

Defining the CoC - HUD

- HUD allocates grants to organizations that participate in “local homeless assistance planning networks” called CoCs
- Encourages local organizations to **coordinate** their efforts and create a systemic response to address homelessness
- Collaborative, comprehensive, community-based approach

Purpose of a CoC

- A CoC serves two main purposes:
 - **Develop a long-term strategic plan and manage a year-round planning effort that addresses:**
 - Identifying needs of homeless individuals and households
 - Availability and accessibility of existing housing and services
 - Opportunities for linkages with mainstream housing and services resources
 - **Prepare an application for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act competitive grants:**
 - Annual HUD CoC Program Competition – Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
 - Application should demonstrate a community approach to addressing homelessness

Types of CoCs

- Continuum planning efforts may be organized at a number of geographic levels:
 - Single city
 - County
 - Region
 - State
- In 2016, there were **over 400 CoCs** across the country
- **Chicago’s Continuum of Care is designated for a single city**

Components of CoC

- Defined geographic area
- Designated Collaborative Applicant
 - Homeless Coalition
 - Government
 - Non-profit
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Governance structure
- Common vision and strategies

Components of CoC

- **Ensures participation by diverse groups of stakeholders:**
 - Persons with lived experience of homelessness
 - nonprofit homeless assistance providers and employment providers
 - domestic violence and sexual assault providers
 - faith-based organizations
 - funders
- Government
- Businesses
- Advocates
- public housing agencies
- school districts
- social service providers
- mental health agencies
- substance use treatment providers
- Hospitals
- Universities
- affordable housing developers
- law enforcement
- organizations that serve veterans
- small non-profit and faith-based providers that do not receive HUD, ESG, or CoC funding
- individual community members, etc.

Who is All Chicago?

- All Chicago effectively combines immediate resources with long term solutions to address the complex social issue of homelessness.
- We have three signature programs:
 - The Emergency Fund
 - The Chicago Alliance
 - The Learning Center
- Collaborative Applicant
- HMIS Lead



HUD CoC Funding Process



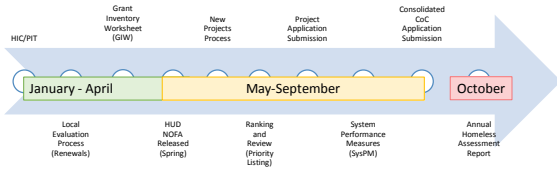
HUD CoC Program Competition

- **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**
 - Each year, All Chicago as the Collaborative Applicant applies for **over \$63 million in HUD CoC Funding** on behalf of the Chicago Continuum of Care
 - The competition period begins when the NOFA is released and ends when the application is submitted (typically between 60 and 90 days)
 - While the NOFA period is a defined period, activities related to this application occur year-round (ex: Point in Time Count)

HUD CoC Program Competition

- **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**
 - The **NOFA** will typically outline details on:
 - HUD's policy priorities
 - Eligibility for projects applying for renewal
 - New Project opportunities
 - CoC Application requirements and scoring
 - The final **Collaborative Application** consists of several parts:
 - The CoC Application
 - Renewal Project Applications (over 165 projects, representing 50 agencies)
 - New Project Applications (typically 1-5 projects each year)
 - Priority Listing (Ranking)

HUD CoC Program Competition



- Timelines are subject to change based on when the NOFA is released
- HUD mandates other timelines within the NOFA period (ex: project applications are due 30 days prior to deadline)

HUD CoC Program Competition

Things to Keep in Mind:

- Important to look out for communication from CoC Programs staff throughout the year
- Processes are also announced through the e-newsletter or on the All Chicago website (e.g. New Projects Process)
- Once the NOFA is released, activities happen very quickly! Timelines are often very condensed.
- If you're not currently CoC funded, reach out to All Chicago for more information

Structure of the Continuum of Care (CoC)

CoC Governance Charter

- Outlines governing structure of the Chicago Continuum of Care
- Required by HEARTH Act for all CoCs
- Governance and Structure TA from HUD worked with Steering Committee to develop Charter
- Public Comment and Feedback solicited from stakeholders
- Ratified by the CoC in June 2014

Chicago CoC Mission

The Chicago Continuum of Care (CoC) is a membership based organization whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness in our city.

We achieve this by fostering shared responsibility, collaborative planning, and aligning the stakeholders and resources essential to implementing the strategic priorities of Plan 2.0, Chicago’s plan to prevent and end homelessness.

Chicago CoC Core Values

- **Clear and logical** governance processes, structures, and lines of accountability
- **Transparent** decision making that makes the greatest possible use of data
- **Open, accessible, inclusive** Continuum of Care that includes all stakeholders and allies needed to achieve the goals of the Plan to End Homelessness
- **Compliance** with federal requirements for Continuums of Care
- **Communication** between all members, committees, and bodies that make up the Continuum of Care
- **Flexibility** to respond to emerging ideas and challenges

Chicago CoC Goals

Core values are incorporated into the Goals of the CoC:

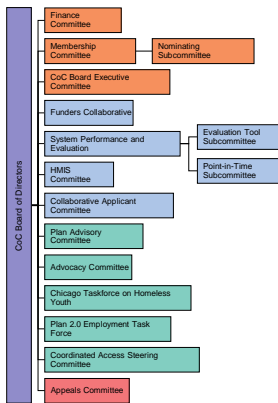
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit and faith-based providers, and state and local governments to prevent homelessness when possible and quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness
- Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs and resources by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness

Chicago CoC Responsibilities

- Establishing project and system performance standards and monitoring outcomes (ESG and CoC)
- Developing, implementing, and monitoring the functions and impact of coordinated access system
- Establishing written standards to client eligibility, assessment, prioritization for assistance, and type/extend of assistance for all ESG/CoC projects
- Implementing, monitoring, and supporting a robust HMIS

Chicago CoC Responsibilities (Cont'd)

- Designing, operating, and following a collaborative plan for preparing the annual application for HUD CoC funding
- Planning efforts, including implementation of Plan 2.0; PIT counts of homeless persons; annual gap analysis; participating in development of Consolidated Plan



CoC Structure

- Standing Committees
- Committees of the CoC Board
- Ad-hoc committees and workgroups
- Subcommittees

Chicago CoC Commissions

There are currently two CoC commissions that ensure an organized voice for their members. Through their representation on committees and the Board, they advance issues and recommendation to the full CoC.

The commissions include:



All Chicago's Role in the CoC

- System Coordination
- Collaborative Applicant
- Memorandum of Understanding
 - Committee Staffing Support
 - Local HUD CoC Evaluation Process
 - HUD CoC Funding Process

Plan 2.0 Development

- Plan 2.0 is a broad-ranging, **seven-year** action plan that reaffirms and builds on the strategies outlined in the original 2003 Plan:
 1. Homeless Prevention
 2. Housing First
 3. Wraparound Services
- Over **500 stakeholders** participated in the planning process, including 150 people who have experienced homelessness.
- Launched in August 2012 with the endorsement of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City of Chicago

Plan 2.0: Strategic Priorities



1. The Crisis Response System
2. Access to Stable and Affordable Housing
3. Youth Homelessness
4. Employment
5. Advocacy and Civic Engagement
6. Cross-Systems Integration
7. Capacity Building

System Priorities

- **Ending Veteran Homelessness**
 - In 2015, the CoC housed over **1784** veterans
 - In 2016 (through September), the CoC housed **855** veterans
 - **772** veterans remain to be housed
- **Ending Chronic Homelessness**
 - One list of those experiencing chronic homelessness 892
 - In 2015, we have housed **708**
 - In 2016 (through September), we have housed **500**

Other Priorities:

- Ending Youth and Family Homelessness
- Coordinated Entry Implementation

Resources and Next Steps



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Membership Application

Complete the application today!

Online: <http://bit.ly/CoCApplication>

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Helpful Resources

All Chicago Website: www.allchicago.org

Plan 2.0: <http://www.allchicago.org/chicagos-plan-20>

HUD: www.hudexchange.info

HMIS Helpdesk: hmis.thechicagoalliance.org

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Next Steps

- Sign up for Chicago CoC Membership
- Check out the All Chicago Website
- Find out about specific committees and where you would like to become involved
- Sign up for the All Chicago e-newsletter

Thank You!