



2019 CoC Accomplishments

- Veteran homelessness, measured by the Point-in-Time Count, has decreased by 47% since 2015.
- We've housed over 2,843 households experiencing homelessness in 2019.
- Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-housing projects have doubled their use of the Coordinated Entry System since 2018.
- Since 2016, we have housed 540 veterans experiencing chronic homelessness.

The CoC's Action Agenda project management structure is a holistic and coordinated approach to prevent and end homelessness. As of June 2019, the community has formally adopted the Action Agenda structure. Through this structure, the CoC has connected with other systems that touch homelessness such as the justice system, healthcare, education, and employment. The successes below are the result of the tremendous amount of work done by the community workgroups that make up each of the [12 lines of work](#).

Organize. *Create an infrastructure of working groups focused on actions that advance the goals of Plan 2.0 and include everyone's voice at the table.*

- **Workgroup Actions:** Through the lines of work, over 25 on-going or ad-hoc workgroups formed and developed action plans to create a more effective homelessness response system. Over 250 individuals contributed to the CoC workgroups. In addition to the lines of work, the CoC formed ad-hoc workgroups to implement refinements to the Action Agenda.
- **The Homeless Housing Expansion Initiative (HHEI)** – The HHEI panel reviews pre-applications for homeless-dedicated projects for potential funding. The panel developed a unified list of projects that details sponsor, population, model, and units before the units are created to track progress and engage with funders. Through December, the group has reviewed 22 submission and provided letters of consistency for 593 potential units.
- **Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking:** The Coordinated Entry System (CES) has begun piloting a parallel CES for those impacted by domestic violence (DV) and human trafficking. The DV CES includes assessment, matching to new DV specific housing interventions, housing location, and housing system navigation.
- **Racial Equity Discussions:** The CoC has begun conversations on racial equity in the homelessness service sector with the intent of producing a strategic plan around these efforts.
- **Youth Initiatives:** Chicago was selected to participate in *A Way Home America's 100-Day Challenge* and *Grand Challenge* to set bold/creative strategies for preventing and ending youth homelessness.

Empower. *Empower All Chicago as the backbone organization leading the CoC to achieve Plan 2.0 goals.*

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- **Larger NOFA Funding Request and Approval:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the CoC \$70 million in federal funding, over \$7 million more than last year. This number inclusive of \$4.1 million specifically for domestic violence programs. The CoC had a total of 430 units added through bonus funds in FY 2018. Of the 430 units, 129 are dedicated to DV projects.
- **Capacity Building:** All Chicago's Learning Center offered over 110 trainings for more than 2,100 attendees. Trainings included skills-building workshops, panel presentations, discussion forums, and peer-to-peer workshops.
- **New HMIS Workflows:** The CoC created new workflows to track client progress through the system to deliver better services and monitor outcomes. Outreach Teams, Drop-in Centers and innovate new programs, such as the Flexible Housing Pool, the HomePath Project, and SSVF Rapid Resolution projects all have new workflows.
- **Data Sharing:** HMIS has signed agreements between Jesse Brown and Hines VA Medical Centers to share data.
- **Initial Steps Toward UFA Status:** The CoC has helped All Chicago take steps toward UFA status and has presented [its recommendations](#) to the Board of Directors.

Elevate. *The CoC Board approves policies recommended by working groups and aligns the resources and activities to support policies.*

- **Youth on Board of Directors:** With the passage of a charter amendment, a Youth Action Board (YAB) representative will serve on the Board of Directors beginning in 2020.
- **Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs):** Established an MOU between both the CoC and [early childhood sector](#) and the [workforce development sector](#).
- **Community Standards and Program Models:** With broad community input, the Board approved Community Standards. These are basic elements and policies for operating a homeless project. The implementation of Community Standards creates more consistency and transparency for programs.

Amplify. *Build political will to align leadership, set concrete targets, and expand housing inventory.*

- **Partnership with Chicago Housing Authority (CHA):** CHA now uses a bi-monthly data match with HMIS to confirm homeless preference for public housing and property rental assistance (PRA) program housing. Since this matching began in June, 91 people have obtained CHA housing.
- **New Funding from the Mayor:** Mayor Lightfoot allocated \$5 million in the City's 2020 budget to expand the Flexible Housing Pool to target youth experiencing homelessness.
- **State Homeless Prevention Fund:** Due in part to CoC advocacy efforts, we received the largest increase in 12 years with \$3 million up from \$1.5 million. New program guidelines, effective January 1, will allow households to apply for up to \$5,000, 2x as much as in previous years.
- **Increase in Veteran Housing Resources:** This year, there was also an increase of over \$7 million for housing and resources available to help us continue to drive down rates of veteran homelessness.