



April 2023 BoS Newsletter

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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

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Human Encampment Resolutions

Many communities are struggling to mobilize an effective response to unsheltered homelessness. Particularly challenging is how to address encampments. In March, HUD Technical Assistance Providers released a new resource for communities as they develop localized strategies to engage people living in encampments. Called "[Leading With Kindness In Encampment Resolution](#)"

The resource outlines key considerations for Community Leaders to develop humane responses to unsheltered homelessness. Chief among the recommendations is that communities should not further criminalize homelessness. Razing encampments without a strategy is unfair, inhumane, and very likely unconstitutional.

If you would like to talk with someone at Texas Homeless Network about humane encampment resolution, please get in touch with us at txboscoc@thn.org

Lived Experience Committee Accepting Applicants

The Lived Experience Committee (LEC), provides Texas Homeless Network staff and the TX BoS CoC Board with valuable input on homeless services within the TX BoS CoC. Committee members provide feedback on policy and funding decisions based on their personal experience interacting with homeless services within the CoC. LEC member may also help with recruiting people with lived experience from throughout the CoC to participate in focus groups.

If you are interested in joining the committee, [please fill out the Interest Form](#), or reach out to Margaret Hill at margaret@thn.org.

HUD Restores “Discriminatory Effects” Rule

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has submitted to the Federal Register for publication a Final Rule entitled *Restoring HUD's Discriminatory Effects Standard*. The Final Rule rescinds the Department's 2020 rule governing Fair Housing Act disparate impact claims and restores the 2013 discriminatory effects rule. In the Final Rule, HUD emphasizes that the 2013 rule is more consistent with how the Fair Housing Act has been applied in the courts and in front of the agency for more than 50 years, and that it more effectively implements the Act's broad remedial purpose of eliminating unnecessary discriminatory practices from the housing market.

[Read the Full Release Here](#)



Funding & Other Opportunities

Grant and Per Diem Program

On [February 3, 2023](#), VA announced \$30 million in funding for GPD Case Management (CM) grants to help Veterans obtain and retain permanent housing. VA anticipates awarding 100 Case Management grants for up to \$300,000 each to support approximately 150 case manager positions nationwide. Awards will be for two years, starting on Oct. 1, 2023, and ending Sept. 30, 2025.

-- Case Management applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern time on May 4, 2023.

NEW Case Management Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Grant Application Webinars: How to Apply for CM Grants
 - [Case Management NOFO Overview](#)
 - [How to Apply in eGMS](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it will make available \$30 million in **non-competitive funding for public housing authorities (PHAs)** through the **Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative**.

FYI **makes housing choice vouchers (HCV) available** to PHAs for young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 who left foster care or will leave foster care in the next 90 days and are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The PHAs must have a partnership with public child welfare agencies.

PHAs can request the funding on a rolling basis. [Read PIH Notice 2023-04 for more on the process and eligibility requirements.](#)

Recommendations

**National Low Income
Housing Coalition**

The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes

The U.S. has a shortage of 7.3 million rental homes affordable and available to renters with extremely low incomes – that is, incomes at or below either the federal poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income, whichever is greater. Only 33 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. Extremely low-income renters face a shortage in every state and major metropolitan area. Among states, the supply of affordable and available rental homes ranges from 17 affordable and available homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households in Nevada to 58 in South Dakota. In 12 of the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the country, the absolute shortage of affordable and available homes for extremely low-income renters exceeds 100,000 units.

Read the full report here: <https://nlihc.org/gap>

Important Dates

***No General Meeting in April**

Community Investment Committee Meeting*Apr 21, 2023, 1:15 - 2:15 PM*

*Closed Meeting

Tx BoS April Board Meeting*Apr 26, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 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

[Ellis County Homeless Coalition provides updates on services](#) (Ellis Co.)

South

[RGV housing advocates participate in Affordable Housing Day in Austin](#) (Cameron Co.)

['Basic necessity': RGV to get more than \\$21.2 million in HUD grants](#) (Cameron, Hidalgo Counties)

East

[Blessing Bags for N.A.C holds event to help the homeless population](#) (Nacogdoches Co.)

[Local organizations receive more than \\$1M to combat homelessness in Port Arthur](#) (Jefferson Co.)

[Nearly \\$2M in federal money will be distributed to non-profits around Beaumont](#) (Jefferson Co.)

West

[Legacy Village Transitional Housing Program Accepting Applications](#) (Brown Co.)

[Former Pastor helps feed the homeless community in the Big Country](#) (Taylor Co.)

Central

[Killeen homelessness consultant set to receive contract extension, another \\$40,000](#) (Bell Co.)

[Local outreach in Killeen helping Veterans battling homelessness](#) (Bell Co.)

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.

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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