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## May 2023 BoS Newsletter

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# TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS May 2023

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## Announcements

### Texas Homeless Network Community Spotlight at Round Rock Express Game

Join us **May 12th @ 7 pm**

We have exciting news! THN has been chosen as the Community Spotlight nonprofit for a Round Rock Express game on **May 12th at 7 PM**.

We would love to have you come out and support our work and celebrate working to end homelessness across Texas. Even if you can't make it, please consider buying a ticket to help this worthy cause.

Read the instructions below before purchasing your tickets to ensure that your ticket counts toward THN's fundraiser!



## Instructions to Buy Your Tickets

- 🏟️ [Click on this link here](#) to go straight to the webpage to purchase tickets. The coupon code (THN) will be pre-entered for you. That coupon code gets you discounted tickets!
- 🏟️ **To have your ticket count for the THN fundraiser, you must sit in sections 112+113, 125-128, or on the lawn.**
- 🏟️ By default, usually 2 tickets are selected. You can change the number of tickets you want to purchase by clicking on the small red triangle next to the number.
- 🏟️ Once you've selected all the seats you want, click "Add to Cart."
- 🏟️ From there, it will take you to a page where you can either log in to your Express ticketing account or you can sign up for an online account if you don't have one yet.
- 🏟️ Once you purchase tickets, you will receive an email from [OrderTracking@Tickets.com](mailto:OrderTracking@Tickets.com) you'll be able to access your tickets directly from that email.

**Buy Your Tickets Now! (Read Instructions Above First!)**

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## THN AmeriCorps VISTA Informational Sessions

Are you looking for ways to build your agency's capacity? THN is recruiting agencies from across the Balance of State to host Volunteers in Service to America members. We're partnering with agencies interested in building capacity around community partnerships, coordinated entry, and landlord engagement. VISTA members will volunteer full-time for one year at your agency. at no cost to Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care organizations.

The VISTA team will hold two virtual webinar sessions to provide more information about our

VISTA project and answer any additional questions on starting a service project in your community!

Who Should Attend:

General BoS Membership, Local Homeless Coalitions, Continuum of Care Members, and Statewide partners

Session #1

May 23, 2023 01:00 PM

[Click Here to Register](#)

Session #2

May 25, 2023 11:00 AM

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

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## HUD Announces \$486 Million In Grants & \$43 Million For Stability Vouchers to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is announcing the second set of communities to receive grants and housing vouchers to address homelessness among people in unsheltered settings and in rural communities. This announcement includes \$171.2 million in grants for 115 new projects in 29 Continuum of Care (CoC) communities, and adds to the first set of grant awards [announced](#) in February. This will bring the total value of grants to \$486 million to 62 CoC communities. In addition, HUD is inviting 139 Public Housing Authorities who partnered with grantee communities to accept approximately 3,300 Stability Vouchers.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

See the full awardee list [here](#).

## Funding & Other Opportunities

### Become a VISTA Leader Today!

Are you passionate about ending homelessness in Texas? By collaborating with all communities, large and small, across the state, Texas Homeless Network (THN) works to

build systems to achieve this goal. Join the THN Team and serve as a VISTA Leader to support THN's AmeriCorps VISTA project growth and sustainability!

The THN VISTA Leader will assist with recruiting and onboarding new VISTA members while strengthening individual project growth and success through ongoing VISTA member communication, support and training, and monitoring member reporting. The VISTA Leader for this project will promote VISTA members and project successes and impacts in local communities. Furthermore, the VISTA Leader will track, evaluate and analyze the accomplishments and challenges of individual projects and the THN VISTA Program. Your service as a THN VISTA Leader will allow community partners to expand their efforts to provide housing and other services to persons at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

[Learn more about this position and complete an application on the myAmeriCorps portal here.](#)

Full-time Teleservice is available for members serving within the Austin, Texas community! This position is available for VISTA members and alums who have completed one year of service. Apply today and turn your passion into action!

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## SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework Funding Opportunity

On April 3, 2023, SAMHSA announced \$16.5 million in funding to support [Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges and Tribe/s Tribal Organization](#) grants. The purpose of this funding is to help reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse by developing community-based prevention and mental health services, and to strengthen the capacity of local communities by implementing evidence-based prevention programs. SAMHSA anticipates awarding 44 grants up to \$375,000 per award.

The NOFO will remain open for three fiscal years beginning in FY23. **FY23 applications must be received by June 5, 2023.**

[Strategic Prevention Framework Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)  
[Application Forms and Resources](#)  
[Applying for a New SAMHSA Grant](#)

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## FY 2023 Street Outreach Program

The SOP provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons. These services, targeted in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and providing them access to shelter as well as basic needs, including food, hygiene packages, and information on a range of available services.

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** | Jun 20, 2023 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time on the listed application due date.

Find the full details of the grant [here](#) by searching for **Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2023-ACF-ACYF-YO-0019**

## Important Dates

### **\*No General Meeting in May**

#### **Lived Experience Committee Meeting**

*May 10, 2023, 3:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **2023 Annual HMIS Data Quality Webinar**

*May 17, 2023 02:00 PM*

HUD mandatory webinar for all HMIS users covering data quality and commonly seen data errors.

Who Should Attend: HMIS Projects, All Active HMIS Users

Register [Here](#)

#### **Community Investment Committee Meeting**

*May 19, 2023, 1:15 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **THN AmeriCorps VISTA Information Session: Session 1**

*May 23, 2023 01:00 PM*

The VISTA team will hold two virtual webinar sessions to provide more information about our VISTA project and answer any additional questions on starting a service project in your community!

Register [Here](#)

#### **Tx BoS April Board Meeting**

*May 24, 2023, 2:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **THN AmeriCorps VISTA Information Session: Session 2**

*May 25, 2023 11:00 AM*

The VISTA team will hold two virtual webinar sessions to provide more information about our VISTA project and answer any additional questions on starting a service project in your community!

Register [Here](#)

*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**

[Private Transfer Fees Fund Public Charities \(including Ellis County Homeless Coalition\)](#) (Ellis County)

### **South**

[Homeless veteran outreach in the community](#) (Cameron County)

**East**

[Texarkana Homeless \[Coalition\] simulation aims to boost understanding of poverty](#) (Bowie County)

**West**

['Hope for the Homeless' event helps serve those less fortunate](#) (Ector County)

**Central**

[Williamson County Commissioners approve plan to build micro-homes to address homelessness](#) (Williamson County)

[Advocates weigh in on Marbut's plan to reduce homelessness in Killeen, Temple](#) (Bell County)

[Round Rock ISD students launch nonprofit to alleviate homelessness](#) (Williamson 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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).

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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

### 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)

homelessness. See the [Join Us page](#) for dates, topics, and registration links

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact [txboscoc@thn.org](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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