



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

August 2024

Announcements

FY2024 CoC Program



The FY2024 CoC Program Local Application is right around the corner! On Wednesday, July 31st, HUD published the [FY2024 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA). While Local Application dates for the TX BoS CoC have not been announced, Applicants should anticipate the Local Application Process to begin soon. THN will announce the availability of application materials by publishing the FY24 Request for Proposals to our [CoC Program landing page](#) and communication via [this listserv](#).

FY24 CoC Program Competition Info & Q&A Session

Information and Q&A Session in preparation for the FY2024 CoC Program Competition.

Who Should Attend: General BoS Membership, All CoC Program Recipients

August 13, 2024, 10:30 AM

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Public Comment Announcement



Public Comment Period for the TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery Is Opening

The Texas Balance of State CoC seeks public comment on proposed additional sections in the TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery. The public comment period is open and will close on **August 26, 2024 at 11:59 pm**.

For information on how to submit a public comment: <https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Public-Comment-Instructions-for-CoC-Written-Standards-2-1.pdf>.

For accessibility needs, contact txboscoc@thn.org

We need your input on Modernization!

The CoC is exploring revising the structure of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. To learn more, [please see this one-pager](#).

To give your feedback, [all are welcome to fill out this anonymous form](#) and make your voice heard!

Funding & Other Opportunities

YouthBuild

Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to opportunity youth, ages 16 to 24, who are performing meaningful work and service to their communities. The YouthBuild program model prepares participants for quality jobs in a variety of careers, in

diverse industry sectors, particularly in infrastructure sectors, and includes wrap-around services such as mentoring, trauma-informed care, personal counseling, transportation supports, and employment preparation - all key strategies for addressing violence in communities. YouthBuild applicants must include construction skills training and may include occupational skills training in other in-demand industries.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355058>

Zero Returns to Homelessness Cohort

With support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs), The Council of State Governments Justice Center is offering state teams a unique opportunity to participate in its first Zero Returns to Homelessness Cohort. This cohort, conducted in partnership with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, will provide up to six teams with free and extensive technical assistance support focused on solidifying long-term reentry housing plans, leveraging community leaders and resources, collaboration across state and local systems, and achieving a real, concrete expansion in the amount of housing available to people in reentry.

Interested teams must submit this application no later than **6:00 p.m. PT on Monday, August 12, 2024**. Applicant teams in final consideration may be asked to participate in additional virtual meetings the week of **August 26, 2024**. Selected participants will be notified the week of **September 2, 2024**. If you have questions, please contact us at zeroreturns@csg.org.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWDLRPF>

Public Housing and Serious Mental Illness: Practical Recommendations for Housing Providers Webinar

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Homeless and Housing Resource Center (HHRC) is sponsoring a webinar on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM CT**. This 90-minute webinar will provide an overview of serious mental illness for housing providers.

Training Objectives Include:

Overview of serious mental illness (e.g., symptoms, medication)

Review effective policies and programs

Discuss real-world applied scenarios/recommendations

Participate in Q&A with expert panelists

All housing and service providers are welcome to join this webinar, however, content will be tailored to public housing authorities and HUD Multifamily Housing providers.

[Click here to register for the Public Housing and Serious Mental Illness Webinar on August 7.](#)

Important Dates

Lived Experience Committee Meeting

August 7, 2024, 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

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Community Investment Committee Meeting

August 14, 2024, 1:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

Texas BoS Board Meeting

August 28, 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

[Denton Water Project keeps homeless residents hydrated during brutal Texas summers](#) (Denton County)

South

[City of Corpus Christi Taking Applications to Reduce Homeless and Stabilize Housing](#) (Nueces County)

East

[BPD trying to determine if remains are those of homeless man](#) (Jefferson County)

West

[Laredo celebrates 2 years of Los Balcones Transitional Housing Project helping the homeless](#) (Webb County)

Central

[Hilltop Recovery Ministries seeks community support to reduce number of homeless women in Bell County](#) (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

State Public Health & Homelessness Playbook

Community Solutions developed the [State Public Health & Homelessness Playbook](#) for state public health officials, homelessness and housing advocates, and state policymakers who want to learn more about how state public health agencies and programs can proactively support efforts to reduce and prevent 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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