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## TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

November 2025

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### Announcements

**CoC Board Nomination Period is Open 11/7-11/28**

# NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Have you experienced homelessness? Do you have expertise in homeless assistance? Do you want to get more involved in the TX BoS CoC's work? If so, run for a seat on the CoC Board!

The CoC is accepting nominations for eight Board seats:

- Seat 1 -- Persons with lived experience of homelessness
- Seat 3 -- Chronically homeless persons
- Seat 5 -- Homeless Youth
- Seat 7 -- Mental/behavioral health
- Seat 9 -- Local government
- Seat 11 -- Public Housing Agency
- Seat 13 -- Business
- Seat 15 -- Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) or State government agency

**Key Dates:**

- **The deadline for nominations is November 28th at 11:45 PM**
- Voting will occur in early February.
- The term of service will be April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028.
- The CoC Board plans to meet in person in Austin in April 2026 for an orientation session and then once per month for 1.5 hours by webinar.

**Background:**

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 CoC Lead Agency, HMIS Lead Agency, and Coordinated Entry 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 communities and sub-populations they represent.

- Seat 1 is filled by a person with lived experience of homelessness. Seats 2-15 are filled by people who represent the stakeholder groups designated for those seats by:
  - Being a member of that group (for example, Seat 2 could be filled by a currently or formerly homeless veteran); and/or
  - Working for an agency/organization that serves the designated group; and/or
  - 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 more guidance about elections in the [CoC Board Requirements Policy](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).

[Click Here to Complete the Nomination Form Online](#)

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## Give Your Feedback on CoC Governance Topics

The CoC is seeking feedback from the general membership on proposed changes to three CoC governance topics:

1. CoC Mission Statement
2. 2026 CoC priorities
3. CoC Governance Charter

TX BoS CoC general members (anyone who lives and/or works in the TX BoS CoC) are encouraged to review and respond to a survey to help shape the direction of the CoC.

[Take the survey](#) to give your input by 11/28/25.

If you want to discuss your thoughts, contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).

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## CoC Modernization Update: Building Momentum Together

Over the past few months, our CoC Modernization work has been gaining momentum! The Modernization Workgroup held meetings in August and September on CoC governance and in October on HMIS and use of data.

The CoC General Membership meeting held in September included attendees and technical assistance providers from The Cloudburst Group, who discussed and solicited input on modernization and strategic planning.

We are energized by the thoughtful engagement from CoC members across the TX BoS CoC. Your insights are shaping our path forward.

Here's what we're doing based on your input:

1. Creating peer-sharing spaces for Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)
2. Arranging CoC-wide training opportunities on General Members' most requested topics
3. Developing localized data reports for LHCs
4. Planning Point in Time (PIT) Count trainings for PIT leaders and volunteers by webinar and in person

Our next steps include continuing to develop and refine our 2026 Action Plan in response to your input and holding Modernization Workgroup meetings in November on HMIS and use of data and in December and January on Coordinated Entry.

To be added to the meeting invitations, or to discuss modernization topics, email [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org). We hope to see you there!

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## Funding & Other Opportunities

### 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Discretionary funds. TDHCA is seeking applications from organizations with established experience in serving the reentry population by helping previously incarcerated individuals in obtaining rental housing through landlord incentives, payment of security deposits, and other reentry activities related to housing.

Interested applicants must meet the requirements set forth in the NOFA and submit a complete application through the established system described in the NOFA by **5 p.m., Central Time, on December 10, 2025**.

Application forms and submission instructions contained in the NOFA packet are available on the [TDHCA website](#).

If you have any questions regarding the NOFA or application for 2026 CSBG

Discretionary funds-Reentry Activities, please contact Isela Dove at 512-475-4049 or [isela.dove@tdhca.texas.gov](mailto:isela.dove@tdhca.texas.gov).

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## Semper Fi & America's Fund Housing Insecurity Program

Semper Fi & America's Fund is offering financial assistance with **entry into new housing** (currently homeless – in need of first month's rent and/or deposit) or **eviction prevention** (notice of eviction / pay or quit notice is required to be eligible). There is also potential to assist with past evictions debts on a case-by-case basis. This would be if the past debt is a barrier to entry into new housing.

This is a **nationwide** program.

**Documents that will be required and collected by the Intake Case Manager if preliminary eligibility is determined:**

- DD214 – cannot accept other documents in place of a DD214
- Signed application is required prior to assistance being provided. If the application has been shared with you in the past, please **DO NOT** share it with any other veterans. This is coordinated through our Intake Team only.
- Photo ID
- Eviction notice / pay or quit notice / foreclosure documentation (eviction prevention / foreclosure only).

For more information visit their [website](#): or email John Hinkle at [john.hinkle@thefund.org](mailto:john.hinkle@thefund.org)

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## Webinar: Analyzing Your Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count Data with your Local Homeless Coalition

This session will guide you through analyzing your Point-in-Time Count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data. You will learn how to identify trends and patterns that reveal the state of homelessness in your area. Additionally, we will cover the first steps to map your local homeless crisis response system, highlighting key services, resources, and gaps in support. Participants will be equipped with strategies to effectively advocate for the necessary resources and funding required to address homelessness in their community. Join us to empower your coalition and drive impactful change.

**When:** Thursday, November 20, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## OrgCode's Shelter Training Institute



The most comprehensive virtual and on-demand training for shelter staff in the country. It is designed for direct service workers, supervisors, and executive leadership.

Each month focuses on an operational theme that strengthens daily practice & team confidence. The curriculum is delivered over twelve months.

Grounded in decades of operational experience and shelter evaluations, the Institute is led by former shelter leaders who have designed, implemented, and replicated effective shelter programming, and informed by the experiences of people who have used shelter services.

[Click Here to Find Out More](#)

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## Learn All About the I Am Here: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth



Join Baker McKenzie and the National Network for Youth (NN4Y) for an in-depth webinar on the launch and operation of the “I Am Here: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth” – a free, national legal information hotline designed to help young people overcome the barrier of lacking key documents like IDs, birth certificates, and Social Security cards.

When: Nov 19, 2025 01:00 PM

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Important Dates

### **BoS Board Meeting**

*November 19, 2025 3:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### **Analyzing Your Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count Data with your Local Homeless Coalition**

*Nov 20, 2025 11:00 AM*

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[Click Here to Register](#)

### **Landlord Engagement**

*Dec 11, 2025 11:00 AM*

Join us for a collaborative webinar featuring three local agencies sharing their approaches to engaging and partnering with landlords to expand housing opportunities. Presenters will discuss outreach strategies, communication techniques, and program supports that help strengthen relationships between service providers and property owners. This session will provide practical insights and examples that can be adapted to a variety of housing programs and community contexts.

[Click Here to Register](#)

*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**

[Indictments handed down in Denton police misconduct case tied to homeless arrest](#) (Denton County)

[Longview Police Officers receive 250k to help homeless](#) (Gregg County)

[Family homeless after gas explosion](#) (Cooke County)

### **South**

[Texas City hosts blanket drive for homeless ahead of winter](#) (Galveston County)

### **East**

[Greenville homeless warming shelter to host tour and ribbon cutting](#)

[Tuesday](#) (Hunt County)

[Texarkana, Texas, City Council approves creating Street Safety Zones at intersections](#) (Bowie County)

### **West**

[TAMIU, Larga Vista to hold clothing drive for children in need](#) (Webb County)

[Bethany House's \\$7M expanded homeless shelter and resource center revealed](#) (Webb County)

### **Central**

[Happening Saturday: Year 12 supporting Central Texas unhoused residents](#) (Bell County)

[Bell County nonprofit opens eight new homes for homeless families](#) (Bell County)

## [WilCo Homeless Coalition seeks volunteers for annual point-in-time count](#) (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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## Staff Recommendation

This month's recommendation come from our Senior Director of CoC Programs, Hope Rodgers:

### Veterans Trauma-Informed Care: What You Need to Know

"Trauma-informed care is different in that it doesn't have hard and fast rules. The nature of PTSD is so mutable that no one approach will be applicable to two different people suffering from it. Instead, there are six guiding principles that can be adapted and interpreted in ways that make for a better use in the specific setting it's being employed, and for the individual that needs the help."

[Click Here for the Full Article](#)

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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 twice-a-year meetings. 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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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