



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS October 2025

Announcements

Join the Ending Youth Homelessness Committee with the Texas Balance of State

We're bringing together young leaders, advocates, and community members to work toward ending youth homelessness in our community. Your voice, ideas, and experiences matter—and we need YOU at the table!

🌟 Why Join?

- Be a voice for youth experiencing homelessness
- Gain leadership and advocacy skills
- Connect with other passionate youth and community leaders
- Help shape programs and resources that support youth

👥 Who Can Join?

- Youth and young adults with lived experience
- Community members who want to make a difference
- Advocates ready to take action

📅 Get Involved Today!

If you're interested in joining or learning more, send us a message or email marcel@thn.org Together, we can create change!

TX BoS CoC Housing Solutions

Over the past several months, Texas Homeless Network has been in deep conversation with communities across the Balance of State—listening, learning, and analyzing data to better understand where families are most impacted by homelessness and what support is most urgently needed.

What we heard was clear: agencies need flexibility to meet local challenges, and families—especially those with young children—need direct, sustained support to stabilize their housing.

With that in mind, we are excited to announce the release of a **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and a **Request for Proposals (RFP)** for our new **Housing**

Solutions initiatives:

Innovation Funds – Flexible funding to empower local agencies to respond quickly and creatively to family needs.

APPLICATION FEES

DOCUMENT REPLACEMENT

HOUSING SOLUTIONS
INNOVATION FUNDS

Application Open: 11:00AM CST October 15th, 2025
Application Close: 11:59PM CST November 4th, 2025

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

LANDLORD INCENTIVES

MOVE-IN COSTS

RENT/UTILITY ARREARS

Apply Here:
<https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/>

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Family Trust – Direct support for families with children ages 1–5, designed to reduce the long-term impact of housing instability during critical developmental years.

HOUSING SOLUTIONS

FAMILY TRUST

STRONGER FAMILIES, STRONGER COMMUNITIES. OUR DIRECT SUPPORT GETS TO THE ROOT OF HOMELESSNESS AND BUILDS LONG-TERM STABILITY.

FAMILY TRUST WILL LINK FAMILIES TO OUR HOUSING SOLUTIONS FAMILY COORDINATOR TO BUILD THEIR OWN PATH TO STABILITY— BACKED BY DIRECT SUPPORT THAT HELPS TURN THEIR GOALS INTO REALITY

Request partnership here:
<https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/>

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For questions regarding either program email the Housing Solutions Project Manager: diego@thn.org

CoC Board Updates

The CoC will hold elections for CoC Board members over the next few months. Odd-numbered seats will be up for election, and the term will be from 4/1/2026-3/31/2028.

- 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

Consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve on the board. Nomination information will be available in the November newsletter and on [THN's website](#).

CoC Governance Charter and Strategic Plan Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in person and online in a fruitful discussion about the CoC strategic plan at the 9/17 CoC General Membership meeting. Be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for more opportunities to give your input on proposed changes to the CoC Governance Charter and on CoC priorities for strategic planning.

2026 Balance of State CoC Point-In-Time Count



2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count



The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area over the course of one night.



Where?

Unsheltered Locations

- Cars
- Parks
- Streets/Sidewalks

Sheltered Locations

- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter



When?

**Thursday
January 22nd
2026**



Why?

- To Raise Community Awareness
- To Advocate for Local and Federal Funding
- To Understand characteristics and Trends of Homelessness
- To Engage our Communities in Ending Homelessness

For More Information:
Contact Ava@THN.org

The 2026 Balance of State CoC Point-In-Time count will be occurring on Thursday, January 22nd, 2026. For more information please contact ava@thn.org

Important Dates

Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Zoom's [Download Center](#)

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Texarkana Homeless Coalition 4th Annual Resource Day](#) (Bowie County)
[No indictment in fatal Denton Square shooting of homeless man, officials say](#) (Denton County)

South

[Southeast Texas Stand Down event to provide services for homeless veterans this Friday](#) (Jefferson County)
[Missing Beaumont pastor who ministers to the homeless has been found](#) (Jefferson County)

East

[Hiway 80 Rescue Mission mourns the loss of former executive director Major Clark Sexton](#) (Gregg County)

West

[Homeless camps at Old McMinn's Self Storage units in Odessa being cleared out](#) (Ector County)

Central

[Hot Meals Served in Killeen by A&M–Central Texas & KPD](#) (Bell County)
[Killeen council holds public hearing on redirecting funds from homeless shelter](#) (Bell 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.

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

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

CoC Program Funding

If you are a representative of an agency that is interested in applying

webinars. 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

for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact txboscoc@thn.org.



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