

# TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS May 2025

## **Announcements**

# CoC General Membership Meeting on May 14, 2025



The spring meeting of the TX BoS CoC general membership is scheduled for May 14, 2025, from 2:00-3:30 Central Time, by Zoom. Come and learn more about what's happening in the CoC and how you can be a part of it.

### Agenda:

2025 PIT Count for the TX BoS CoC

2025 CoC Action Plan

CoC and THN updates

Anyone who lives and/or works in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area is considered to be a general member of the CoC. This meeting is for you!

Save the date! The second meeting is scheduled for September 17th.

Click Here to Register

# TX BoS CoC Accepting Nominations for CoC Board Seat 13 through 5/23/2025



The CoC is accepting nominations for Seat 13, representing the business community, to fill an unexpired term through March 2026. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 23, 2025, at 11:45 P.M.** 

#### Click here to complete the nomination form online.

The CoC Board determines the policy direction of the CoC and ensures that the CoC fulfills its responsibilities. Additionally, the Board oversees the work of CoC committees and the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency (Texas Homeless Network). Board members also stay informed about how the CoC is performing to prevent and end homelessness, and they serve as liaisons between the CoC and the counties and sub-populations they represent.

The person filling Board Seat 13 will represent business in one of the following ways:

- 1. Being a member of that group (for example, Seat 7 could be filled by someone who owns a business);
- 2. Working for an agency/organization that serves the designated group; and/or
- 3. Clearly representing the interests of that group, as evidenced in the nomination form.

The Board needs members with varying skills, expertise, and backgrounds. Anyone who lives and/or works in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area is a general member of the CoC and may run for a seat on the Board. (See the <u>CoC map</u>; counties in orange are in the TX BoS CoC.) See more guidance about elections in the <u>CoC Board Requirements Policy</u>

Persons with lived experience of homelessness and direct services providers are especially encouraged to nominate themselves.

Board meetings are held once per month, usually on the fourth Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 PM, by Zoom.

THN staff will present nominations to the CoC Board, who will determine the next steps for filling Seat 13.

If you have any questions or need assistance related to this process, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at <a href="mary@thn.org">mary@thn.org</a>.

# **Funding Oppurtunities**

## Notice of Funding Availability for HOME-ARP NCO



The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has amended and is reinstating the 2025 HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Nonprofit Capacity Building/Operating (NCO) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NCO funds will be competitively awarded to organizations that anticipate submitting an application for a HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) project within nine months. This NCO NOFA-First Amendment will accept applications beginning Wednesday, May 7, 2025, through Friday June 6, 2025.

Interested nonprofit Applicants must submit an Intent-to-Apply to receive an Application. The Intent-to-Apply form is found within the 2025 NCO NOFA-First Amendment as Appendix B. Interested Applicants should look at Appendix A of the 2025 NCO NOFA to determine if the nonprofit is located in or has programs that serve an area that qualifies for NCS funding.

The 2025 NCO NOFA-First Amendment is available on TDHCA's website at https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/notices-funding-availability-nofas.

More information about HOME-ARP, including eligible populations, can be found online at https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/programs/home-american-rescue-plan.

TDHCA will host a webinar regarding the 2025 HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) NCO NOFA, as amended. The webinar is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m., Central Time.

To register, please use https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5335761051766516823.

Registered attendees will receive a confirmation email from TDHCA staff containing information about joining the webinar.

For questions regarding this NOFA, please contact Peg McCoy, HOME-ARP Manager at <a href="mailto:Peg.McCoy@tdhca.texas.gov">Peg.McCoy@tdhca.texas.gov</a>.

## Free Webinar



Date: Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM CST

Congress is working on three separate budget proposals simultaneously:

- 1) a long-term budget reconciliation bill that would significantly cut mandatory safety net programs;
- 2) a rescissions bill that would eliminate FY2025 funding for certain programs that Congress recently approved; and
- 3) the annual appropriations process to provide FY2026 funding for federal discretionary programs.

At the same time, the Administration continues to issue new policies that impact early childhood programs, public schools, institutions of higher education, youth service providers, and housing agencies.

This webinar will provide an overview of current budget proposals and administrative actions and their impact on children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness. We will share how you can take action by talking to your legislators, sharing stories from your communities, hosting site visits, and more.

Click Here to Register

## **Important Dates**

2025 CoC General Membership Meeting May 14, 2025 2:00 PM Click Here to Register

TX BoS Board Meeting May 28, 2025 3:00 PM \*Closed Meeting

Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Zoom's <u>Download Center</u>

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

#### North

<u>Texarkana barber partners with Mission Texarkana, offers free haircuts to homeless</u> (Bowie County)

<u>Audit Finds Denton's Homeless Shelter, Response Plan Severely Lacking</u> (Denton County) <u>Denton council candidates offer stances on animal shelter, private developer metings,</u>

<u>homelessness concerns</u> (Denton County)

#### South

<u>Homeless man banned from soup kitchen after disturbance: Victoria homeless population estimated at 300</u> (Victoria County)

#### East

<u>Local nonprofits stress importance of working together to address homelessness</u> (Ellis County)

Our Father's House program presented (Polk County)

<u>Faith-based organization builds community of houses in Dickinson for homeless</u> (Galveston County)

#### West

<u>Community Foundation of Abilene grants more than \$579k during spring grant cycle</u> (Taylor 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 <a href="mailto:txboscoc@thn.org">txboscoc@thn.org</a>.

## **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

### CoC Program Funding

Stay informed about CoC happenings by participating in the bi-monthly webinars.

If you are a representative of an agency that is interested in applying for U.S. Department

Each meeting will feature a topic that is important to preventing and ending homelessness. See the <u>Join Us page</u> for dates, topics, and registration links

of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact <a href="mailto:txboscoc@thn.org">txboscoc@thn.org</a>.









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