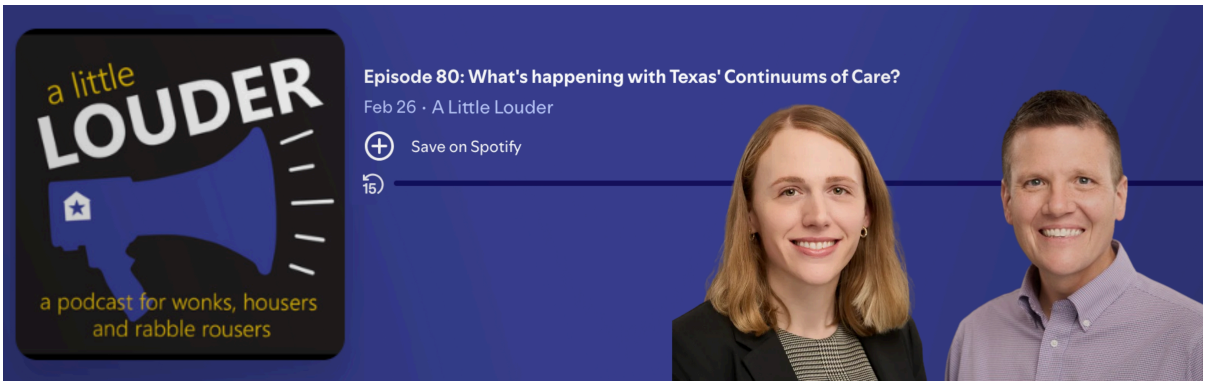
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TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK



Welcome to this month's Texas Homeless Network newsletter. We're sharing updates from communities across Texas and highlighting the people, partnerships and systems working to address homelessness. In this issue, learn more about the Continuum of Care system, hear from THN leaders featured on the *A Little Louder* podcast, and find upcoming trainings, resources and 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.*



Behind the system helping Texas communities respond to homelessness

Continuums of Care (CoCs) play a critical role in helping communities coordinate housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. In a recent episode of *A Little Louder*, the Texas Housers podcast, Texas Homeless Network's **Billy Streu** and **Hope Rogers** discuss how CoCs work, why they matter across Texas, and what's at stake as federal funding priorities shift.

Texas Homeless Network serves as the lead agency for the **Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care**, which covers 214 of Texas's 254 counties and supports many rural and under-resourced communities.

"When CoC funding isn't there, whether that's being delayed, reduced or disappears altogether, housing capacity can drop quickly," Streu said.

Read More Here

Listen to the Podcast



Thank you for supporting Texas Homeless Network during Amplify Austin Day!

Because of the generosity of our community, we were able to raise $4,900 on March 5th, Amplify Austin day, the largest giving day in Central Texas! This giving helps strengthen housing response systems across Texas and we could not be more grateful to everyone who participated.

Because of your support, THN can provide training and resources to service providers and volunteers, support communities working to address homelessness, and amplify rural and local voices to ensure every Texan has a place to call home.

To stay updated on the impact of your support, follow us on social media!

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

Rural Housing Preservation Academy

The Rural Housing Preservation Academy is a series of no-cost training and peer learning sessions designed to help rural housing providers acquire and/or preserve USDA Rural Development (RD), HUD and LIHTC financed housing in their respective communities. The Academy sessions will span from basic introduction and overview of RD, HUD and LIHTC programs to exploring financing options and new financing models. Training sessions are open to all interested in preserving affordable housing in rural communities. The training is hosted by Enterprise Community Partners.

Learn more and register.

Funding Opportunity Spotlight: Understanding Congressionally Directed Spending

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) recently published an article explaining Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS), commonly known as "earmarks." CDS offers communities and service providers another potential avenue to secure federal funding for homeless services - particularly for projects that may not fit within traditional grant programs.

We're sharing this resource for anyone interested in learning more about how CDS works, what types of projects may be competitive, and how communities can prepare to pursue these opportunities.

Read the full article

Free Webinar: Non-Profit Advocacy 101

Join The Dibble Institute on March 18 at 3 p.m. CST for a webinar on the basics of advocacy and government relations for nonprofit organizations.

Learn how nonprofits can safely engage in advocacy, understand the difference between education, advocacy and lobbying, and explore current policy trends and legislation affecting the healthy relationships field.

Participants will gain practical tools to engage in local, state and federal advocacy efforts and leverage government affairs to advance their organization’s mission.

Register Here

CoC New Project Training Clinic

The CoC New Project Application Clinic is a two-part webinar designed to support applicants in developing strong, competitive new project proposals for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. This clinic will provide step-by-step guidance on key application components, highlight common pitfalls, and offer practical strategies to align projects with CoC priorities and HUD requirements. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of project design expectations, required documentation, scoring considerations, and best practices for submitting a complete and high-quality application. The sessions will also include opportunities to ask questions and receive clarification on technical requirements.

Part 1: March 25 at 10:00 AM
Part 2: March 26 at 10:00 AM

This series is intended for agencies planning to submit a new CoC project application, as well as staff who support project development, grants management, and program design.

Register Here

CoC Board Members Elected

The CoC general membership elected board members whose terms will begin on 4/1/2026. Congratulations to the members! And thank you to everyone who voted. Your participation is critical for a successful election.

The members are:
Seat 1: Courtney Horton
Seat 3: Victor Rivera
Seat 5: Stephanie Andrade-Rocha
Seat 7: Jason Priddy
Seat 9: Natalie Manzanares
Seat 10: Marcela Cervantes
Seat 11: Benjamin Davis
Seat 13: Antoinette Smith
Seat 14: Daphne' Houston
Seat 15: Jeremy Stremler
Seat 18: Crystal Narviz

Seeking Nominations for CoC Board Seat 17

The CoC continues to seek nominations for Seat 17 on the CoC Board. That seat represents elected public officials. Anyone interested in the seat is encouraged to submit an online nomination form here. If you have someone in mind and would like THN staff to reach out to the person, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180.

CoC General Membership Meeting Scheduled for April 29

Save the date! The Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) will hold its spring general membership meeting on Wednesday, **April 29th, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM**. A wide range of CoC topics will be discussed, so plan to attend and get caught up. More information and a registration link will be coming soon. Watch the April THN newsletter and THN's website for updates.

Register Here

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