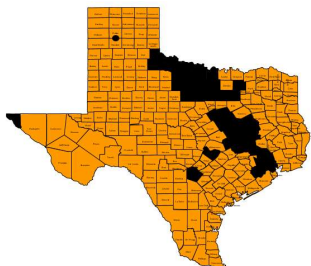




Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

August 2021



Texas Homeless Network is the lead agency for the [Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care \(TX BoS CoC\)](#). The TX BoS CoC is a group of stakeholders that collaboratively plan and operate the CoC and a range of housing and services to prevent and end homelessness. The TX BoS CoC covers 215 counties and includes Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) that plan, deliver, and evaluate local systems.

Announcements

You're Invited

The CoC General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **August 11th, from 2:00-3:30**, by webinar.

- Main Topic – 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count
- Data Snapshot – 2021 PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Data
- Community Conversation – Emergency Rental Assistance and the Statewide Camping Ban

[Register here](#). Get the [meeting materials](#) on the website.

Everyone is invited! Please share this information with people in your community, including people experiencing homelessness.

Vote for New Board Members

Voting for the 2021 CoC Board elections is now open. Take this opportunity to elect who will represent you and guide the CoC over the next two years.

Learn more about the [outstanding slate of candidates](#), and vote using the [online ballot](#).

Anyone who works or lives in the [CoC's geographic area](#), and has an interest in preventing and ending homelessness is considered to be a member of the CoC and may vote in the elections.



Voting ends **August 22nd at 11:59 P.M.**

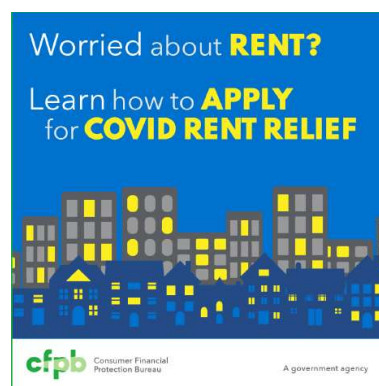
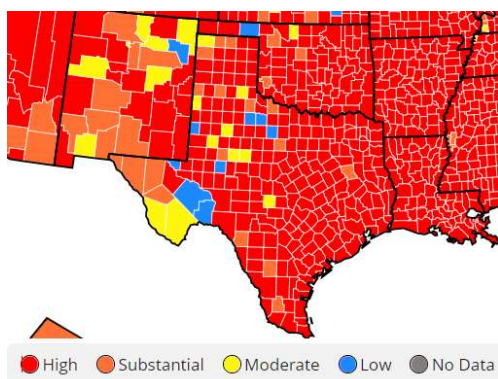
Two seats have more than one candidate running, and your votes will determine who will fill those seats.

- Seat 3 -- Chronically Homeless Persons: *Andrea Omojola and Greg Sims*
- Seat 13 -- Business: *Daphne Jackson, Christopher Lucey, and Barry Wheeler*

The other six seats received only one nomination each, and the CoC Board will accept the nominees to fill the seats for which they were nominated. Congratulations to these board members!

- Seat 1 -- Persons with Lived Experience: *John Meier*
- Seat 5 -- Homeless Youth: *Natasha Hayden*
- Seat 7 -- Mental/Behavioral Health: *Linda White*
- Seat 9 -- Local Government: *Courtney Cross*
- Seat 11 -- Public Housing Agency: *Ronnie Odom*
- Seat 15 -- Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) or State Government Agency: *Marqus Butler*

Please contact Mary Stahlke if you need assistance. mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180



New Eviction Moratorium

On August 3rd, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a [new eviction moratorium](#) order for non-payment of rent that covers an estimated 90% of renters across the country. The order is effective from August 3 - October 3, 2021. The new order covers renters living in counties with “high” or “substantial” community spread of COVID-19. To check the updated community spread map, see the [CDC's live tracker](#). Read more on [THN's blog](#).

New Resources Available for Renters and Landlords

Renters and landlords who don't know where to turn can use a new website from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This website makes it easy to find rental assistance providers in your area. Go to consumerfinance.gov/renthelp to find help paying rent.

TDHCA Public Comment re: State Camping Ban

TDHCA is soliciting Public Comment regarding the draft proposal of 10 TAC §1.8, Plan Requirements, Process and Approval Criteria for



Properties Designated for Camping by Political Subdivisions for Homeless Individuals, that was approved by the TDHCA Governing Board on July 8, 2021. **This is a new rule.** [This document, including its preamble, was published in the July 23, 2021, edition of the Texas Register](#) and that published version will constitute the official version for purposes of public comment.

[The TDHCA Public Comment Portal can be accessed here.](#)

TDHCA Announces Allocation of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 1) Housing Stability Services (HSS) Awards

On July 23rd Governor Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) board has awarded [\\$52.9 million in Housing Stability Service Grants](#) to 31 organizations around the state. These grants will be used for housing stabilization activities, including outreach and shelter services, and will also allow the Texas Veterans Commission and TDHCA to work in partnership to connect veterans experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness with direct local assistance, including housing, transportation, and mental health services.

For over 20 years Texas Homeless Network has organized and led this unique and powerful statewide conference on ending homelessness. With a diverse range of participants, this opportunity builds networks, educates providers, and leads conversations in our communities.

Conference sessions will cover topics such as community collaboration, COVID-19, criminal justice, disaster response, policy, veterans, workforce, youth, and so many more! [View our schedule at a glance now.](#)

[Register Here](#)

Important Dates

AUGUST

August 2021 General Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

August 2021 Executive Committee of the CoC Board Meeting

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 2:00-3:15 PM

**Closed Meeting*

August 2021 CESC Meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 10:15-11:45 AM

**Closed Meeting*

August 2021 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

September

*No General Meeting

September 2021 Ex. Committee

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

September 2021 CESC Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 10:15-11:45 AM

*Closed Meeting

September 2021 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

September 2021 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

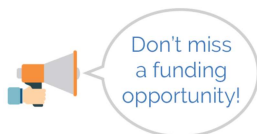
Thursday, September 30, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

See more events on [THN's Training and Events calendar](#).

Our webinar platform is Adobe Connect, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Adobe's [Downloads and Updates page](#)

Opportunities & Funding



Funding Opportunities

Check out the page on THN's website for the full descriptions of currently available funding options [here](#).

HOME ARP Fund Announcement

[The American Rescue Plan \(ARP\)](#) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's [HOME Investment Partnerships Program \(HOME\)](#).

[Find out more here](#)

Veteran Stand Down Grant

A Stand Down is a non-competitive grant that is awarded to organizations to provide basic services to homeless veterans such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns, and other collaborative services to give participants a greater sense of self and an

opportunity to improve their chances of securing and maintaining employment. These grant funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless veterans through paid work.

[Find out more here](#)

New Legal Assistance NOFO: Eviction Protection Grant Program

The most recent Census [Pulse data](#) suggest over 7.4 million renters are behind on the rent and fear of eviction is on the rise. Evictions have consequences for tenants and landlords alike, but [research](#) suggests that successful eviction diversion programs benefit tenants, landlords, and courts. The Eviction Protection Grant Program will support experienced legal service providers in providing legal assistance at no cost to low-income tenants at risk of or subject to eviction. Grant funds are available to non-profit or governmental entities providing legal services in areas with high rates of eviction or prospective evictions, including rural areas.

- [HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)
- [Grants.gov \(for registering and submitting an application\)](#)

The deadline to submit an application is **September 8, 2021**.

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Brown County Home Solutions Opens Cooling Station And Weather Shelter](#) (Brown County)

South

[Harlingen companies host a grill out to feed the homeless](#) (Cameron County)

[Mother Teresa Shelter hosts first homeless services resource fair](#) (Nueces County)

[Nueces County Launches \\$1.6 Million Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) (Nueces County)

East

[Home runs for homeless event raises money for important cause](#) (Angelina County)

[Tyler volunteers call on churches to help homeless population](#) (Smith County)

West

[Sibley Nature Center showcases photo exhibit about homeless Midlanders](#) (Midland County)

Central

[Help is on the way for Lowes Blvd. homeless camp](#) (Bell County)

[San Marcos Homelessness Committee to discuss public camping ban](#) (Hays County)

[Marble Falls looks to create housing for people experiencing homelessness](#) (Burnet 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.

Get Involved

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 ["Get Involved" 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 [Get Involved 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.

The TX BoS CoC is a focus area of the Texas Homeless Network.

See what's happening on our social sites

