



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

September 2025

Announcements

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/>

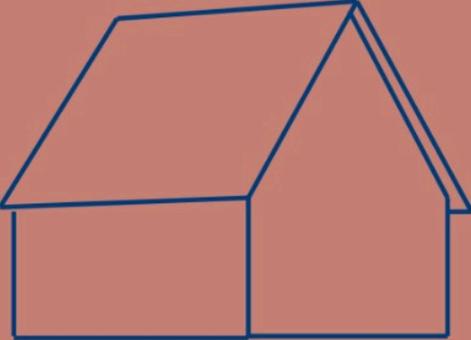
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TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK

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/>



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

**Fall CoC General Membership Meeting on
 Wednesday, 9/17, 9:00 AM-Noon**



**SAVE THE
 DATE!**

Join Texas Homeless Network, the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Board, and other CoC general members for the annual hybrid meeting of the CoC!

This meeting is a time to catch up on the state of the CoC, review the CoC's governance charter, and reflect on accomplishments from the past year. At this year's meeting, we will also be learning more about CoC modernization. The CoC is exploring options to enhance structures and processes to support local communities and improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. Technical assistance providers from The Cloudburst Group will present analysis and ideas, and everyone will have an opportunity to discuss them and give input. Also hear about the 2025 Gaps Analysis, Coordinated Entry updates, and opportunities to vote on the CoC Board selection process and the 2026 PIT Count date.

View the [meeting agenda](#).

Attend in person prior to the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness in Austin or register to attend virtually using [this link](#).

If you have questions prior to the meeting, contact Mary Stahlke at mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180.

Who Should Attend: Anyone who lives and/or works within the Balance of State's geographic area is considered to be a member of the CoC and is invited to join.

2025 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness



Reconnect, Reground, and Rise Together

This year's theme is *Rooted in Service, Rising to Action*. In a time when the work is hard and the stakes are high, we are gathering with intention, to learn, to recharge, and to move forward together.

Whether you're a longtime advocate or just beginning, this conference is a space to be seen, supported, and inspired.

You'll find:

- *Hands-on tools and real solutions
- *Community you can return to
- *A renewed connection to the deeper why behind your work

We're already seeing incredible momentum building across the state.

We want you with us, not just in attendance, but fully part of this shared experience.

[Click Here to Find Out More!](#)

SOAR in Texas



With the National SOAR TA Center closing on August 18, 2025, there are many questions about SOAR in Texas. Currently, we have three State SOAR Leads working on developing training and a method to track SOAR outcomes across the state. Below is the contact information for the three State SOAR Leads. For the TX BoS CoC, Dusty Wherrell serves as the Local Lead, but anyone is welcome to reach out to any of the Leads if they have any questions or need guidance.

A link to a zip file containing useful documents for SOAR-certified caseworkers is also provided below.

State SOAR Leads:

Dusty Wherrell - dusty@thn.org

Lyla Ordonez - soaradvocacy@gmail.com

La Shandraia Dwyer - lashandraiadwyer@austinecho.org

Resource Link: [SOAR-Tools-and-Worksheets](#)

CPD Income Eligibility Calculator Updates

As of June 1, 2025, the following Community Planning and Development (CPD) Income Limits and Rent Limits were published and became effective. **FY 2025 Income Limits** The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Income Limits for the following programs were **published** and **became effective June 1, 2025**:

[Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#)

[CDBG Disaster Recovery \(CDBG-DR\)](#)

[Emergency Solutions Grants \(ESG\)](#)

[Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS \(HOPWA\)](#)

[HOME Investment Partnerships Program \(HOME\)](#)

[Housing Trust Fund \(HTF\)](#)

[Neighborhood Stabilization Program \(NSP\)](#)

[Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#)

FY 2025 Rent Limits

The FY 2025 Rent Limits for the following programs were **published** and **became effective June 1, 2025**:

[HOME](#)

[HTF](#)

How Does This Affect the Income Calculator? The [CPD Income Eligibility Calculator](#) was updated to the FY 2025 Income Limits. Calculations based on the FY 2024 Income Limits data are accessible only if downloaded from the calculator and saved to a user's hard drive (or printed off) prior to the effective date. Calculations, completed on or after this time, use the FY 2025 Income Limits for the purpose of determining eligibility.

Important Dates

Executive Committee Meeting

September 4, 2025 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

BoS Board Meeting

September 16, 2025 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

2025 BoS General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2025 09:00 AM

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[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](#)

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Man cooperating after fatal shooting of homeless person in Denton](#) (Denton County)

South

[Bethany House weighs impact of Trump's homelessness executive order](#) (Webb County)

East

[Beaumont's year-old illegal camping ordinance shows mixed results](#) (Jefferson County)

[Homelessness crisis resurfaces under I-10 in Beaumont, calls for action intensify](#) (Jefferson County)

West

[Registration now open for Odessa's 'Walk for the Homeless'](#) (Ector County)

Central

[1,000+ students in Round Rock ISD considered homeless, numbers keep rising](#) (Williamson County)

[Inside Killeen podcast tackles homeless issue in Killeen](#) (Bell County)

[HOT partners with CenTex in Temple to aid recovery, veterans, and unhoused residents](#) (Bell County)

[City of Killeen approves \\$300K rental assistance program to help homeless residents](#) (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.

Staff Recommendation

This month's recommendation comes from Haar Miller, Systems Change Sustainability Coordinator:

"I attended a short webinar this week about Native American housing issues, which has been a special interest of mine since going to college near 3 major Native American Reservations in rural Minnesota. They were kind enough to briefly answer my question about collaborating with CoC's; I was surprised to hear about the presenters major successes in working with Montana's BoS CoC securing funding for a school food pantry!"

[Here is the link to clip if anyone is interested!](#) **The discussion starts at 41:21*

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 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

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.



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