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# TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

March 2023

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## Announcements

### Call For Presenters!

THN is opening a call for creative, interactive, and audience-engaged presentations for our upcoming annual Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness. We are seeking 1.5-hour presentations that are innovative, inspiring, and informative for homeless service providers across our great state. Apply today for your chance to educate your peers and grow your network: <https://buff.ly/3ZhE7i8>



**PRESENT  
IN 2023**

**THN'S ANNUAL  
TEXAS CONFERENCE  
ON ENDING  
HOMELESSNESS**

**APPLY NOW**

Applications due April 28th

**THN.ORG/THN-CONFERENCE**

## THN Welcomes Two Coordinated Entry Lead Staff Members

Please join THN in welcoming Pam Cavazos and Katie Good to the Systems Change Team! We are excited to have their help supporting Coordinated Entry efforts through the Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry grant. They will be working with Comal, Tom Green, Webb, Brazoria, and Nueces Counties.

## TX BoS CoC General Member Orientation

The Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care meeting will provide general members with an overview of the CoC that will help them better understand the work that Texas Homeless Network does as CoC lead agency and the role of the CoC in homeless services. Anyone living and/or working within the TX BoS CoC is welcome to attend. It is especially recommended for homeless service providers new to working with Texas Homeless Network on CoC activities.

### Who Should Attend:

General BoS Membership, All CoC Program Recipients, All ESG Program Recipients, CoC Program Rapid Re-Housing Programs, CoC Program Permanent Supportive Housing Programs, HMIS Projects, Coordinated Entry Planning Entities, Local Homeless Coalitions, Continuum of Care Members

Time

Mar 28, 2023, 02:00 PM Central Time

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## HUD Awards \$5.6 Billion in Annual Grants for Affordable Housing, Community Development, and Homeless Assistance

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced \$5.6 billion in funding will go to 1,200 communities through more than 2,400 grants to States, urban counties, insular areas, DC, Puerto Rico, and local organizations across the country. These annual formula grants provide critical funding for a wide range of activities including affordable housing, community development, and homeless assistance. [View a complete list of all the communities who received funding.](#)



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## Funding & Other Opportunities

### Case Management Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The VA is announcing the availability of approximately \$15 million per year for up to 2 years, pending availability of funding and grantee performance, in new grants under the case management component of the VA Homeless Providers GPD program.

**Dates:**

Applications for grants must be received by the GPD National Program Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Read the full release here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/03/2023->

[02341/funding-opportunity-homeless-providers-grant-and-per-diem-gpd-program-case-management-grant](#)

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## Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (DOL-VETS) HVRP FOA is now available. HVRP is an employment-focused competitive grant program designed to give America's veterans experiencing homelessness the ability to reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes. If your organization has experience providing veteran and/or employment-related services, you may be interested in applying for this HVRP grant.

[Read the Full FOA Here](#)

[FOA News Release](#)

[FOA Flyer](#)

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## Rural Peer Network opportunity for Permanent Supportive Housing

Is your rural community interested in developing permanent supportive housing (PSH) for people experiencing homelessness? Collaborative Solutions, Inc. is offering 5-10 agencies in rural communities the opportunity to participate in a 6-12 month PSH Peer Network.

### **For Qualified Communities with 50,000 people or less in**

Region I: Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island

Region IV: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

Region VI: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Region IX: California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada

Region X: Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon

Interested communities apply by [clicking here](#) or the link in the attached document. Find out more in the attached flyer.

Contact Christy Hahn at [christy@collaborative-solutions.net](mailto:christy@collaborative-solutions.net) for additional information.



## Rural Peer Network Opportunity

Is your rural community interested in developing permanent supportive housing (PSH) for people experiencing homelessness?



### What is a Peer Network?

The Peer Network develops the capacity for agencies and communities to build permanent supportive housing. It results in housing development or a concrete plan to develop PSH after the engagement.

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- Region I: Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island
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- Region VI: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
- Region IX: California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada
- Region X: Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon

### → Topics include (but are not limited to)

- Braiding funds for housing development
- Providing supportive services for housing
- Organizational capacity building specific to your agency ( Board of Directors, etc.)

### → What are we offering?

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**[Interested communities apply at www.collaborative-solutions.net](https://www.collaborative-solutions.net)**

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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<https://collaborative-solutions.net/>

## Important Dates

### CoC Program Administration 101, Compliance Basics, Part 1

Mar 9, 2023 11:00 AM

This is part two of a multi-part training series on CoC Program Administration. In this session, staff will cover topics including documenting participant eligibility, enrollments, Annual and During Program Enrollment Assessments, and Terminations & Grievances. This training is intended for currently funded CoC Program recipients in the TX BoS CoC.

Who Should Attend: All CoC Program Recipients



[Register Here](#)

### **Advocacy 101: How to Engage your Elected Officials on Housing Solutions**

*Mar 9, 2023 02:00 PM*

Have you ever wanted to influence policy in your day-to-day work, but didn't know where to get started? Join this workshop and learn how you can use advocacy to provide information to our elected officials and organize support for safe, decent, deeply affordable, and accessible housing. As the 118th Congress begins its work, now is a critical time as advocates to engage with your elected officials and hold them accountable for addressing America's housing crisis. In this workshop, you will learn about NLIHC's public policy priorities and how to utilize advocacy tools such as advocacy meetings (in-person and virtual), social and traditional media, letters, events, and so much more!

Who Should Attend: Advocates

[Register Here](#)

### **CoC Program Administration 101, Compliance Basics, Part 2**

*Mar 16, 2023 11:00 AM*

This is part three of a multi-part training series on CoC Program Administration. In this session, staff will cover topics related to compliance basics, including Rent Reasonableness, Housing Quality Standards, and Exiting Participants from the Program. This training is intended for currently funded CoC Program recipients in the TX BoS CoC.

Who Should Attend: Currently Funded CoC Program Recipients

[Register Here](#)

### **2023 Coordinated Entry Refresher Training**

*Mar 23, 2023 01:00 PM*

This webinar will serve as the yearly refresher training for all Coordinated Entry HMIS users, including both entry point staff and receiving agency staff. The training will cover topics including the Coordinated Entry intake and exit processes, the VI-SPDAT assessment tool, the referral process, and prioritization. The training will include policies and procedures from the Texas Balance of State CoC's Coordinated Entry Written Standards as well as instruction on the HMIS Coordinated Entry workflows.

Who Should Attend: HMIS users with access to a CE workgroup (CE assessors)

[Register Here](#)

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### **CoC Program Quarterly Performance Scorecard Feedback Session**

*Mar 30, 2023 01:00 PM*

We want to hear from you! THN is seeking input from currently funded CoC Program recipients on how the TX BoS CoC will evaluate projects through the Quarterly Performance

Scorecard (QPSC) which has been updated for 2023. This is not intended to be an in-depth overview or training of the QPSC. Rather, recipients should come prepared to share specific feedback related to the point values of scored elements and/or gaps in scored elements relevant to their project type(s). THN staff will share an agenda and the updated QPSC in advance of this session, and projects are strongly encouraged to test the QPSC with data from their project(s) prior to attending. Projects may come and go to this session, and only need to attend portions of the agenda relevant to their agency.

Tentative Agenda:

1:00 pm - 1:05 pm, Welcome

1:05 pm - 1:40 pm, RRH Projects, General Population

1:40 pm - 2:15 pm, PSH Projects, General Population

2:15 pm - 2:35 pm, Joint Component TH/RRH Projects - General and Domestic Violence-only Populations

2:25 pm - 3 pm, PSH & RRH Projects, Domestic Violence-only Population

Who Should Attend: Currently Funded CoC Program Recipients with RRH, PSH, or Joint TH/RRH Program Types

[Register Here](#)

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

Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Zoom's [Download Center](#)

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## What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

### North

[Grayson County's Salvation Army hosts the Homeless Veterans 'Stand Down' event](#) (Grayson County)

[Denton police propose more funding, staff for homeless outreach teams](#) (Denton County)

### South

[Homelessness prevails in downtown McAllen as city seeks solutions](#) (Hidalgo County)

[Op-Ed: Lessons From Serving The Brownsville Community For Seventy Years](#) (Cameron County)

### East

[Rural Group Raising Money, Support to Build Cubes to House Homeless Veterans](#) (Ellis County)

[Mid-Coast Family Services to host 'Mardi Gras' inspired charity dinner](#) (Victoria County)

### West

[Lubbock sees increase in homeless families](#) (Lubbock County)

[Emergency warming shelter asked to be extended until April](#) (Tom Green County)

### Central

[Hope Alliance to use Williamson County facility as temporary shelter](#) (Williamson County)

[On the streets: Temple agencies aid homeless as needs increase](#) (Bell County)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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