

**Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Notice of Intent to Apply for FY 2010 HUD CoC funding**

Please complete one form per project

If you intend to apply, you must complete this form and return by July 6th, 2010 to Sam Woollard at samw7@sbcglobal.net or by fax to (512) 327-4937. The Education Conference will be held on June 29th from 1 PM to 3:30 PM at 1430 Collier Street, Austin, TX 78704 (Room #3A). This is an optional meeting to inform new applicants.

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number (of contact person): _____

Fax Number (of contact person): _____

Contact Person: _____

E-mail of Contact Person: _____

***NOTE: New projects must meet a minimum of 85% housing and 15% services ratio to be considered**
Indicate what the type of housing and/or service program you could put together *and be ready to implement by 2011*. Also indicate an estimated amount of HUD CoC funds needed to operate the program.

- New Project
- Renewal Project - Name of currently funded project _____

Type of Housing Program and # of vouchers / units / beds / persons served:

- Permanent Supportive Housing / _____
- Transitional Housing / _____
- Supportive Services Only (renewal projects only) / _____

Type of Project:

- Leasing
- Acquisition or Rehabilitation of new Construction

Project Setting:

- Project based site
- Scattered-Site

Population(s) to be served (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronically homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> Aging out of foster care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-occurring disorders (mental illness and substance abuse) | <input type="checkbox"/> Families with children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and other types of disabilities
(permanent disabling condition - not chronically homeless) | <input type="checkbox"/> People coming out of institutions
(incarceration, state hospitals, hospitals) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> People with criminal histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Sexual Violence Survivors | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless |

Estimated amount of HUD CoC funds needed to operate the program: _____

For more information, please contact Sam Woollard at samw7@sbcglobal.net or 512-217-6862

What is the Continuum of Care?

The Continuum of Care is the name of a community-wide grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and it is also the term HUD uses to describe a system, or "continuum," of services needed in a community to effectively address homelessness. The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) and the City of Austin provide leadership to submit the community-wide application to HUD. However, funding is always contingent on broad community participation and leadership, in the form of a "homeless coalition," as described below.

Theory of a Homeless Coalition

HUD encourages communities to develop homeless coalitions in order to facilitate a comprehensive system-wide approach that meets the many complex needs of homeless people. The implementation of such an approach often requires systemic change in a community's recognition that homelessness is not the problem of "some other agency," but the concern of the entire community.

A strong, active, and open coalition for the homeless gives a community many advantages. For example, a local coalition that is respected in the community can comment on any proposed law or appropriation that affects the homeless. This allows the coalition to speak as one voice for those who all too often have no voice at all.

Coalitions can also play an important role in community planning. More and more, state and federal agencies require community planning to identify and address the needs of the community. Planning helps to answer key questions such as: Where are the gaps in the services? What kinds of services are not presently being provided? What resources can be used to fund services that will fill the gap? A coalition can help a community avoid duplicated and unnecessary services. Careful planning and evaluating is an outcome of an effective, strong coalition.

The Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care

The homeless coalition and the entity that oversees the Continuum of Care application in the Austin/Travis County region is ECHO, which has just released its draft *Plan to End Community Homelessness in Austin-Travis County, 2010*, which will steer the local planning and application for community-wide funding. This draft plan can be found at ECHO's website:

<http://www.austinecho.org/>.

ECHO is also in the process of forming a 501(c)(3) organization which will allow it to serve as the fiscal agent for funding and will consolidate and streamline the many planning bodies involved in its success.

CoC subcommittee meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, from 10:00 am to 11:30am throughout the development of the 2010 CoC application.

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