



Welcome to this month's Texas Homeless Network newsletter. We're sharing updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the people and programs making a real difference. Read below to learn about our Housing Solutions initiative and its flexible approaches to supporting families, to a member spotlight on Southside Community Center. Plus, get key updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

From the Field: *Stories and updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the people and programs making a real difference.*

Explore 10 Years of Impact

Statewide Impact, Local Change

1 We Supported:

- 214 counties
- 350+ service providers
- 20 advocacy partner organizations

2 Investing in People Who Do the Work

- 18,360 service providers trained

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- 24,684 instances of technical assistance delivered
- 496,013 minutes of TA

"We don't just support programs. We strengthen infrastructure. We don't just identify gaps. We close them."

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Housing Solutions: Expanding the Ways Communities Can Say Yes to Families in Crisis

Across Texas, families experiencing homelessness often face barriers that turn short-term crises into long-term instability. Housing Solutions, an initiative of Texas Homeless Network, is working to change that by identifying gaps in crisis response and giving communities more flexible tools to support families.

Piloted in Hidalgo County, Laredo, Victoria, and Texarkana, the initiative includes two approaches: the Innovation Fund, which gives agencies flexible dollars to meet urgent needs, and the Family Trust Partnership, which pairs direct cash support with mentoring, trusting families to lead their own paths to stability.

Learn more about how Housing Solutions is helping communities provide support when it matters most:

[Learn More Here](#)



Community Spotlight: Southside Community Center

Southside Community Center helps individuals and families in Hays County access essential resources and stability during times of crisis: “Southside didn’t just offer us shelter. They offered us dignity, hope, and the tools to rebuild our lives.”

Through coordinated, community-based support, neighbors like Lisa have been able to move from homelessness into permanent housing.

[➔ ICYMI: Read Lisa’s story in our Stories of Change series and learn more about Southside Community Center’s impact.](#)

[Read Lisa's Story Here](#)

Coordinating Change: Updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, showcasing statewide coordination, planning, and strategies to end homelessness

What’s Happening Across the TX BoS CoC

Across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, communities are addressing homelessness through a mix of prevention, response, and recognition.

- The **Hidalgo County** Urban County Program (UCP) announced it is [accepting applications for the federal HOME-ARP funding grant](#), making more than \$1 million in funds available for critical services to individuals and families impacted by homelessness and housing instability.
- [Nonprofit warming shelters helped unhoused residents stay warm](#) in Williamson County, as did winter storm shelters in [San Angelo](#) and [Victoria](#).
- Events to aid unhoused neighbors went on across the state, including the City of Longview’s [eight annual Homeless Resource Day](#), Texarkana’s [Bridge City Project Annual Chili Cook-Off](#), and Abilene’s [cold-weather supplies drive](#). *Fox West Texas* reported on [Mike’s Homeless Night in San Angelo](#), an event to raise awareness of homelessness in the area.
- A Longview clinic for homeless residents, [Grace Clinic](#), expanded its services for patients through partnerships with other healthcare systems.

We're Recruiting for Our Youth Action Board!



Are you a young person (ages 18–24) with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who wants to drive real change in Texas? Texas Homeless Network is building a Youth Action Board (YAB) to ensure youth voices help shape programs, policies, and advocacy across the state.

YAB members will provide insight based on lived experience, build leadership skills, and help design solutions **with youth, not for youth**. [Learn more!](#)

Interested? Email EYHC@THN.ORG.

Registration is open for Adult SOAR Training two-part series

Part One: Friday, February 20, 2026 | 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Part Two: Friday, February 27, 2026 | 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please note attendance at Part One is required to participate in Part Two. All participation requirements are listed in the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Dusty Wherrell, the Local SOAR Lead for the TX Balance of State.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Voting is open: 2025-26 TX BoS CoC Board Election

Voting in the CoC Board election is open from February 9th through February 22nd, 2026. Anyone who lives and/or works in one of the 214 counties in the TX BoS CoC is considered to be a general member of the CoC and may vote in the election. ([See the CoC map here](#)). To vote, [fill out the ballot here](#). Five seats received more than one nomination each and will be voted on by CoC general members.

[Read more about the nominees here](#), or visit THN's website at: <https://www.thn.org/bos-board/>.

THN Planning Team Training Calendar

Want to stay up to date on upcoming trainings, office hours, and key Planning Team events? Use the [THN Planning Team Training Calendar](#) as your go-to resource for schedules and registration information. Please note: dates, times, and session details may change as updates occur. We strongly recommend checking the calendar regularly so you always have the most current information before planning to attend.

CPD Guidance: HOTMA Compliance Date Extended

HUD has extended the compliance date for the HOTMA Final Rule (Sections 102–104) to January 1, 2027 for all CPD programs that use 24 CFR Part 5 income regulations. Grantees that are ready may adopt an earlier compliance date (anytime between January 1, 2024 and January 1, 2027). Until a grantee's chosen compliance date, CPD grantees may continue using the prior income rules (including applicable 24 CFR 5.603, 5.609, 5.611, and 5.617) and may implement certain HOTMA income safe harbors early. For questions, grantees should contact their local CPD Field Office. Please follow the link below for more information.

HUD's publication in the Federal Register: [Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act \(HOTMA\): Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104; Further Extension of Compliance Date](#)

NSPIRE Compliance Date Extended for CPD Programs

HUD has extended the NSPIRE compliance date for ESG, CoC, HOME, and HTF programs to October 1, 2026 (via Federal Register notice published September 30, 2025). This extension gives grantees and recipients more time to transition inspection processes and allows HUD additional time to publish program-specific NSPIRE standards for CoC and ESG units before the new compliance date. Additional guidance and updates will be shared through listserv communications as they become available.

FY25 Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking

This NOFO will provide funding for housing and support services to victims of human trafficking. The primary focus of this program is to provide rapid rehousing (i.e., transitional

housing and supportive services that assist human trafficking victims in moving as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieving stability).

Projects under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of a newly developed or existing transitional housing program; and
- (2) short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payment assistance and assistance with related expenses, such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing.

Closing Date: Feb 24, 2026

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