

**FY2024-FY2025 TX
BoS CoC
Competition Q&A
Session**

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Strategies For Change

Meet the CoC Program Staff



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Agenda

Participants will learn:

- Basic understanding of the CoC & CoC Program
- Basic understanding of the CoC Competition (Local Application Process)
- How to submit an application for CoC Program funding
- Next steps
- Q&A

What is a CoC?

A CoC, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area.



A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance.





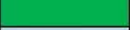








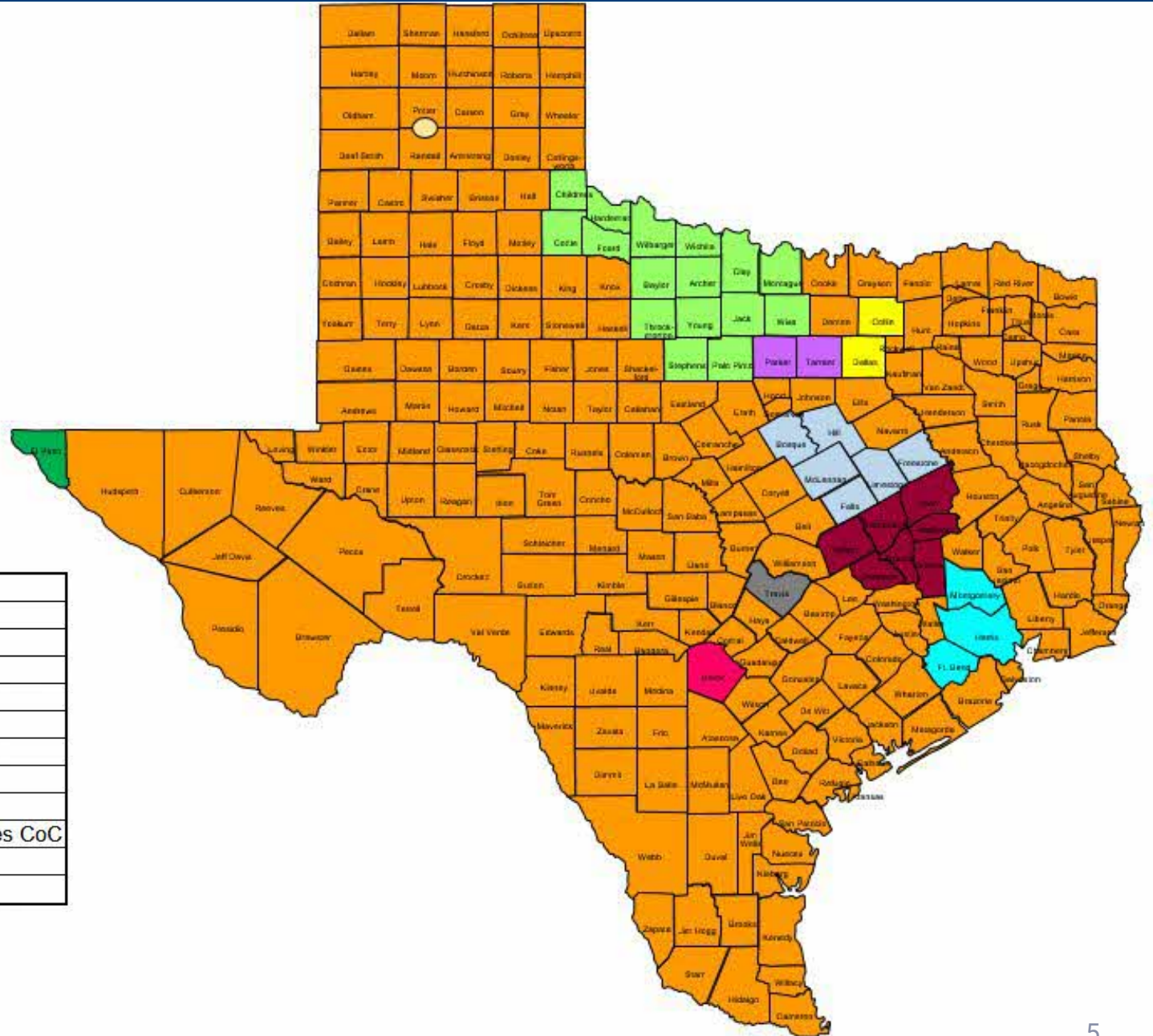
The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network.



A program operated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

Geographic Area

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



Purpose of HUD's CoC Program

Effective use of Mainstream Resources

Promote Community Commitment

**Provide Funding for Rehousing Homeless while
Minimizing Trauma**

Optimize Self-Sufficiency

THN and the TX BoS CoC

- THN is the Collaborative Applicant for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC)
- THN is also the HMIS Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC
- TX BoS CoC covers 215 of Texas' 254 counties (85% of Texas' land mass)
- Facilitates the application process for CoC Program Funding in that geographic area



What Does the CoC Program Application Look Like?

1. The CoC Application

- a. THN submits on behalf of the TX BoS CoC
- b. Many questions about how the CoC works, and what the CoC is doing
 - i. THN posts online prior to submission for stakeholder review

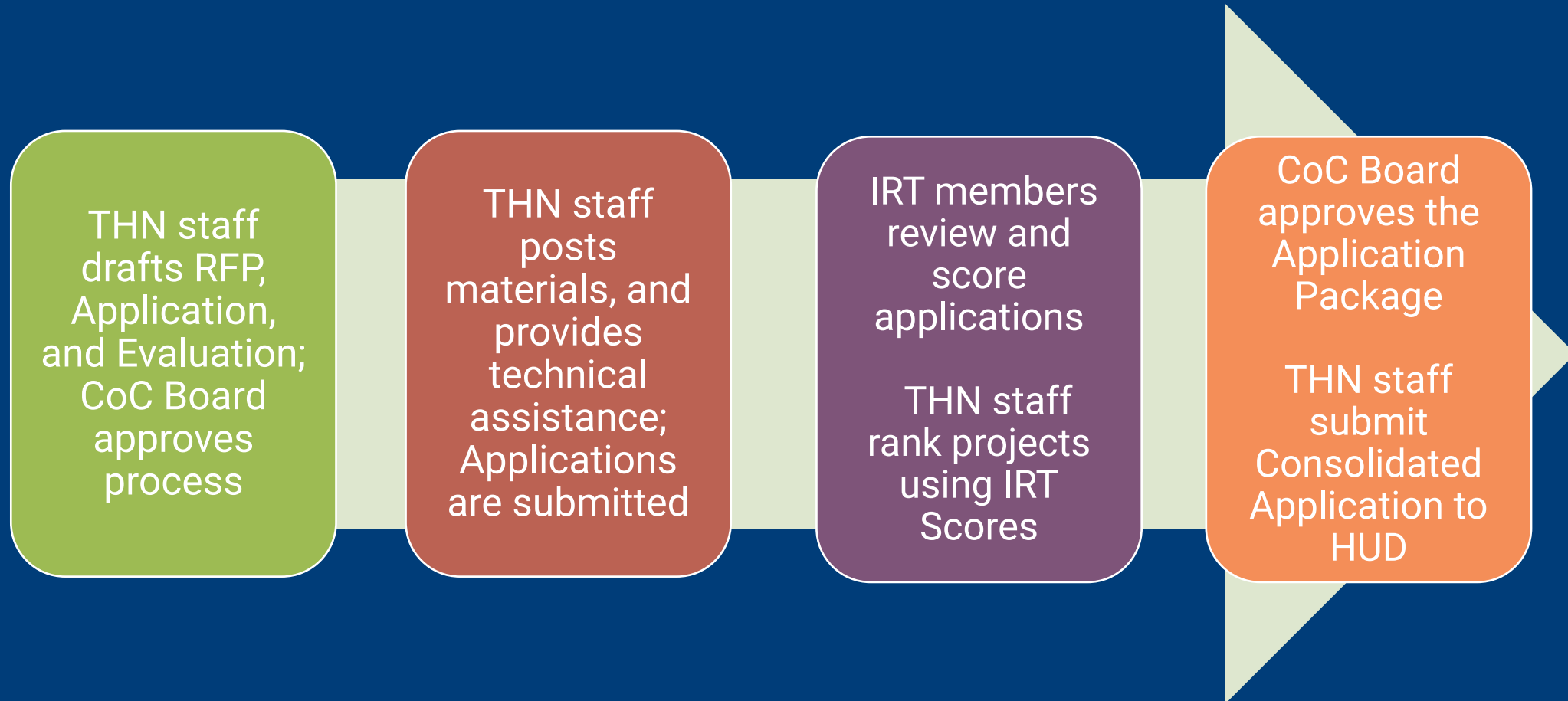
2. The Priority Listing, (Ranking)

- a. THN submits on behalf of the CoC
- b. Approved by the CoC Board
- c. THN posts online before submission

3. Individual Project Applications

- a. Materials submitted by project applicants in e-snaps (HUD's grant management platform)
- b. Materials submitted by project applicants in the TX BoS CoC grant management platform

CoC Competition Process



FY2024-25 CoC Program Competition

- HUD released NOFO on 7/31/2024
- THN issued the local competition RFP in response to HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on 8/12/2024
- The deadline for CoC's to respond to the NOFO is 10/30/2024
- HUD is now operating on a 2-Year NOFO
- THN will solicit **all** application materials for the "local" application via the TX BoS CoC Grant Management Platform, [SurveyMonkey Apply](#) (Apply)
 - Applicants also submit an application through "e-snaps", which is HUD's Grant Management Software.

Changes in FY2024-FY2025 NOFO

- HUD will fund Renewal Projects (Tier 1) at 90% of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (decreased from 95%)
- Two-Year NOFO
- This Application Uses FY2024 FMR (Applied post-submission)
- COLA Increase in Supportive Services Budget Line Item (TBD, automatic post-submission)

Primary Funded Interventions in the CoC Program

In general, the CoC Program funds housing interventions (components) and supportive services that foster self-sufficiency using a Housing First approach, including:

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH): Short to medium-term housing subsidy, wraparound services and holistic case management (up to 24 months of assistance) for individuals and families experiencing Category 1 or Category 4 homelessness
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): Non-time limited housing subsidy, wraparound services and holistic case management for individuals and families experiencing Chronic Homelessness
- Joint Component Transitional Housing (TH) & RRH: Combines TH & RRH Components into single project, where participants can benefit from one or both components (up to 24 months of assistance across both components) for individuals and families experiencing Category 1 or Category 4 homelessness . Participant choice is central to this intervention.

What the CoC Program will fund

- Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - This is housing that follows the participant, typically with their own lease in Market-rate housing but may also be Project-based, or Sponsor Based
 - Must be “reasonable” Rental costs are based on Fair Market Rents for the area
 - Must pass HUD Habitability Standards (Similar to an HCV inspection)
- Supportive Services connected to TBRA that is necessary to keep people housed.
 - Examples include: Holistic/Housing Case Management, Mental Health, Substance Use treatment (outpatient), educational and vocational training
- Costs of participating in the Homeless Management Information System or Comparable Database
 - Data entry, reporting, access fees
- Costs associated with VAWA Compliance Section III.B.4.A.2
- Limited “Rural” Costs Section III.B.4.A.3
- Administrative costs up to 10%
 - Program Management, Agency administrative support

What the CoC Program will *not* fund

- HUD will not fund Emergency Shelter with CoC Program funds. This includes
 - Capital Costs, (Acquisition, Construction, or Rehabilitation)
 - Operating Costs, (Staffing, Utilities etc)
- With limited exception, the CoC Program will not fund “temporary housing”
 - With these funds HUD will fund Permanent Housing and services required to keep people in housing. Standalone Transitional Housing is not eligible
- Homelessness Prevention
 - Families that are at-risk, doubled up, or otherwise do not meet the HUD definition of homeless do not qualify for assistance

Who is eligible to administer CoC Funding?

In general, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, State and Local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and public housing agencies are eligible to administer CoC Program funding.

- Applicants must be active in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov)
- Have a Unique Entity Identifier (Formerly DUNS number)
- Be eligible to do business in the State of Texas

Eligible Participants

Individuals and families participating as beneficiaries of CoC Program funds must qualify under category 1 or 4 of HUD's homeless definition.

Category 1, Literally Homeless

- Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Includes people staying
 - In emergency shelters
 - Places not meant for human habitation

Category 4, Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

- An individual or family that is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence,
- Has no other residence, and
- Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Types of Funding

Funding Type	Eligible Applicants	Project Types	Application Types
Renewal	Current CoC Program Recipients	PSH, RRH, Joint TH/RRH, SSO-CE	Renewals
CoC Bonus	All eligible CoC Program entities	PSH, RRH, Joint TH/RRH,	New
DV Bonus	Victim Service Providers	RRH, Joint TH/RRH	New

Budget Line Items

Category	Uses
Rental Assistance	Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Security Deposits, Inspections, etc
Leasing/Operating	Leasing Property in the name of the Recipient or Subrecipient, (Sub-leased to Program Participants)
Supportive Services	Housing-Focused Case Management, SOAR/benefits assistance, health, education, childcare, food, employment services and supports, etc.
Admin	costs related to the planning and execution of Continuum of Care activities.
VAWA	Costs of Complying with VAWA
Rural Costs	Only eligible in Certain Counties (See NOFO)
HMIS	HMIS/Comparable Database Licenses; data entry, evaluation & analysis

Applicant Requirements

RFP Section I.D

- Must meet all threshold & quality requirements in the NOFO (numerous throughout the document)
- New in 2024 - Renewal Replacement Applications
- New Project Applicants must not have any open monitoring findings with HUD
- Must propose eligible activities
- DV Bonus Applicants must
 1. Use a Comparable Database
 2. Be a Victim Services Provider as defined by HUD

Application Requirements

RFP Section I.D(iv)

- Min \$200,000, Max \$1,000,000
- One (1) New Project Application per Organization
- Must propose to serve BoS Counties exclusively
- No Construction, Acquisition, or Rehabilitation, or any variation of those activities
- Application budget must be no more than 50% of the most recently approved Agency budget
- Housing Case Management is required
- HMIS costs capped at 3% or \$15,000 whichever is less
- 2:1 Service to Housing Ratio (Example: if \$100,000 in Rental Assistance, no more than \$200,000 in Supportive Services)
- New Projects must score 70% or higher for inclusion in the Priority Listing

How to Apply: Timeline

Timeline

1	Issuance of RFP	8/12/2024 9:00:00 AM
2	Intent to Apply Stage Opens in Apply	8/12/2024 9:00:00 AM
3	Full Application Stages Open in Apply	8/12/2024 12:00:00 PM
4	Intent to Apply Stage Closes in Apply	8/21/2024 4:59:59 PM
5	Threshold Review Is Complete	8/23/2024 4:59:59 PM
6	Full Application Stages Close in Apply. Applications Due	9/3/2024 11:59:59 PM
7	CA Completes the Completeness and Quality Review in Apply	9/6/2024 11:59:59 PM
8	Independent Review Team Begin New Project Reviews	9/7/2024 12:00:00 AM
9	Independent Review Team Returns Applications to CA	9/15/2024 11:59:59 PM
10	Project Application Scores Are Available	9/16/2024 11:59:59 AM
11	The CA Reconciles Application Scoring	9/17/2024 11:59:59 AM
12	The CA Completes Ranking Scenarios for Board Review and Approval	9/20/2024 11:59:59 PM
13	Deadline for Applicants to submit outstanding corrections/ Non-scored Component Extension Deadline	9/20/2024 11:59:59 PM
14	The TX BoS CoC Board selects a Ranking Scenario to become the Priority Listing	9/25/2024 2:00:00 PM

How to Apply: Application Components

New Project Applications

CoC Bonus & DV Bonus Applications must contain:

No.	Component	Format
Intent to Apply due: August 21, 2024 @11:59:59 PM		
1	Entity Eligibility	Apply
2	Charity Verification	Apply
3	Agency Details	Apply
4	Preliminary Project Details	Apply
5	Acknowledgements	Apply
Full Application: ALL COMPONENTS due: September 3, 2024 @11:59:59 PM		
1	Project Details	Apply
2	Agency Capacity	Apply & Apply Document Upload
3	Financial Management and Administration	Apply & Apply Document Upload
4	Budget Table	Apply
5	Component Specific Questions	Apply & Apply Document Upload
6	Monitoring History Report	PDF: Apply Upload (Optional)
7	Required File Uploads e-snaps Applicant Profile e-snaps Project Application HUD-2991 Certification of Consistency	Submitted in e-snaps and Submission exported to Apply

NOTE: Appendix B contains a detailed description of each of the items above

Renewal Project Applications

Renewal Project Applications must contain:

No.	Component	Format
Intent to Apply due: August 21, 2024 @11:59:59 PM		
1	Entity Eligibility	Apply
2	Charity Verification	Apply
3	Agency Details	Apply
4	Continuum of Care Expectations	Apply
5	Project Details	Apply
Full Application due: September 3, 2024 @11:59:59 PM		
1	Renewal Project Questions	Apply
2	Monitoring History Report	Apply
3	e-snaps Applicant Profile	Submitted in e-snaps and Submission exported to Apply
4	Letters of Support	Apply Document Upload
5	Match Documentation	Apply Document Upload
6	e-snaps Project Application, with all required attachments	Submitted in e-snaps and Submission exported to Apply
7	Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991)	Apply Document Upload
8	Sub-recipient Code of Conduct (Optional)	Apply Document Upload

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TX BoS CoC Priorities

FY2024 CoC Program Competition Priorities

- Community-wide commitment
- Leveraging Housing or Healthcare resources
- Landlord engagement strategy
- SOAR-trained staff (or other benefits specialist)
- Housing First
- Targeting the “hardest to serve”
- Persons with lived experience of homelessness must meaningfully contribute to project design and implementation
- Targeting Underserved Communities (varies by community)

2024-25 HUD Homeless Policy Priorities

1. Ending homelessness for all persons
2. Use a Housing First Approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving System Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+
8. Persons with Lived Expertise
9. Building an Effective Workforce
10. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Housing First

All CoC housing projects are required to utilize a Housing First approach. The core features of Housing First include

- Few to no programmatic prerequisites to permanent housing entry
- Low barrier admission policies - “screen-in” rather than screen-out
- Rapid and streamlined entry into housing
- Supportive services are voluntary, but can and should be used to routinely engage participants to ensure housing stability
- Practices and policies to prevent lease violations and evictions
- Participants have full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections

Next Steps

- Read the [FY2024 Request for Proposals](#)
- [Submit an Intent to Apply by August 21](#)
- [Sign up for TX BoS CoC Competition Updates](#)
- Monitor [THN's CoC Competition Landing Page](#)
- [Update the Organization's SAM registration](#)
- [Create/Update](#) the Organization's e-snaps Applicant Profile
- Review HUD resources on the CoC Program:
 - [HUD Exchange "CoC and ESG Virtual Binders"](#)
 - [HUD Exchange "CoC Program Toolkit"](#)
 - [CoC Interim Rule \(24 CFR Part 578\)](#)





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Thank you!

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