

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Funding to Address Homelessness – Concho Valley Homeless Planning Coalition

The main funder that Texas Homeless Network (THN) works with is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Their Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program provide money for addressing homelessness.

I. HUD Homeless Assistance Programs

A. CoC Program – The CoC Program pays for 2 types of housing interventions: Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Projects that receive funds must administer those interventions in prescribed ways and achieve high performance. In other words, there are many regulations and requirements, all designed to support the most effective, research-based interventions to end homelessness. Learn more about the CoC Program at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>.

HUD will release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the spring (in 2017, it was June, but we don't know the release date until HUD releases it). That NOFA kicks off the CoC-level process for applying for those funds. THN facilitates the CoC-level competition/application for the entire CoC, which is 215 counties in Texas. THN will post application materials on our website at <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/continuum-care-program/>.

Tom Green County and the surrounding counties do not have a project that currently receives HUD CoC Program funds.

B. ESG Program -- ESG pays for reaching out to people living in un-sheltered situations, providing emergency shelter, providing Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and providing Homelessness Prevention activities. There are also many regulations and requirements for the ESG Program. Learn more about the ESG Program at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>.

Tom Green and surrounding counties are not eligible to receive ESG funds directly from HUD, according to HUD's formula, but projects in Tom Green County and the surrounding counties may apply to the State (the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, or TDHCA) for funding. The next competition will be held after March of 2019. Learn more about how TDHCA administers the ESG Program at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/index.htm>.

II. Other Funding

For small agencies, including faith-based organizations, the HUD funding can be challenging to administer because of the level and complexity of planning, service delivery, evaluation, and reporting that are required. In those cases, agencies might choose to seek private funding or tap into funding that another agency receives.



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A. Private funding -- Funds from foundations, individual donors, and faith communities often offer the most flexibility. Some sources to find foundations are:

Foundation Directory, fconline.foundationcenter.org

A directory of sources for funding; subscription required for extended information and to search by topic

GrantWatch, grantwatch.com

GrantWatch lists available grants by subject, including homelessness; subscription required

GrantStation, grantstation.com

GrantStation provides a database of private grantmakers and publishes a weekly newsletter highlighting upcoming funding opportunities; subscription required

NOZA, nozasearch.com

NOZA is a database of previous charitable donations, which can be used to determine appropriate organizations and amounts to approach for funding; subscription required

B. Alternatives to new funding

Some groups seek shelter and housing in ways that don't require new funding:

a. Establish a Family Promise network. The model involves faith communities sheltering people in their facilities and providing volunteer support to meet people's needs while they are living in the facilities. Typically, a faith community shelters several families at a time, then the families move to a different faith community's facilities the following week, and so on. An agency often provides transportation to work and school and a day center where people can get help with accessing resources.

<https://familypromise.org/start-an-affiliate/>

b. Work with local landlords to get discounted rent for tenants who are working with a case manager, service provider, or faith community.

<https://endhomelessness.org/resource/landlord-outreach-strategies/>

c. a. Work with the local Public Housing Authority (PHA) to implement a "preference" for people experiencing homelessness in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program and the public housing program. The preference means people in homeless situations are prioritized for moving into housing ahead of people who are not living in homeless situations.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/course-content/overview-of-pih-notice-2013-15-guidance-on-housing-individuals-and-families-experiencing-homelessness/Webinar%201-Notice%20PIH%202013-15%20%20Final.pdf>

PHAs can be found on the HUD list at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts/tx.

C. Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) -- LMHAs may have access to funding for housing people who are consumers of their services.



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The LMHA for Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Reagan, Sterling and Tom Green Counties is:

MHMR Services for the Concho Valley
1501 W. Beauregard
San Angelo, TX 76901-4004
Crisis Phone: 800-375-8965
Main Phone: 325-658-7750
Website: <http://www.mhmrcv.org>

The LMHA for Kimble, Mason, Menard, and Schleicher Counties is:

Hill Country Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Centers
819 Water St., Ste. 300
Kerrville, TX 78028
Crisis Phone: 877-466-0660
Main Phone: 830-792-3300
Website: <http://www.hillcountry.org/>

Find contact information for LMHAs at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/mhsa/lmha-list/>.

D. Councils of Governments (COGs) -- COGs may oversee community development funding, including funds for affordable housing.

The COG for Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green Counties is:

Executive Director
Mr. John Austin Stokes
2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, TX 76904
(325) 944-9666
(325) 944-9925
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www.cvcog.org

Information about other COGs can be found at: <http://txregionalcouncil.org/> (on this page, use the “Find Your COG” feature).

E. Community Action Agencies (CAAs)

Community Action Agencies are private or public nonprofit organizations that were created by the federal government in 1964 to combat poverty in geographically designated areas. Community Action Agencies seek to involve the community, including elected public officials, private sector representatives, and especially low-income residents, in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty. CAAs may provide funding to pay for utilities assistance, rent assistance,

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and/or home weatherization assistance, job training, Head Start, child care, and/or USDA food programs.

The CAA for Tom Green County is:

Mark Bethune, Executive Director
Concho Valley Community Action Agency
P.O. Box 671
San Angelo, TX 76902
Phone: (325) 653-2411
Fax: (325) 658-3147

Find other CAAs at: <https://taca.org/services-map>.

F. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

The Texas Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) are highly visible and trusted places where people of all ages, incomes and disabilities can go to get information and one-on-one counseling on the full range of long-term services and supports available in Texas.

ADRCs employ Housing Navigators who know the housing landscape and can often help find housing for people experiencing homelessness, especially those who are elderly and/or have disabilities.

The ADRC that covers Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties is:

Disability Connections Resource Center
2809 Southwest Blvd.
San Angelo TX 76904
Phone: 325-227-8774
Toll Free: 1-855-937-2372
Website: <http://dcciltx.org/>

Find other ADRCs at <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/aging/long-term-care/aging-disability-resource-center/find-adrc>.

G. U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program

Rural Community Development Initiative Grants
<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>

Multi-Family Housing Programs: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/multi-family-housing-programs>

Single-Family Housing Programs: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/single-family-housing-programs>



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H. Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas' Affordable Housing Program

"Affordable Housing Program funds are intended to assist FHLB Dallas members in financing the purchase, construction, and/or rehabilitation of owner-occupied, rental, transitional housing, as well as housing for homeless individuals in their community. Affordable Housing Program funds must be used to benefit households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area."

<https://www.fhlp.com/community/Pages/Affordable-Housing-Program.aspx>

I. Other federal funding -- See the document from Housing and Healthcare Coordination and Systems Integration (H2) at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/H2-Innovative-Funding-Strategies.pdf>.

J. State funding -- State funding to address homelessness is the Homeless Housing and Services Program ([HHSP](#)). The funding is administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and is awarded to the 8 largest cities in Texas. The [Ending Homelessness Fund](#) was established in 2017, and TDHCA is currently writing guidance for the program.

