Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC General Meeting

April 14, 2021, 2:00-3:30 P.M., by Webinar

NOTES

Link to meeting recording: https://thn.adobeconnect.com/porypt42xoek/

I. Welcome -- Staff welcomed attendees, showed a photo collage of THN staff, and asked attendees to indicate their locations on a map.

II. Data Snapshot – LSA System-Wide Map *(see attached presentation)*

A. The Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report provides data on homeless assistance to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
B. Caveats: The LSA includes data from only Emergency Shelter (ES), Transitional Housing (TH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, not street outreach, homelessness prevention, or supportive services. The report is pulled from data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), so it includes data on only projects that use HMIS. And the report looks only at households, not individuals.
C. The system-wide map show the paths that households have taken through the homeless crisis response system in the TX BoS CoC. From October 2019 - September 2020:
    1. 87% of households went directly from Coordinated Entry into emergency shelter (ES); 9% went to RRH; less than1% to PSH; 4% to TH; and less than 1% to other.
    2. Only 24% of households exited to permanent destinations.
    3. 8% returned to the homeless crisis response system
D. The data can show where to focus efforts, for example, to increase exits to permanent housing (RRH and PSH).

III. Community Conversation – Strategic Plan and Implementation (*see attached presentation)*

A. The CoC is developing a CoC Strategic Plan. It will have a Monitoring Plan, or CoC action plan, to guide systems-level efforts. Communities may create a Local Action Plan for their communities that is based on the CoC Strategic Plan.
B. Community stakeholders can develop Local Action Plans at a virtual Community Planning Session on July 14th, from 2:00-5:00, with Homebase and THN staff.
C. Strategic Plan Key Elements: Executive Summary; Goals Strategies and Activities; Monitoring Plan; Data to Support Strategic Plan
D. 5 goals in the Strategic Plan

E. Poll: What Goal are You Most Excited About? Top result: Goal 2 - Increase Capacity of and Access to Housing and Supportive Services

ii. **How we are Ending Homelessness –HUD COC Program Funding** – *see attached presentation*

a. The FY 2021 CoC Program competition will begin when HUD releases the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which has occurred in June or July in prior years.
b. THN, as the CoC Lead Agency, will run the "local competition" for the CoC. See CoC Program resources at https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/continuum-care-program/ and at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/.
c. All eligible entities in the TX BoS CoC are invited to submit applications.

iii. Committee Updates – *listen to the meeting recording for updates, or go to https://www.thn.org/tx-bos-coc-committees/*

a. Community Investment Committee
b. Coordinated Entry Steering Committee
c. Data Committee
d. Strategic Planning Committee
e. Victim Services Providers Committee

iv. Announcements

a. Community Investment Committee elections open until April 22nd. Anyone who lives or works in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area is considered to be a member of the CoC and may vote in the elections. Since the CIC seats are designated to represent six geographic regions of the CoC, members may vote in the election only for the geographic region where they live or work.

Next Meeting –
The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2021, from 2:00-3:30 P.M.

Watch the website and *BoS News* for more information.

Open Discussion:
Staff was available on the webinar for 15 minutes after the meeting ended, for an open discussion on any topics that attendees wanted to discuss. No attendees

Give your feedback!
Members were invited to complete the anonymous survey they received after the meeting ended, to let THN know what was helpful and what would could be better for the next meeting. 13 attendees completed the survey.

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

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April 14, 2021, CoC General Meeting -- Attendees

Name	Organization Name
Alaina Presley	Mission Texarkana
Amanda Aykanian	UTA School of Social Work
Anne Spanyers	Advocacy Outreach
Beth Rolingson	ADVOCACY OUTREACH
Carol Racz	Texana Center
Cherry Pittcock	ASBDC, Inc.
Christy Plemons	The Salvation Army
Courtney Cross	City of Denton
Damian Clark	Advocacy Outreach
Daphne Adams	Christian Community Action
Deanna Lowrey-Green	Combined Community Action
Debra Huffman	Neighborhood Development Corp.
Denise Kornegay	Lamar County Homelessness Coalition
Jade Bredenberg	Mission Texarkana
Janeal White	Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
Jay Morgan	Community Healthcore
Jennifer Buxton	City of Corpus Christi
Jennifer Schmidt	The Salvation Army
JERI SLONE	Institute of Cognitive Development, Inc.
John Meier	West Central Texas Regional Foundation
Karen Covington	Abilene Hope Haven
Laura Martinez	Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Maddie Nation	Homebase
Maria Najera	Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center
Marsha Wilson Rappaport	The Children's Center, Inc
mechelle lindsay	Families In Crisis, Inc.
Melissa Gutierrez	Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.
Michaelle Wormly	WOMAN, Inc.
Michelle Yates	La Posada
Nathaniel Dears	Denton County MHMR Center
Olga Guzman	Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Rebecca Bromley	Neighborhood Development Corp
Taylor Howard	United Way of Denton County
Teresa Finch	The Chosen Ones Outreach Ministries of Galveston, Inc.
Tommy Lee Martinez	Loaves and Fishes of the RGV, Inc.
Tracy Andrus	Tracy Andrus Foundation
Valerie Bustos	Open Door Survivor Housing

TX BoS CoC General Meeting

Agenda
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Registration link: https://thn.adobeconnect.com/apr21gm/event/event_info.html

Meeting materials available at: https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/join-us/#bos-gen-meetings

I. **Welcome, Introductions, Staff Photos & Map of Attendees**

II. **Data Snapshot –** Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report — How well is our CoC system performing

III. **How we are Ending Homelessness –** HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

IV. **Community Conversation –** CoC Strategic Plan — member input

V. **Committee Updates –**
   a. Community Investment Committee (CIC)
   b. Coordinated Entry Steering Committee (CESC)
   c. Data Committee
   d. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)
   e. Victim Services Provider Committee (VSPC)
   f. Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) – recruiting members; if interested, complete this form: https://forms.gle/ntoPDtYNjAZcVFCM8
   g. CoC Committees on THN's website: https://www.thn.org/tx-bos-coc-committees/

VI. **Announcements**
   a. Voting in CIC elections is open until April 22nd.

VII. **Next Meeting**
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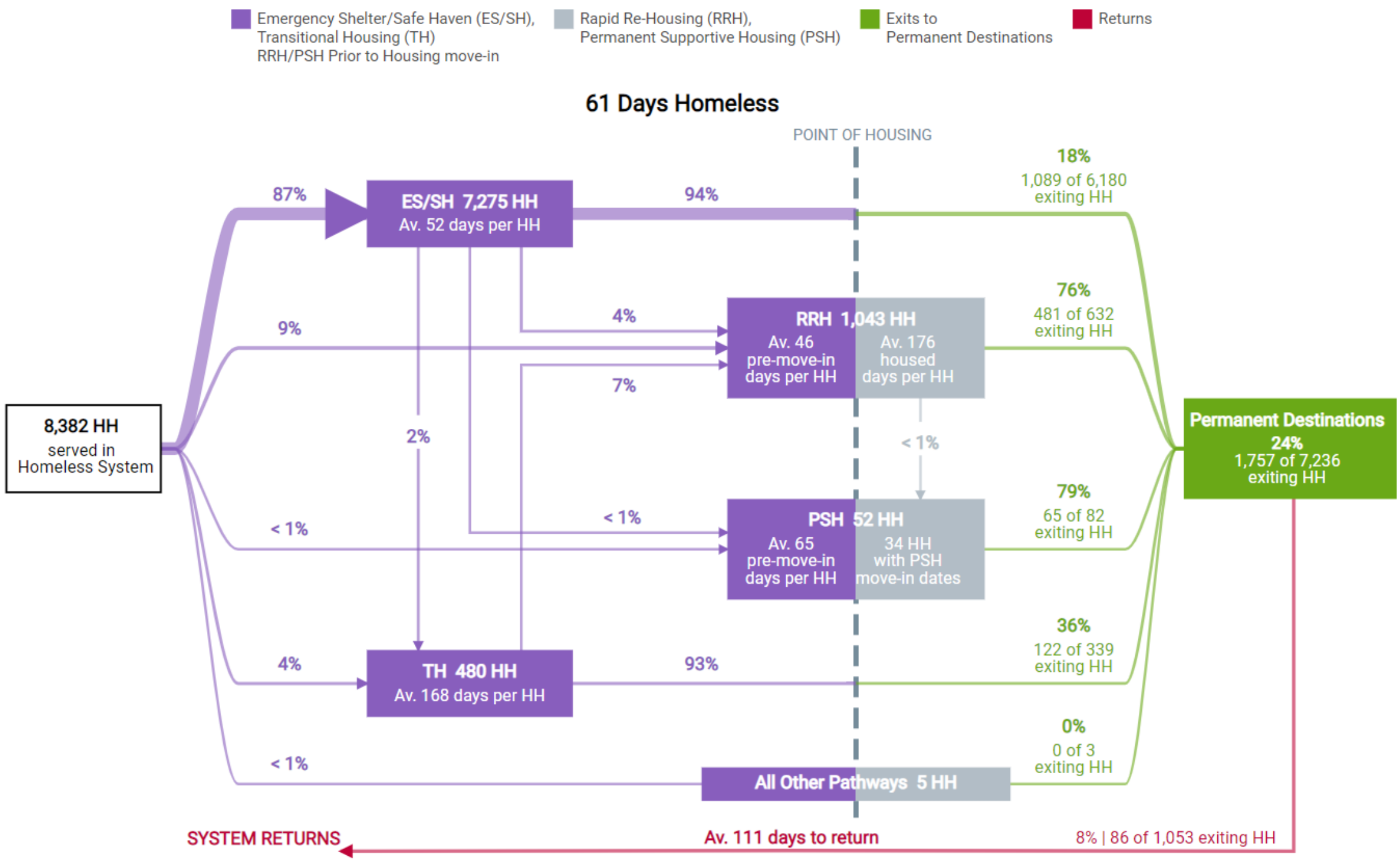

Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven (ES/SH), Transitional Housing (TH) RRH/PSH Prior to Housing move-in
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
Exits to Permanent Destinations
Returns
61 Days Homeless
POINT OF HOUSING
8,382 HH served in Homeless System
87%
ES/SH 7,275 HH
Av. 52 days per HH
94%
18%
1,089 of 6,180 exiting HH
9%
4%
7%
RRH 1,043 HH
Av. 46 pre-move-in days per HH
Av. 176 housed days per HH
76%
481 of 632 exiting HH
2%
< 1%
< 1%
< 1%
PSH 52 HH
Av. 65 pre-move-in days per HH
34 HH with PSH move-in dates
79%
65 of 82 exiting HH
Permanent Destinations
24%
1,757 of 7,236 exiting HH
4%
TH 480 HH
Av. 168 days per HH
93%
36%
122 of 339 exiting HH
< 1%
All Other Pathways 5 HH
0%
0 of 3 exiting HH
SYSTEM RETURNS
Av. 111 days to return
8% | 86 of 1,053 exiting HH

April 14, 2021

Strategic Plan & Implementation

TX BoS

CoC General Meeting

Introduction: Homebase

Patrick Wigmore
Deputy Director

Esther Wilch
Senior Staff Attorney

Maddie Nation
Policy Analyst

Strategic Plan
Monitoring Plan
Local Action Plan

Strategic Plan

Key Elements of the Strategic Plan

Executive Summary

Goals, Strategies, & Activities for Significant Impact

Appendix A: Monitoring Plan

Appendix C: Data to Support Strategic Plan

Goals

1: Improve the Current Housing Crisis Response System

2: Increase the Capacity of and Access to Housing and Supportive Services

3: More Effectively Use Data

4: Increase Community Engagement, Improve Public Perception, and Shape Public Policy

5: Increase Funding to Address Homelessness

Poll Question: Which goal are you most interested in hearing more about?

Homebase

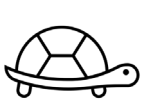
1: Improve the Current Housing Crisis Response System

- Coordinated Entry
- Regional planning and decentralized governance
- Diversion
- Evidence-based practices
- Sub-population strategies (TAY, CH, DV, Black individuals)
- Workforce

2: Increase the Capacity of and Access to Housing and Supportive Services

- Affordable housing options
- Housing and services partnerships
- Access to housing & shelter
- Coordinate with local resources (PHAs, sober living)
- Host Homes

Poll Question: How is our presentation speed so far?



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Too slow - please speed up!

3
Just right!

5
Too fast - please slow down!

3: More Effectively Use Data

- Homeless Data Management
- HMIS participation
- Increase data literacy knowledge
- Increase PIT participation

4: Increase Community Engagement, Improve Public Perception, and Shape Public Policy

- Engage leadership
- Local communication plans
- Increase awareness of racial disparities
- Lived experience

5: Increase Funding to Address Homelessness

- Align funding with the Strategic Framework
- Alternative sources of funding (e.g., Medicaid, Pay for Success)
- Grant Support for Projects

Quick Reflection:

- What have you heard that you are most excited about?
- Is there anything missing?

Homebase

Monitoring Plan

Homebase

Purpose

Support Implementation at the CoC/THN Level

Local Action Plan

Homebase

Purpose

Support Community Planning Session

Operationalize the Strategic Plan at the local level through tailored community planning

Elements

Initial Community Assessment
Identify Community Goals
Community Action Plan – Template
Community Action Plan – Example
Resources & Materials to Support Implementation

INITIAL COMMUNITY-ASSESSMENT	
Instructions: Answer the following questions about your community's performance in the past **two years**. Please highlight your response.	
1. Does your community currently have a **Local Homeless Coalition** or similar group?	
Yes	No
2. Does your community participate in the **Point-in-Time (PIT)** count?	
Yes	No
3. **D**oes your community have any projects using **HMIS**?	
Yes	No
4. Do programs in your community participate in **Coordinated Entry**?	
Yes	No/Does Not Apply
5. Do you hold **community meetings** at least quarterly with key homeless stakeholders (including individuals with lived experience of homelessness)?	
Yes	No
6. Does your community have any **emergency shelter**?	
Yes	No/Does Not Apply
7. Does your community have any **rapid re-housing** or permanent **supportive housing** projects?	
Yes	No

Poll Question: Did you answer “yes” to five or more of the initial community assessment questions?

Homebase

If you answered **yes** to **5 or more** questions → Select at least 3 goals from Column A or B

If you answered **yes** to **less than 5** questions → Select at least 3 goals from Column B

Community Goals

Column A	Column B
yes to >5	***yes to <5***
❑Sober Living	❑LHC
❑Barriers to Shelter	❑PIT
❑Prevention or Diversion	❑Coordinated Entry
❑Housing or Shelter	❑Relationships with Local Elected Officials

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN - TEMPLATE

Instructions: Using the three Community Goals identified on pages 3-4, please complete the following table. To the extent possible, identify action steps that could be taken **within the next year**. If you would like further guidance, please see the Community Action Plan Example on pgs. 10-11; the Implementation Resources on pg. 12; or contact THN or Homebase staff.

GOAL #1: [FILL IN ONE COMMUNITY GOAL FROM PAGE 3 OR 4]

STRATEGY 1: [Fill in a broad set of actions you can take to help achieve this goal]

HOW WILL YOU MEASURE SUCCESS FOR THIS STRATEGY?

- FILL IN MEASURE 1
- FILL IN MEASURE 2

Action Steps	***Responsible Parties***	***Timeline***	***Source Documents***
1a. [Identify a specific activity you will undertake to help implement your strategy and achieve your goal.]	**Lead**: **Partners**:		
1b. [Identify another specific activity you will undertake to help implement your strategy and achieve your goal.]	**Lead**: **Partners**:		

Chat Question: Who are you going to invite to the Community Planning Session?

Homebase

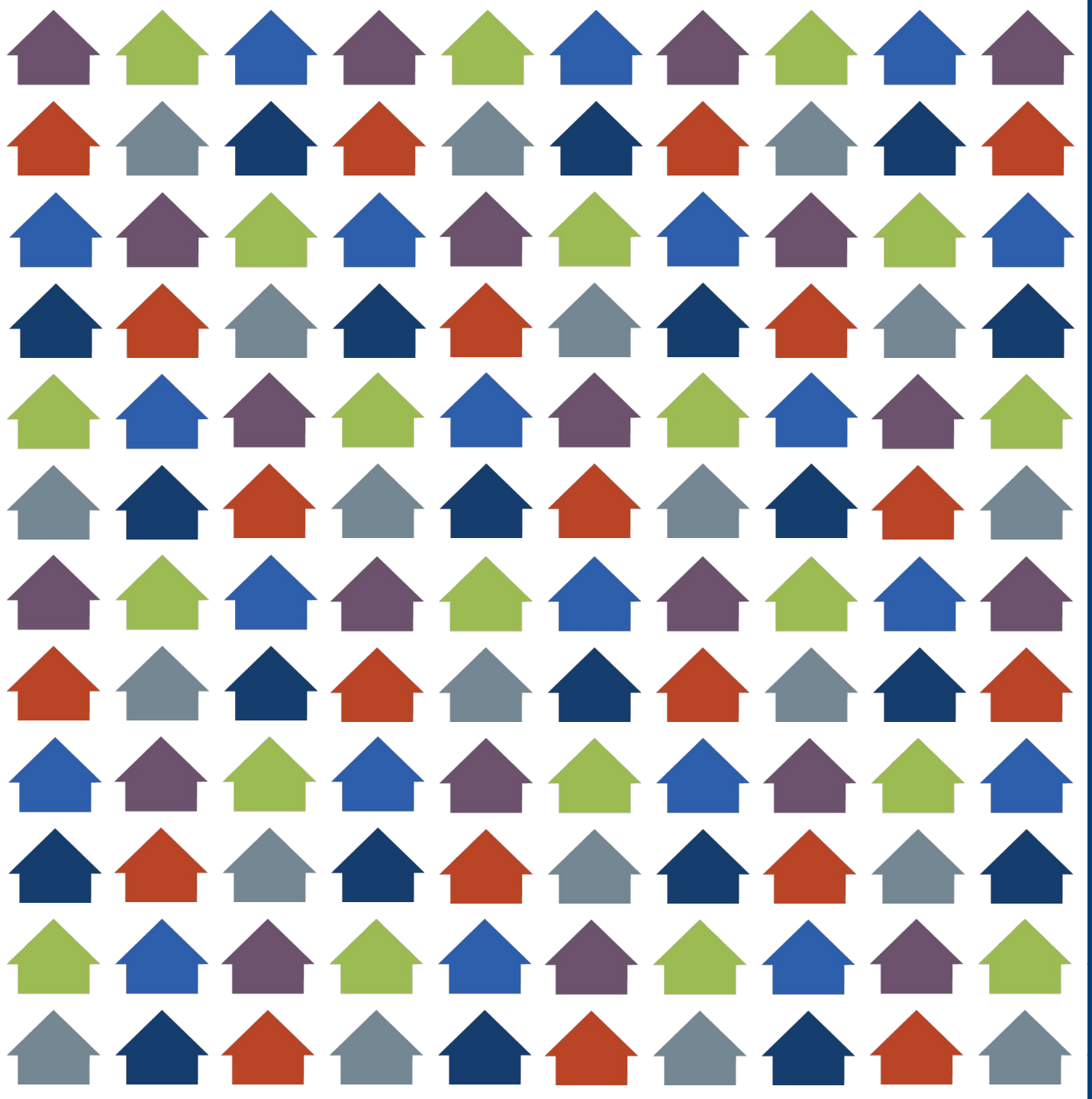
Next Steps

Homebase

Strategic Plan Timeline

Thank You!

Please reach out to maddie@homebaseccc.org with any questions.



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CoC Programs: General Meeting Presentation

Strategies For Change

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CoC Programs Staff Support

- Jim Ward, Assistant Director of Planning

- Quiana Fisher, CoC Performance Coordinator

Agenda for Today's Presentation

Participants will learn:

1. Basic Understanding of the CoC Program Competition
2. What the CoC Program Funds
3. Who is Eligible to Apply
4. How to Apply in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Poll Question(s)

What is the CoC Program?

CoC stands for Continuum of Care
(Not coincidental that you see that term all over THN materials)

- The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families;
- and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

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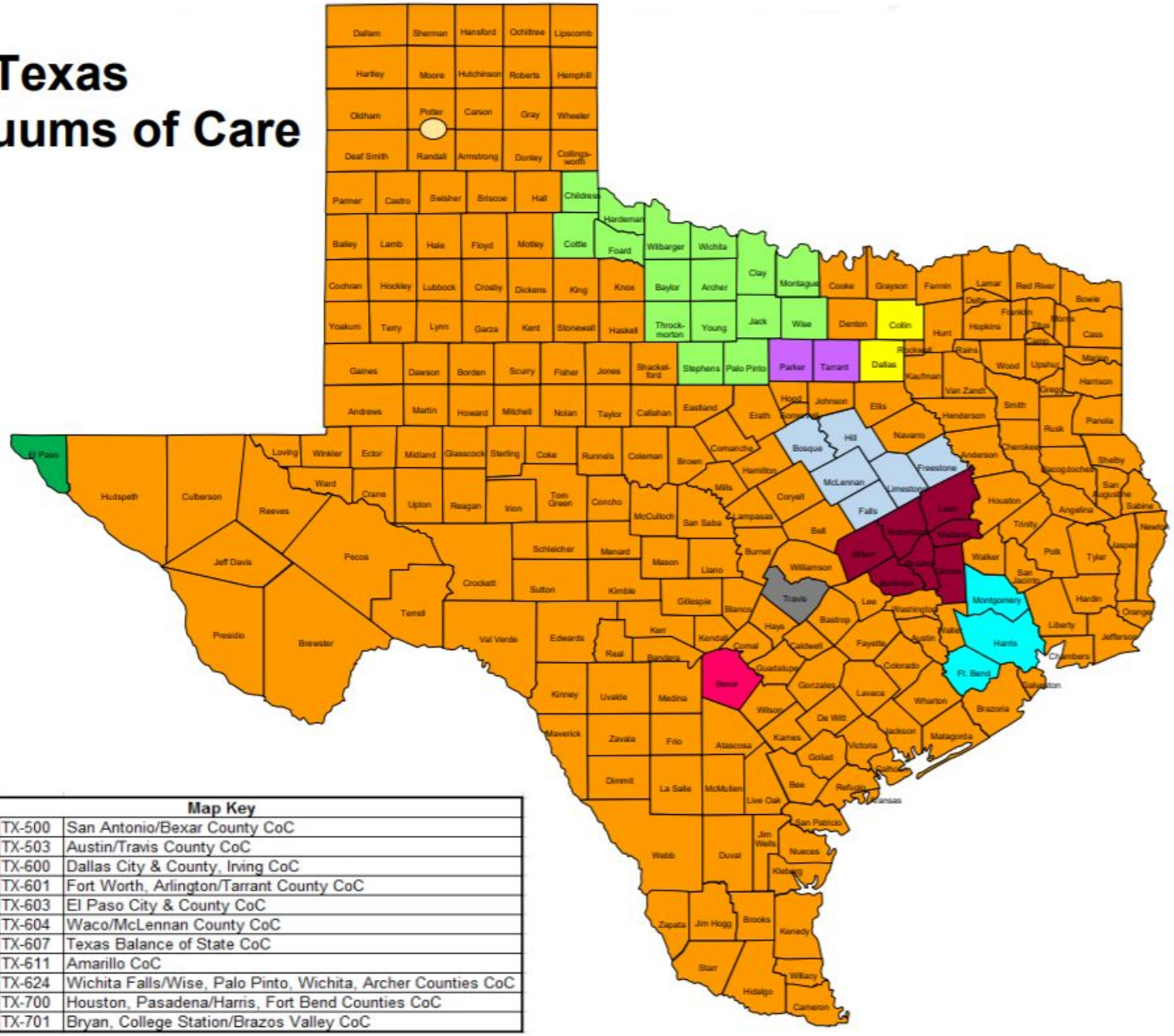
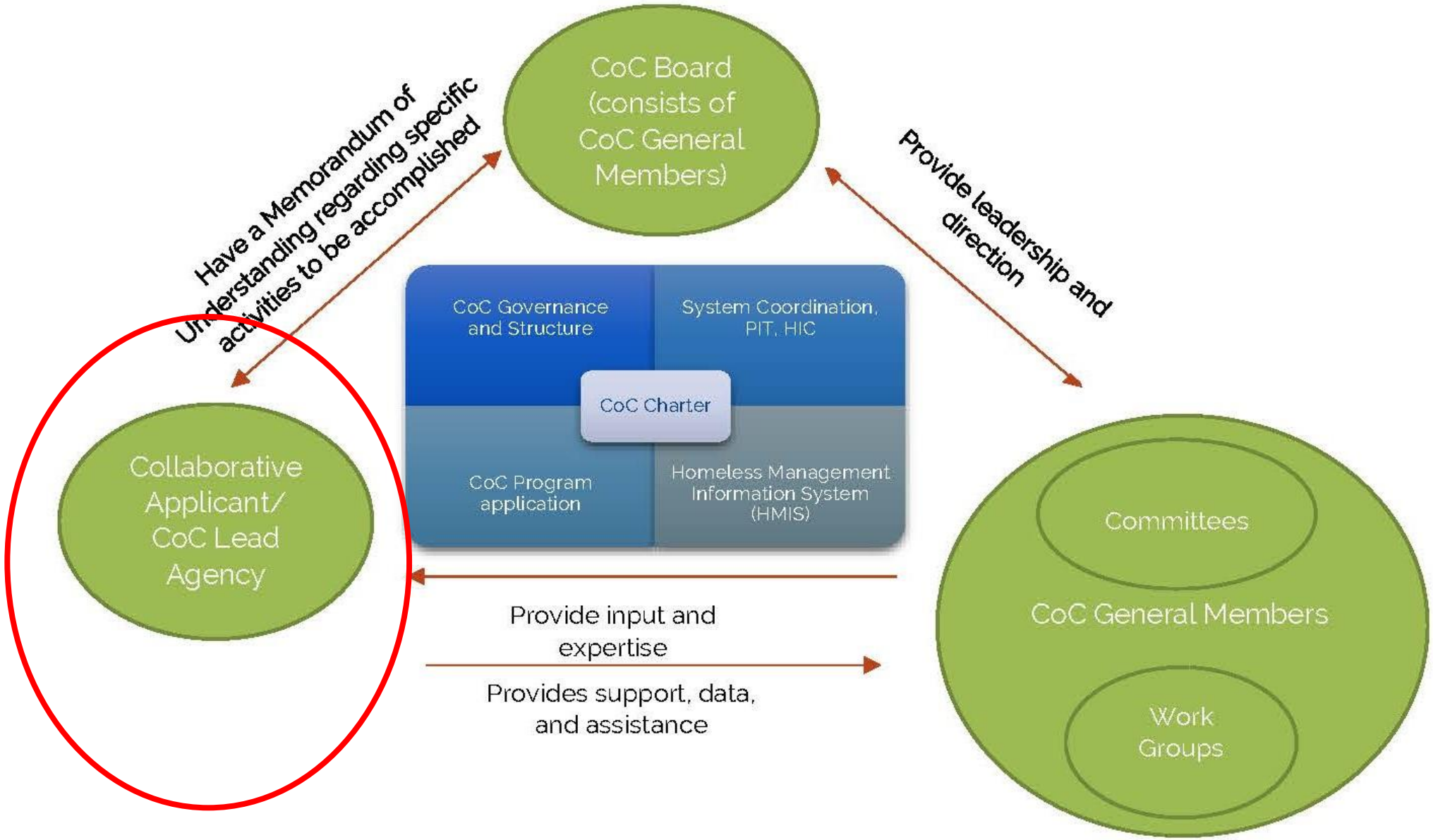
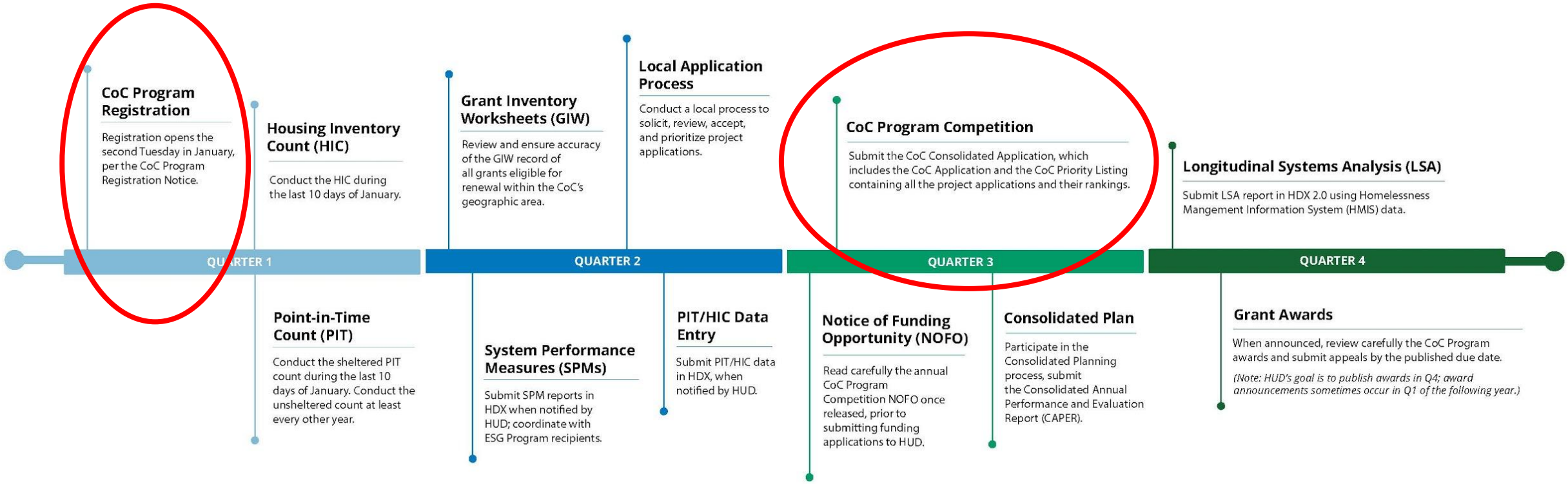


Map Key	
TX-500	San Antonio/Bexar County CoC
TX-503	Austin/Travis County CoC
TX-600	Dallas City & County, Irving CoC
TX-601	Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC
TX-603	El Paso City & County CoC
TX-604	Waco/McLennan County CoC
TX-607	Texas Balance of State CoC
TX-611	Amarillo CoC
TX-624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties CoC
TX-700	Houston, Pasadena/Harris, Fort Bend Counties CoC
TX-701	Bryan, College Station/Brazos Valley CoC

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Governance Structure



HUD Annual Requirements: CoC Collaborative Applicant Activities



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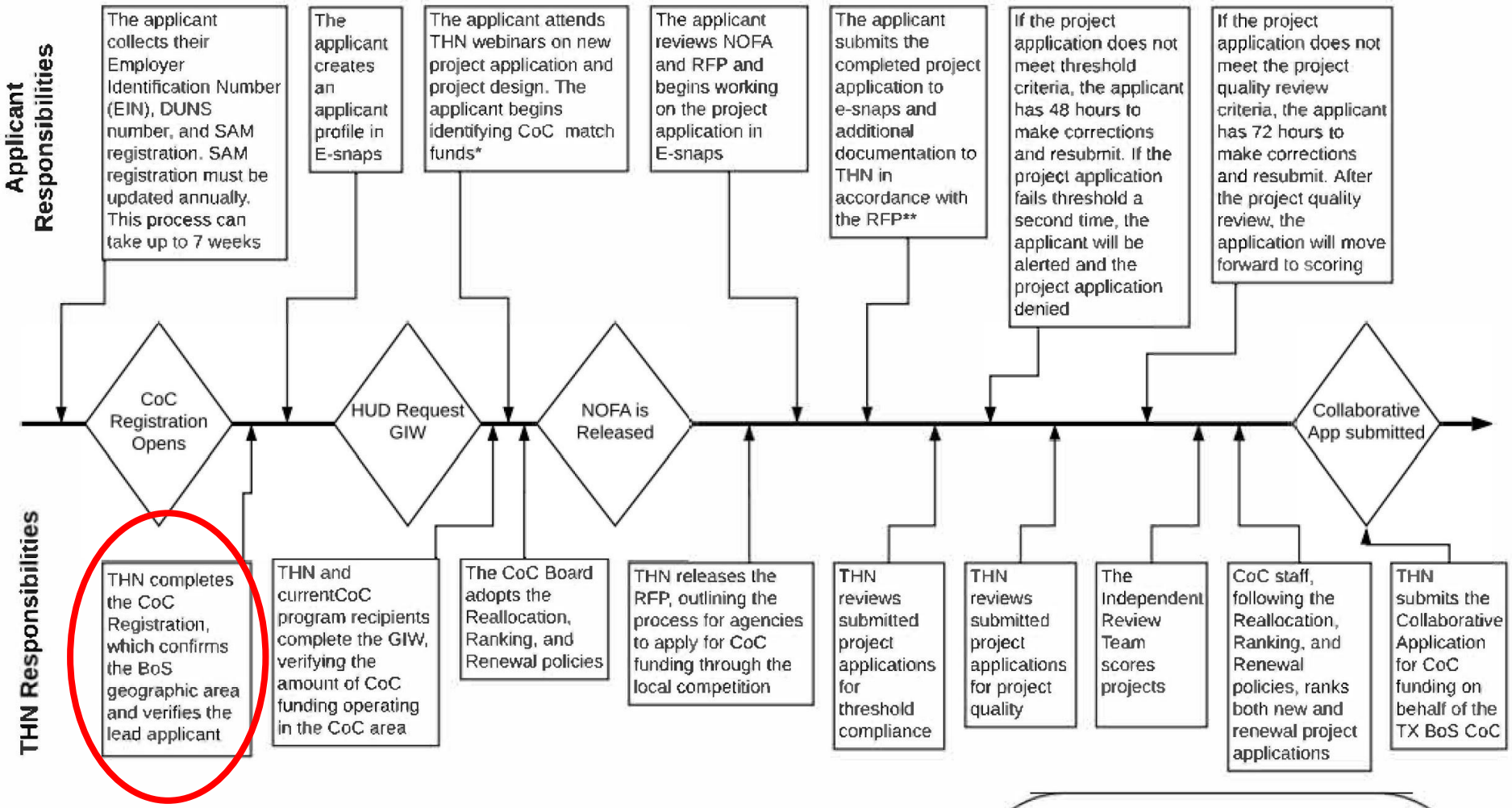

Reminders

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**Besides only the correct information in the applicant's e-snap's profile and the project application, applicants must also submit a letter detailing HUD monitoring to date, proof of non-profit status, Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan, CoC Expectation Agreement, and the Housing First Questionnaire to THN

Important Acronyms:
DUNS: Data Universal Number System
SAM: System for Award Management
CoC: Continuum of Care
GIW: Grant Inventory Worksheet
NOFA: Notice of Funding Availability
RFP: Request for Proposals
BoS: Balance of State
MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

HUD Priorities (FY2019)

- Ending Homelessness
- Creating a systemic response to homelessness
- Strategically allocating and using resources
- Using an Evidence- Based Approach
- Increasing Employment
- Providing Flexibility for Housing First with Service Participation Requirements

How it works (CliffsNotes Version)

1. HUD will release a Notice of Funding Availability
   a. This notice will establish the total amounts available for
      i. Renewal Funding
      ii. New Project Funding (CoC Bonus & DV Bonus)
   b. The notice will establish the submission date of the Collaborative Application
2. THN as the Collaborative Applicant will release an RFA that eligible entities must respond to in order to be considered for recommendation to HUD
3. The Independent Review Team, or IRT will review and score applications.
4. THN staff will present recommendations to the CoC Board.
5. THN submits approved Project Listing to HUD on behalf of the CoC.

How much funding is available?(*2019)

Annual Renewal Demand	$8,977,631
Planning	$1,250,000
CoC Bonus*	$7,853,102
Domestic Violence Bonus*	$3,768,296

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

In general, eligible applicants include **nonprofit organizations**, **states**, **local governments**, and **instrumentalities of state and local governments**. **Public housing agencies**, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Tribes, tribal housing authorities, and for-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. The 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act expanded eligibility to Tribes, and Tribal Designated Housing Entities. This change would allow Tribes to create and maintain their own Continuums of Care.

Poll Question(s)

Project Types

- Permanent Housing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
    - No Time limit + Supportive Services
  - Rapid Rehousing
    - Limited to 24mo of Rental Assistance + Supportive Services
- Joint Component- Transitional Housing/ Rapid Rehousing
    - Technical Assistance is strongly encouraged for project design
    - Not intended to replace Transitional Housing
    - Must center client choice in housing options
- Coordinated Entry- Supportive Services Only
    - Technical Assistance strongly recommended for Project Design.
    - Funds Direct Client Assistance (Assessment / Referral)

Program Requirements

- 25% Match
  - Cash
  - In-kind
- Housing First
- Coordinated Entry
- CoC Program Expectations
- Annual Reporting

Characteristic of a Strong Applicant

- Application is based on local data
  - PIT
  - HIC
- Applicant is working collaboratively with community stakeholders (LHC, Local Government, etc)
- Applicant is working towards racial equity and the Project Application reflects efforts to decrease the disparate impact of homelessness locally.
- Solicits and incorporates feedback from people with lived expertise, in Project Design, and Agency operations.

How to Apply

1. Create/Update SAM registration at SAM.gov
2. Watch THN Applicant Webinars
3. Sign up for HUDexchange Competition Announcements
4. Sign up for Competion Announcements from THN

How to Apply

https://thncompetition.smapply.org/prog/lst/

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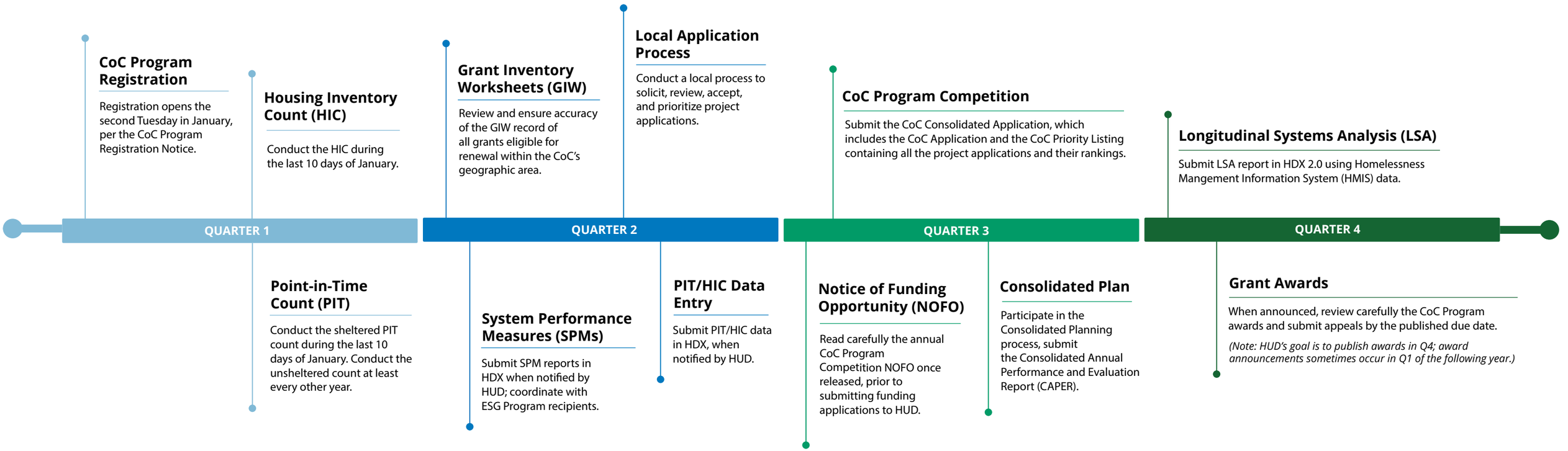

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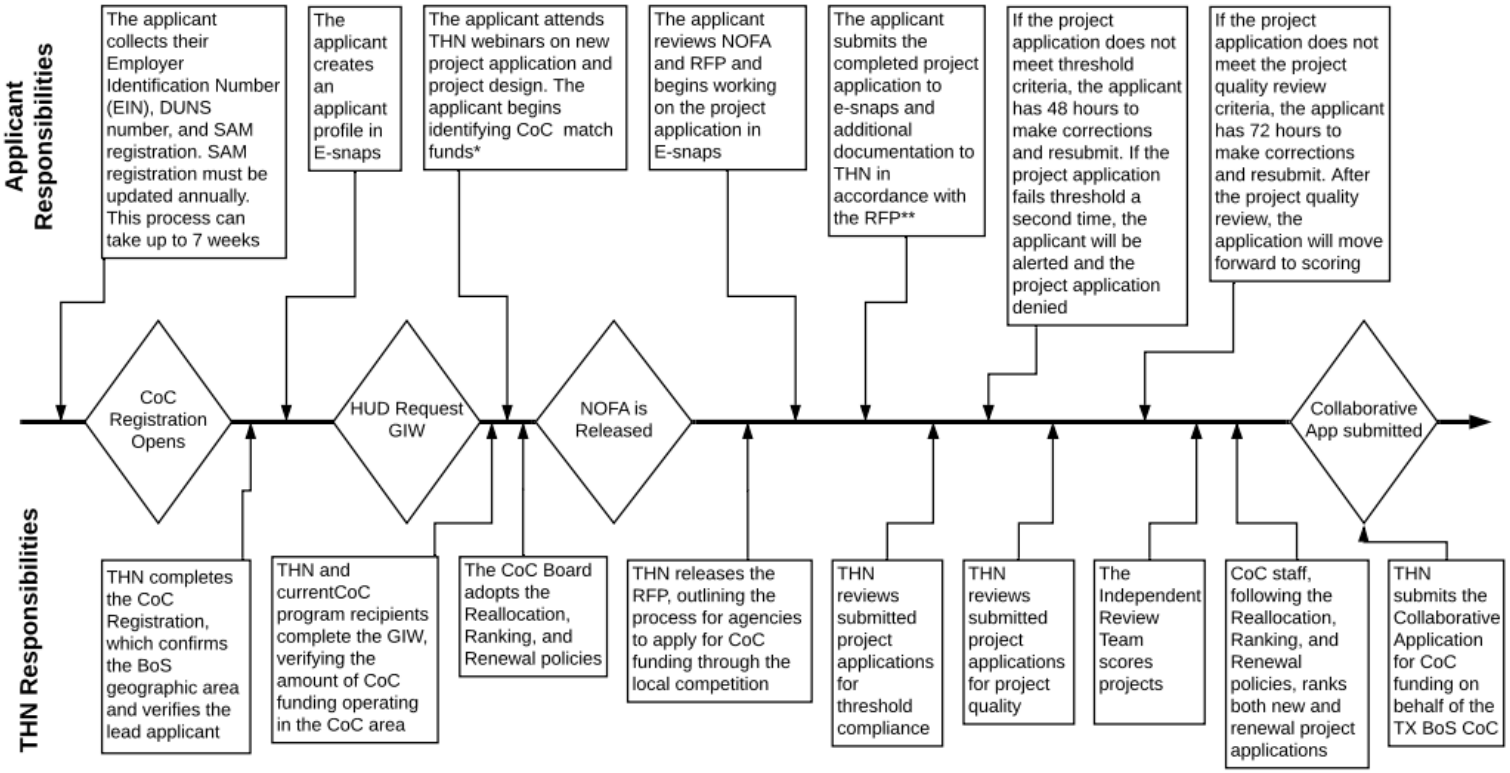

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