

APPLY FOR NEW FUNDING TO SERVE HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH THE HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year 2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition was released on June 20, 2018. Through this competition, the federal government will be providing resources to help local organizations and governments across the nation deliver housing and services to people who have been experiencing homelessness. In this year's competition, the St Joseph/Buchanan, Andrew, DeKalb County Continuum of Care expects to have **approximately \$74,000 available for new housing projects for people experiencing homelessness** (the Bonus funding) and an additional **approximately \$110,000 available for new housing projects for domestic violence survivors experiencing homelessness** (the DV Bonus funding). Additional information about this opportunity can be found at:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5719/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa/>

WHO: Nonprofits and local government agencies with capacity and interest in applying for funds to develop new programs for people experiencing homelessness, including domestic violence survivors. **Agencies that do not currently receive CoC Program funds, as well as current recipients, are encouraged to apply for a new project.**

WHAT: In our community, HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) funding can provide resources for homelessness programs and housing, including for the following types of new projects:

- Permanent supportive housing projects for all or mostly chronically homeless people
- Rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals, families, and youth (some limitations in population)
- Joint projects providing transitional housing and rapid rehousing in a single project serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness

For the Bonus funding (but not for the DV Bonus funding), this community is prioritizing the last project type by offering 15 bonus points for applications proposing this joint transitional housing/rapid rehousing projects. See reverse side for more information about this project type.

WHERE: Funding requested must be used for programs within the geography of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Andrew County or DeKalb County.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: A CoC NOFA Kickoff Training for all interested applicants will be held:

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

1:00 – 2:00 PM

United Way, **118 S. 5th Street, Saint Joseph, MO 64501**

Applicants will learn about the competition, project application requirements, and application processes. Applications will be due Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at noon.

All applicants, but **especially new project applicants** who have not received HUD's Continuum of Care funding the past, are encouraged to attend the workshop and apply for grant funding. **All are welcome!** **Please forward** this Public Solicitation to any interested parties, listservs, and public bulletin boards.

If you have any questions, please email bridget@homebaseccc.org.

JOINT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/RAPID REHOUSING PROJECTS

The St Joseph CoC is prioritizing a transitional housing/rapid rehousing project type in this year's new project competition due to the closure of the only general population emergency shelter for single adults in the CoC in May 2018. (The priority will not apply for the Domestic Violence Bonus.)

A joint transitional housing and rapid rehousing project combines crisis housing with resources to move into permanent housing. At a minimum, joint component projects should:

- Be able to provide **both housing types** to all program participants
- Use a **Housing First** approach with client-driven service models and a focus on helping people move to permanent housing as quickly as possible – participants cannot be required to participate in treatment or services to receive assistance (in addition, a program participant may choose to receive only one of the two types of housing)
- Have **low barriers to entry** and accommodate people with possessions, partners, pets, and other needs;
- Incorporate **client choice** by helping participants find permanent housing based on their unique strengths, needs, preferences, and financial resources – participants will choose when they are ready to exit the crisis housing portion of the project and move to permanent housing, with providers assisting participants with this move.
- Provide or connect participants to **resources** that help them improve their safety and well-being and achieve their goals; and
- Target and prioritize people experiencing homelessness with **higher needs** and who are **most vulnerable**, especially those who are unsheltered, have experienced long or multiple episodes of homelessness, have higher barriers to exiting homelessness, and are more likely to be victims of violence or harm.
- Provide only **up to 24 months** of total assistance to program participants
- Include a budget or structure with twice as many resources or units for the rapid rehousing portion than for the transitional housing portion
- Provide housing-focused services, benefits assistance, and housing access supports.

Eligible uses of Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing funding include:

- Leasing and operating costs for the transitional housing component (which may be set up as a congregate setting, dormitory-style residence, shared housing, clustered apartments, or a scattered site model. Many communities are repurposing properties that used to operate transitional housing in the past, but the model is very flexible.)
- Short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance (for the rapid rehousing portion)
- Supportive services
- HMIS, and
- Project administration.

These projects may serve people who have been unsheltered, living in emergency shelter, fleeing domestic violence (or like situations), and a few other limited situations.

If you would like more information about this model, or any new project, please contact: bridget@homebaseccc.org and attend the Kickoff Conference on July 17 at 1 PM at United Way in St Jo.