



## Press Release

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### **Agencies in the Texas Balance of State Awarded \$2.2 million for project renewals from HUD**

January 3, 2012 – (Austin, TX) — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced \$2.2 million in awarded renewals for the Continuum of Care grant to projects in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care. Twelve organizations received renewal funding that will allow their projects to continue providing or furthering housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals.

The agencies that received renewal of funding are the following agencies serving the following counties: Bell, Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Gregg, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, and Taylor.

1. **Woman Inc. Beacon Place Transitional Housing** is a two-year transitional housing program for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.
2. **Gulf Coast Center Transitional House** serves homeless adult men with either mental illness or a co-occurring diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse disorder.
3. **Gulf Coast Center Permanent Housing III** serves persons with disabilities who are chronically homeless.
4. **Gulf Coast Center HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems)** serves agencies in Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers, and Liberty counties.
5. **Gulf Coast Housing Initiative** serves homeless families with children and chronically homeless adults in Brazoria and Galveston Counties.
6. **The Children's Center Family Home** is a permanent supportive housing project for homeless families with minor children and chronically homeless individuals.

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7. **Gulf Coast Permanent Housing for Disabled Adults** serves exclusively persons who are chronically homeless.
8. **Abilene Hope Haven (Child Care assistance)** assists homeless families with the expenses of providing quality care for their children while the parents are engaged in activities designed to advance their economic future.
9. **Central Texas Youth Services Bureau (Transitional Housing)** entitled Project FUTURE (Focus Upon Training, Utilization of Resources, and Employment), addresses needs of the youngest and most vulnerable of the homeless population: men and women 18-21 years of age and their children.
10. **Community Healthcore “Fredonia Place” (Transitional Housing)** assists homeless persons severely disabled by mental illness to obtain the skills and supports necessary to obtain and maintain stable, decent community housing.
11. **Community Healthcore “Project Success” (Transitional Housing)** serves women who are head of households that have come from family violence shelters, inpatient and residential substance abuse treatment programs, shelters and from the streets; and chronically homeless women that are coming from shelters and the streets.
12. **City of Longview S+C (Shelter + Care)** provides 29 units of tenant based rental assistance to chronically homeless individuals residing within the city limits of Longview.

“These projects that have been awarded renewal funds have been successfully providing services to homeless individuals and families throughout the Balance of State region,” said Eric Samuels, Director of Continuum of Care Programs. “We are encouraged by the continued funding and we hope HUD also awards funding to this year’s new applicants.”

The renewals were announced the week of December 21<sup>st</sup> and new project funding are expected to be announced soon.

The Texas Balance of State (TXBOS) offers support to communities in the development of comprehensive long-term solutions to address homelessness that affects approximately 80,000 men, women and children each day in Texas.

### **About Texas Homeless Network**

Texas Homeless Network (THN), based in Austin, is a 501(c)3 organization that is partially funded through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Texas Department of State Health Services. THN provides training and technical assistance around the state helping service providers and communities better serve the homeless population. Working together, we can end homelessness. For additional information, visit: [www.thn.org](http://www.thn.org) or call 512-482-8270.

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