated entry, furniture/donation coordination, PIT orchestration, engaging decision-makers, agency-level support to work on outcomes)
- Share replicable successes across regions.
- Increase work with policy makers

“BoS covers a huge area of the state with vastly different issues, political climates, and needs, but we're all supposed to have the same goals and priorities in order to get CoC funding. Because of this, instead of catering our programs to what our community needs, we are trying to shoehorn them into BoS and the result is no one wins.”

We want to hear from you: <https://forms.gle/hsosKjzGLsGPWSuB9>

2. Adding capacity

System Capacity

CoC Planning Grant Funds

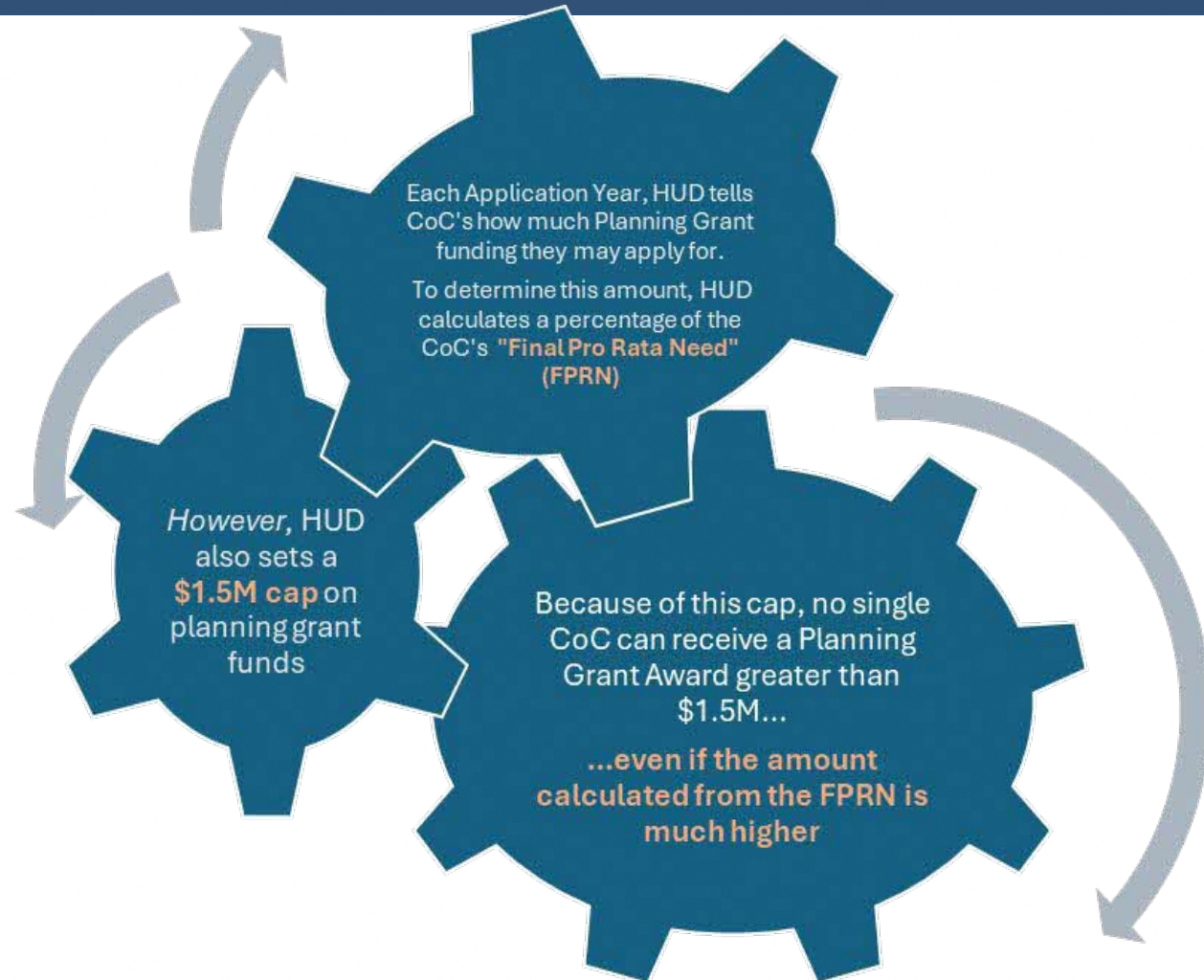
- Planning grant funds are available to assist the CoC in carrying out a number of its responsibilities.
- The period of performance for a planning grant is one year and there is no guarantee that planning grant funds will be awarded each year.
- CoC planning grants can only be awarded to the CoC's Collaborative Applicant.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/planning-costs/>

How Does HUD Determine How Much a CoC Receives?

CoC Planning Grant Funds

- Planning funds are equal to up to 3 percent of the CoC's Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) or a maximum amount to be established by the CoC NOFA.
- In the FY 2024 CoC competition, a Collaborative Applicant could apply for **up to 5 percent of the CoC's FY 2024 Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)- maximum of \$1,500,000**



TX BoS Dollar Amounts

Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)- A dollar amount assigned by HUD based on the geographic areas located in your CoC. This determines the amount the CoC can apply for DV Bonus funds.

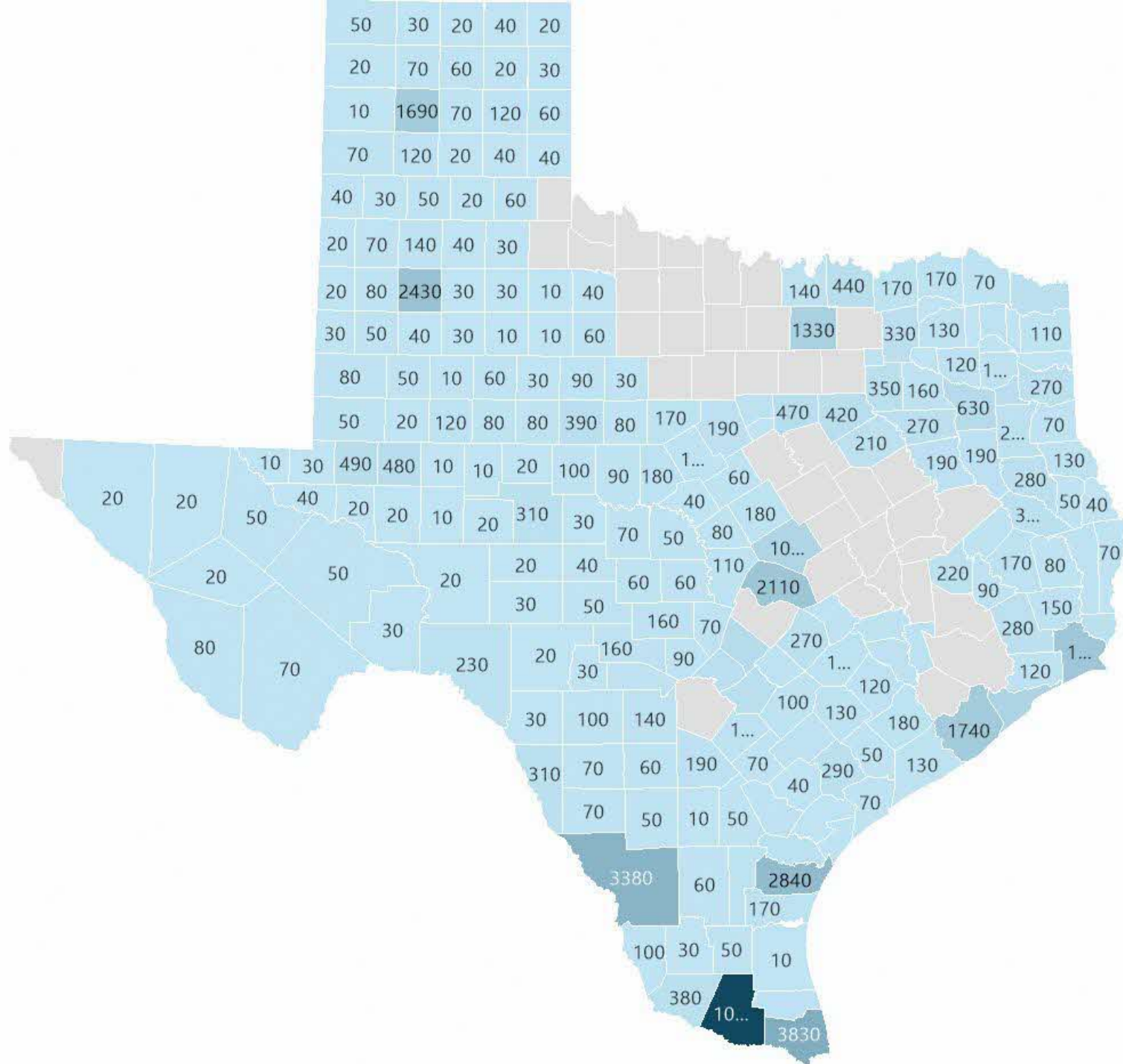
- TX BoS PPRN (FY24)- \$65,878,251

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)- A dollar amount that represents the amount of CoC funding that is eligible for renewal in a given competition year.

- TX BoS ARD (FY24)- \$15,474,990

Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)- It is the larger of the PPRN or the ARD. Key to determining how much a CoC will be eligible to apply for in NOFO competitions. This determines the amount the CoC can apply for Planning Grant and CoC Bonus funds.

- TX BoS FPRN (FY24)- \$65, 878, 251



Tx Balance of State: 2023 PPRN by County

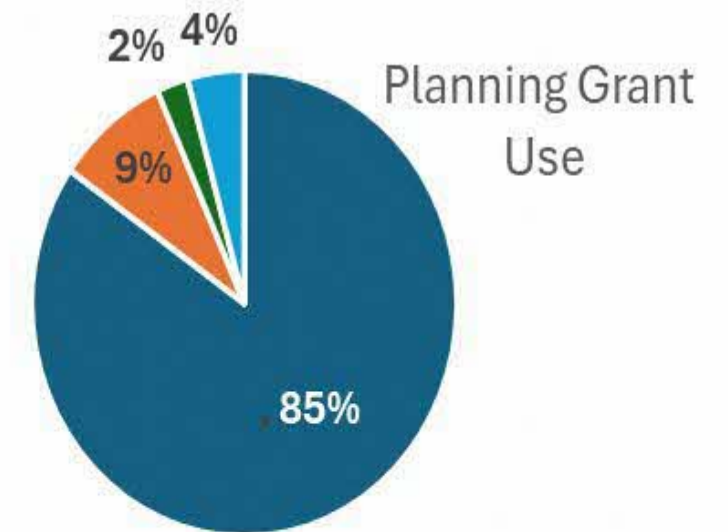
(rounded up to nearest thousand)

2023 Total: \$54M

2024 Total: \$65M

Current CoC Capacity - Planning Grant

- 2023 planning grant award:
\$1,500,000
 - THN must match at least 25%



■ Personnel

■ Space & Operations

■ Travel

■ Contractors

Adding CoC Capacity - CoC Split

TX BoS Planning Grant is capped at \$1.5 million **for each CoC** per the FY24 CoC NOFO, despite having a much larger FPRN. Planning grants cannot exceed this amount.

If the BoS decides to divide the geography and register as two or more CoCs, **both** of the newly formed geographic area (or new CoC's) could apply for Planning Funds up to the cap (while maintaining consolidated administrative and systems functions).

This would increase planning dollars available to support local communities within the Balance of State.*

*Subject to NOFO Planning Grant allocations in future years and CoC geography

Adding CoC Capacity - Possible Activities

- Increase personnel to:
 - offer additional technical assistance and training at a local level
 - provide more region-specific strategic planning and support
 - inform and engage policy makers
 - spend time on the ground with individual communities and providers
 - support actionable data at the local level (e.g. county-level reports)
 - coordinate the sharing of replicable successes across regions



3. Considering a CoC split

What is a CoC split?

A CoC split is when part of the geography of a CoC makes the formal decision to leave the CoC to create a new, independent CoC.

HUD generally discourages CoC splits because communities that split tend to not fully appreciate how much work it is to operate an independent CoC.

CoC Split Considerations

- Governance
 - Collaborative Applicant
 - CoC Board
 - Policies & Procedures
- HMIS
- Coordinated Entry
- Geography
- Funding



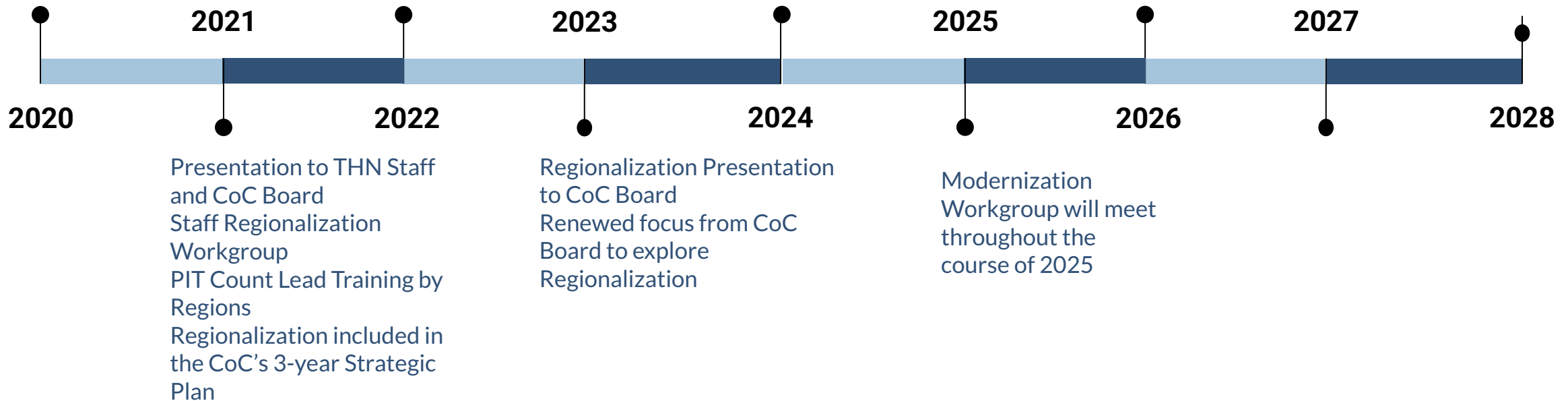
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The soonest possible
split: 2026 competition
registration (February)





3. Next Steps

Next Steps

- [Google Survey](#)
- [Sign up](#) to take part in the Modernization Workgroup

CoC Modernization Workgroup

- Topics: Governance, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, Geography, Funding
- Each topic will have three meetings for the workgroup to learn more about the topic, discuss the various options, and create a recommendation that will eventually go to the CoC Board
- Workgroup members can participate in all of the meetings or pick a topic (or two!) that they are especially interested in