

November 14, 2025

The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Delivered via email

Subject: Partnering to Avoid Disruptions in Housing for People Vulnerable to Homelessness

Dear Secretary Turner,

On behalf of the 286 undersigned entities, which support efforts to prevent and end homelessness across Illinois, we write to respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) implements the two-year FY 2024-FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) funding cycle, as approved by Congress, by renewing all CoC contracts expiring in calendar year 2026 for one additional 12-month period. This request is consistent with the [October 28, 2025 letter](#) submitted to you by House majority members of Congress, including Illinois Representatives Mike Bost and Darin LaHood.

The CoC Program, as well as related federal housing programs, have long enjoyed bipartisan support. For decades, Illinois' 19 Continuum of Care networks have played a vital role in connecting community members with services and housing. Based on the 2024 Point in Time Count, on any given night, nearly 26,000 Illinoisans are experiencing homelessness. This includes more than 7,200 children, nearly 700 seniors, over 2,800 survivors of domestic violence, and more than 550 veterans.^[1] Due to the shortage of affordable housing, the main cause of homelessness, a far greater number of families and individuals are doubled up and/or otherwise do not have a home of their own.

As you know, the process for HUD to award the Congressionally-appropriated funds for the nation's Continuums of Care usually begins in the spring of the year before grants are awarded and takes 6 to 9 months. On July 3, 2025, HUD announced that it planned to issue a FY2025 notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the CoC program, which has not yet been issued. If a NOFO were issued now, it is unlikely that there would be adequate time for Continuums of Care to complete the application, for HUD to finalize contracts, and for funds to be made available. Completing this process would take several months into 2026, leaving many existing grants to lapse starting in January 2026.

In Illinois, the CoC Program currently funds more than 330 grants with approximately \$182.5 million in funding. More than 80% of this funding is used to support permanent supportive housing (PSH) and other permanent housing. Much of this funding goes to rental property owners who provide most of the permanent supportive housing funded by the CoC Program. Through this market-based approach, while ending homelessness, the CoC Program simultaneously generates economic activity and creates jobs in our communities.

A gap in funding between the end of existing awards and the beginning of new awards would create a disruption for households and communities across the state. Without affordable

housing, families and individuals, including many with disabling mental and/or physical health conditions, would become homeless again, overburdening an emergency service delivery system with inadequate resources to serve the needs of those who are currently homeless.

As stakeholders we welcome the opportunity to dialogue with the Department about priorities for the CoC Program. We also recommend that any changes to program priorities are routed through the appropriate authorizing committees in Congress for approval before being implemented. This would include any caps on the percentage of CoC Program funds that can be spent on PSH.

The residents of PSH—people with disabilities, families with children, seniors, veterans and others—were able to leave homelessness behind them because of access to PSH and the use of evidence-based models to end homelessness. Sixty percent of all PSH in Illinois, 8,543 beds, utilize federal funding. In many communities, particularly rural communities, the percentage is much higher. Reducing the portion of CoC funds available for PSH would push people back into homelessness and be counterproductive to ensuring that every American has access to adequate, affordable housing.

To avoid this unnecessary destabilization of communities and re-exposing thousands of Illinoisans to homelessness, we respectfully request that the Department maintain the two-year CoC funding cycle as approved by Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A Just Harvest, Chicago

A Little Bit of Heaven, Chicago

A Safe Haven Foundation, Chicago

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago

AFC-Community Development Corporation, Chicago

African American Christian Foundation, Oak Park

Agape Missions, NFP, Joliet

AgeOptions, Oak Park

AIDS Foundation Chicago

All Chicago

Alliance for Community Services, Chicago

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, Hillside

Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse, Homewood

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

Arab American Family Services, Worth

Association for Individual Development (AID), Aurora
Association House of Chicago, Chicago
B&G Property & Development LLC, Orland Park
Bamboo Heights Investments, Chicago
Be Brick Property Management, Chicago
Be Neighbors Affordable Housing, Springfield
BEDS Plus, La Grange
Bethel Family Resource Center, Chicago Heights
BGME Enterprises, LLC, Dolton
Blue Lake Chicago, Chatham
Blueprint Capital Investments, Lansing
Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Chicago
Bridge Communities, Glen Ellyn
Brightpoint, Chicago
Brixtons Collective Corp., Chicago
Cara Collective, Chicago
Carbondale Warming Center, Carbondale
Care for Friends, Chicago
CARPLS, Chicago
Casa Central, Chicago
Casa Esperanza, Chicago
CASL, Chicago
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill
Catholic Conference of Illinois
CDBG Operations Corporation, East St, Louis
CEDA, Chicago
CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation, Effingham
Celadon Partners, LLC, Chicago
CEM Missions, INC, Chicago
Center for Disability & Elder Law, Chicago

Center of Concern, Des Plaines
Center for Housing & Health, Chicago
Centerstone of Illinois, Inc., Alton
Central Illinois Continuum of Care (CoC IL-512), Bloomington
Champaign County Health Care Consumers, Champaign
Champaign County Public Defender's Office, Urbana
Champaign Ford Regional Office of Education, Champaign
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, Champaign
Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union, Champaign
Chestnut Health Systems, Bloomington
Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness
Chi-Care Medical, Chicago
Chicago Continuum of Care
Chicago Funders Together to End Homelessness
Chicago Heights United
Chicago House and Social Service Agency
Chicago Housing Initiative
Chicago Housing Trust
Christian Community Health Center, Chicago
Christina Swanson Consulting, Inc., Evanston
Cinnaire Lending, Chicago
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center of St. Clair, Inc., East St. Louis
Connections for the Homeless, Evanston
Connections of Illinois, Barrington
Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)
Cornerstone Services, Joliet
Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois, Inc., Woodstock
Courage Connection, Urbana
Crossover Ministries, Hillsboro
Cunningham Township, Urbana

Deborah's Place, Chicago
Disability Resource Center, Joliet
Dove, Inc., Decatur
Dreams Are Possible, Bloomington
DuPagePads, Wheaton
Elk Grove Interfaith Council, Elk Grove
Empowerment Opportunity Center, Decatur
Englewood Community Connection Outreach Corp., Chicago
Envision Unlimited, Chicago
Equip for Equality, Chicago
EverThrive Illinois, Chicago
Facing Forward to End Homelessness, Chicago
Family Focus, Chicago
Family Health Partnership Clinic, Crystal Lake
First Followers, Urbana
Fortitude Community Outreach, Kankakee
Full Circle Communities, Chicago
FWD Living LLC, Chicago
Gateway Foundation, Chicago
Genesis Garden, Macomb
Gift of Voice, Edwardsville
Grand Prairie Services, Tinley Park
Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago
Grundy Area PADS, Morris
Guardian Angel Community Services, Joliet
Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County, Champaign
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, Chicago
Heart of Illinois United Way, Home for All CoC, Peoria
Heartland HOUSED, Springfield
Heartland Human Care Services, Inc., Chicago
Hesed House, Aurora

Home of The Sparrow, Woodstock
Home Sweet Home Ministries, Bloomington
HOPE Fair Housing Center, Wheaton
Hope Haven of DeKalb County
Housing Authority of Joliet
Housing Action Illinois
Housing Forward, Maywood
Housing Opportunities for Women, Inc. (HOW), Chicago
Hub, Chicago
Ignite, Chicago
Illinois Black Advocacy Initiative, Chicago
Illinois Central, Chicago
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Chicago
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Glenview
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
Illinois Housing Council
Illinois National Organization for Women
Illinois Partners for Human Service
Illinois Psychiatric Society
Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living, Spring Valley
Impact Behavioral Health Partners, Evanston
IMPACT CIL, Alton
In Bloom Counseling PLLC, Deerfield
Inspiration Corporation, Chicago
Institute on Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Chicago
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, Evanston
Josselyn, Northbrook
Journeys | The Road Home, Palatine

Kane County CoC, Geneva
Kane County Health Department, Aurora
Kane County RAP, Aurora
Kids Above All, Chicago
Kingdom Recovery, Mulberry Grove
La Casa Norte, Chicago
Lake County Coalition for the Homeless, Waukegan
Lama Properties LLC, Chicago
Latino Policy Forum, Chicago
Law Center for Better Housing, Chicago
Lazarus House, St. Charles
Legal Action Chicago
Legal Council for Health Justice, Chicago
Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center, Franklin Park
Life is Work, Chicago
Light the Way of Metropolis, Metropolis
Lincoln Park Community Services, Chicago
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago
LSML Properties, Chicago
LUCHA, Chicago
MAAC Investments, Chicago
Madison County Urban League, Inc., Alton
McHenry County Community Development, Woodstock
McLean County Center for Human Services, Bloomington
Mental Health America of Illinois
Mental Health Summit, Chicago
MERCY Communities, Springfield
Mercy Housing Lakefront, Chicago
Mid Central Community Action, Bloomington
My Father's House NP, Chicago
Na, Chicago

NAMI Chicago
NAMI Lake County Illinois, Waukegan
NAMI Northern Illinois, Rockford
National Alliance on Mental Illness-Champaign
National Louis University, Chicago
National Tenant Union, Decatur
New Beginnings Recovery Homes Incorporated, Chicago
New Moms, Chicago
North Cook Intermediate Service Center/Regional Office of Education, Des Plaines
North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic, Highland Park
North/Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness, Wheeling
Northwest Alliance for Housing Affordability, Arlington Heights
Northwest Center, Chicago
Northwest Compass, Inc., Mt. Prospect
North West Housing Partnership, Schaumburg
NWS Homeless Outreach Volunteers, Chicago
Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Oak Park
Of Color, Inc., Chicago
One Roof Chicago, Chicago
Open Communities, Evanston
Opportunities for Access (OFA CIL), Mt. Vernon
Oui Wee Designs, Chicago
PACE, Inc., Urbana
PADS Lake County, Waukegan
PADS of Elgin, Inc., Elgin
Peoria Opportunities Foundation
People's Response Network, Chicago
Penn Real Estate, Chicago
Peoria Opportunities Foundation, Peoria
Phalanx Family Services, Chicago
Phoe, Chicago

Phoenix Community Development Services, Peoria
Phoenix Foundation, NFP, Chicago
Pioneer Center for Human Rights, McHenry
Power Max LLC, Chicago
Pretty Divine Suites, Chicago
Proactive Community Services, Flossmoor
Project NOW, Inc., Rock Island
Psychotherapy Action Network, Chicago
Public Health and Safety, Inc., Chicago
Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC), Chicago
RAMP Disability Resources & Services, Rockford
Realty of America, Evergreen Park
Reassemble Education and Support Training, Chicago
Renaissance Social Services, Inc., Chicago
Respond Now, Chicago Heights
ReVive Center for Housing and Healing, Chicago
RFG Property Solutions, Chicago
RPC Early Childhood Education, A Head Start Program, Champaign
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago
Rush University, Chicago
S&E Realty LLC, Palatine
Sarah's Circle, Chicago
Sarah's Inn, Forest Park
Shelter Care Ministries, Rockford
Shelter Youth and Family Services, Arlington Heights
Shriver Center on Poverty Law, Chicago
Sigma Century Properties, Chicago
SLJ Consulting, Evergreen Park
South Central IL Continuum of Care (IL-515), Greenup
South Suburban Housing Center, Homewood
South Suburban PADS, Chicago Heights

Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living, Harrisburg
Spannaus Consulting, Decatur
Springfield Center for Independent Living, Springfield
Stenneth Capital - Affordable Housing Provider, Chicago
Strengthening Chicago's Youth, Chicago
Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA)
TASC
The 4m Group, Glenview
The Boulevard of Chicago
The Harbour, Park Ridge
The House of Mary Corp., East St. Louis
The Housing Authority of Champaign County
The Inner Voice Inc., Chicago
The Network - Advocating Against Domestic Violence
The Night Ministry, Chicago
The Platform Group, Rockford
The Preservation Compact, Chicago
The Salvation Army of Canton & Fulton County, Canton
The Salvation Army Pontiac 360 Life Center, Pontiac
The Samaritan Well, Inc., Macomb
The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois
The W Companies, Chicago
Third City Properties, Chicago
Thresholds, Chicago
Together We Cope, Tinley Park
Transitions of Western Illinois, Inc., Quincy
Trilogy, Chicago
Trinity Services, New Lenox
Unified Legacy Inc, Chicago
Uniting Pride, Champaign
United Way of Champaign County, Savoy

United Way of Livingston County, Pontiac
United Way of Will County, Joliet
Universal Housing Solutions CDC, Oak Park
Unlimited Property Buyers, Daley Center
VetMentors, LLC, Frankfort
Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern IL, Belleville
VOA Illinois, Chicago
Voice of the People Chicago, Chicago
VOICES of Stephenson County, Freeport
Warp Corps, Woodstock
Waukegan Township, Waukegan
Weisner Capital Advisors, Chicago
Well of Mercy, Chicago
Wholistic Alliance, Chicago
Will County Continuum of Care, Will, Kendall, and Grundy Counties
Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, LTD, Joliet
WINGS Program, Inc., Palatine
WJW Architects, Chicago
Women in Need Recovery, Champaign
YMCA of Quincy
YNJ Properties, Chicago
Youth Outreach Services, Chicago
360 Youth Services, Naperville

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^[1] HUD, 2024 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations, accessed at: [CoC_PopSub_State_IL_2024.pdf](#)