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**FY2016 HUD CoC Program Competition**

**New Projects - Request for Proposals**

All Chicago has now released a request for agencies to submit a **New Project Application** for those interested in participating in the **FY2016 HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition New Projects Process**.

**All New Project Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2016. No late submissions will be reviewed.**

**AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE FY16 NOFA**

**HUD CoC New Bonus Projects**

In the FY2016 CoC Program Competition, in addition to requests for renewal projects, CoCs may submit requests for new projects through the permanent housing bonus. **CoCs may create new projects through the PH Bonus up to 5% of the CoC Annual Renewal Demand (\$3,122,407)**. Agencies interested in applying for new projects through the PH Bonus may apply for:

1. New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects where 100% of beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families.
2. New Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects that will serve individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, including persons fleeing domestic violence situations.

**HUD CoC Other New Projects** *(Apply for up to \$675,000. Final Amount of Funds Available TBD)*

CoCs may also create new projects by using amounts available through reallocation. While a reallocation amount for the Chicago CoC has not yet been determined, agencies interested in applying for new projects through reallocation may apply for:

## [Preschool Application Assistant Training](#)

All Chicago effectively combines immediate resources with long term strategies to address the complex issue of homelessness.

All Chicago's Program eNewsletter (including Continuum of Care news!) goes out on the 15th of each month.

Do you have news or updates to share in the eNewsletter?

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2. New Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects that will serve individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, including persons fleeing domestic violence situations.
3. New Supportive Services Only (SSO) project for Coordinated Assessment.

### HOW TO APPLY

There are separate online applications for PSH and RRH projects, or Coordinated Assessment SSO projects. The Instructions are included within each application.

To apply for a PSH or RRH project (either Bonus or Other), please [click here](#) .

To apply for a Coordinated Assessment SSO project, please [click here](#) .

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Applications will be reviewed by the New Project Selection Committee by no later than July 25th. All applicants must ensure a staff representative is available to provide an in-person presentation between 9am and 1pm on Wednesday, July 27th at All Chicago, should your proposal be selected as a finalist.

### RESOURCES

[FY16 HUD CoC New Project Application: PSH or RRH \(PDF\)](#)

[FY16 HUD CoC New Project Application: Coordinated Access SSO \(PDF\)](#)

[FY16 HUD CoC New Project Application: Budget Spreadsheet](#)

Links to the online applications and Budget Spreadsheet, as well as PDF copies of each application are also [available online](#) to review prior to submission. All Chicago will make available a pre-recorded webinar training early next week. **All interested applicants are strongly encouraged to review the FY16 New Project Application training webinar once it is available.**

If you have any questions about the New Project Application Process, please email [CoCPrograms@allchicago.org](mailto:CoCPrograms@allchicago.org).

## FY2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA

The FY2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA was released on June 29 and is due September 14. HUD anticipates releasing Project Applications and the NOFA in e-snaps the week of July 18. CoC-funded partner agencies can begin to prepare for the Project Applications by:

- Reviewing the Grants Inventory Worksheet (GIW) [here](#). Partners should review their programs on the GIW and contact All Chicago staff as soon as possible to discuss any discrepancies.
- Complete your Project Applicant Profile which is

currently available in e-snaps.

- Check the All Chicago Continuum of Care [webpages](#) regularly for updates, announcements and important information regarding the CoC Application and Project Applications.

## Members Needed - Appeals Committee

The Chicago Continuum of Care Board of Directors is seeking members for the Appeals Committee for 2016. The purpose of the Appeals Committee is to review appeals submitted to the CoC Board of Directors from partner organizations facing potential funding losses through defunding, reallocation or ranking priorities. The Appeals Committee is looking for two (2) non-HUD-funded service providers; one (1) key stakeholder; one (1) at-large member; and one (1) private funder. Please nominations via the [Appeals Committee Nomination Form](#) by Friday July 29th at 5pm.

If you are interested in participating on the Appeals Committee and have questions please contact [Dave Thomas](#) at All Chicago.

## Nominations for CoC Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee and the Chicago Continuum of Care Board of Directors are looking for individuals with potential interest in being a CoC Board Member. Although there are no current vacant seats, the Nominating Committee would like to build a pool of potential candidates as there may be vacancies throughout the year. The CoC Board of Directors provides oversight and accountability for all Chicago CoC responsibilities. The Board acts on behalf of the Chicago CoC to fulfill the regulatory duties of a continuum of care as set forth in 24 CFR § 578, or as otherwise articulated by HUD. The Board will be responsible for approval and implementation of all CoC policies and procedures and Chicago's Plan 2.0. The CoC Board meets every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at rotating locations. Although there are no vacant seats at this time the Nominating Committee of the CoC are currently soliciting nominations. The eligible seats are:

- State Agencies/Major Systems (representing a state agency or other major system addressing physical or mental healthcare, jail/corrections, substance abuse treatment, child welfare or other systems essential for addressing homelessness)
- Private Funder (foundations)
- At-Large (person interested in ending homelessness in Chicago who does not represent other constituency groups of the Board)
- Key Stakeholder (non-HUD funded providers, faith-based community providers, housing developers,

landlords, employers or others)

- Public Agencies (partnering closely on the implementation of Plan 2.0 such as CHA, VA, CPS or others as appropriate)

To be eligible if you are nominated for a seat:

- Must be a currently enrolled member of the CoC with no outstanding dues
- If being nominated for a Key Stakeholder or AtLarge seat, the agency being represented cannot be recipients of HUD CoC Funding

To nominate an individual please submit the [CoC Board Nomination Form](#). The Nominating Committee of the CoC will vet all nominations and present nominees to the CoC Board as needed when vacancies occur. For questions, please contact [Audrey Thomas](#).

## Chicago Continuum of Care Membership Registration

Are you committed to ending homelessness?

Do you want to be part of the efforts to ensure that everyone has a place to call home?

If so, **WE NEED YOU** to join the Chicago CoC!

The Chicago Continuum of Care (CoC) is inviting all stakeholders to join via the membership application.

[You can complete the membership application here.](#)

If you are unable to complete the application online, please email [CoCPrograms@allchicago.org](mailto:CoCPrograms@allchicago.org) to request a paper copy of the application.



## Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Partner Agency User Training

Upcoming Training Dates:

**July 28th - HMIS New User Training** (20 user capacity)

This training is intended for new users of the HMIS database. During this full-day training, users will have the opportunity to use the database in a training environment and walk

through the steps of the HMIS data entry workflow.

For more information and to register users, please visit the [HMIS Helpdesk Registration Form](#) or email [HMIS@allchicago.org](mailto:HMIS@allchicago.org).

## Female Veterans Training

The Veterans Service Providers Collaborative is happy to announce its next training which will be conducted by staff from Road Home Program: The Center for Veterans and their Families at Rush. The training is August 24 from 1-3pm.

Training objectives include:

- Understanding issues/challenges faced by female service members/Veterans
- Community care and service needs of female veterans
- Using a trauma-informed care approach in working with female veterans
- Brief overview of Military sexual trauma and related issues
- Resources for female Veterans including child care, mental health care, legal support
- LGBT issues within the Female Veterans/SM population

The training is free and open to veteran providers, as well as, non-veterans service providers. If interested, [register here](#).

## Medicaid Managed Care Trainings for Case Managers (HUD Initiative Housing for Health Action Plan)

Given recent changes to the Medicaid system in Illinois, and as part of the *HUD Initiative Housing for Health Action Plan*, the Center for Housing and Health is hosting trainings on care coordination and Medicaid Managed Care in Illinois. **These trainings will be targeted to case managers providing direct service to individuals experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless individuals living in supportive housing.** Representatives from IlliniCare, Aetna Better Health, Humana and CountyCare Managed Care Entities (MCE) will be invited to the trainings to present information on how to connect clients to their MCE and take advantage of benefits. The trainings will include an open discussion so that case managers and MCE's can better understand each other's roles and work together to improve the health outcomes of their shared clients or members.

Please note that these trainings are repeat sessions of the trainings that were conducted in March and April of this year. The trainings are free of charge and open to both new and returning participants.

The trainings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Thursday, July 28th at 9:00am-12pm,

- Monday, August 1st at 9:00am-12pm, and
- Tuesday, August 2nd at 1:00pm-4:00pm.

The location is 200 W. Jackson, Suite 2100 (AFC/CHH Offices).

Each training will be capped at 25 people so please RSVP to Svetlana at [szhexembeyeva@housingforhealth.org](mailto:szhexembeyeva@housingforhealth.org).



## 2016 Illinois HUD Homeless Providers Peer-to-Peer Workshop

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will hold a Homeless Providers Peer-to-Peer Workshop on Tuesday & Wednesday September 27 & 28, 2016.

### Location:

Wyndham Springfield City Centre  
700 East Adams Street  
Springfield, IL / 217-789-1530

(Please do not contact the hotel for room reservations as the workshop rate is not yet available.)

**Also:** A CPD sponsored 'Start-Up' Training is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 28, & Thursday, Sept. 29 until 2 PM at the same location.

CEUs will be offered for social workers and for Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professionals - more information will be forthcoming.

If you have an idea for a topic, are interested in presenting information to your peers on a specific topic, or have questions, please contact Chicago HUD CPD Representative Donald D. Gardiner at [Donald.D.Gardiner@hud.gov](mailto:Donald.D.Gardiner@hud.gov).

## 1:4 Initiative

**Sarah's Circle** with leaders from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), the City of Chicago and the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be leading a newly created **1:4 Initiative** in Chicago.

The **1:4 Initiative** is a national effort built on regional partnerships and established by The American Roundtable to Abolish Homelessness. Its purpose is to create a dialogue, conduct research, formulate policies and advocate for targeted funding for women who are homeless. In the United States today, approximately 1 in 4 homeless adults are women. Homeless adult, unaccompanied women are

understudied and underfunded compared to other subsets of the homeless population.

The initial work of the **1:4 Initiative** will be a comprehensive Needs Assessment for women experiencing homelessness in Chicago. This effort will be managed by Urban Labs of The University of Chicago. Subsequent to the Needs Assessment, the Leadership Team will manage a Chicago Convening of organizations to disseminate the information and create collaborative efforts to strengthen programming for women who are homeless in Chicago.



## New Rules Regarding the Issuance and Obtaining Illinois ID's

For agencies assisting people obtain Illinois driver's licenses and ID cards, a significant change will soon take place at the Secretary of State's office.

### From the Illinois Secretary of State's Office:

The change will improve upon the design and issuing process of Illinois' driver's licenses/ID cards.

Applicants visiting Driver Services facilities will no longer be issued a new permanent DL/ID card at the end of the application process. Instead, they will leave the facility with a temporary secure paper driver's license, which is valid for 45 days and will serve as their DL/ID for driving purposes and proof of identification.

The transition to central issuance will take place in phases.

Beginning May 17, 2016, Safe Driver Renewal applicants will receive by mail their new driver's license with the upgraded security features. Beginning in late June 2016, through a gradual rollout, Driver Services facilities throughout the state will implement central issuance with the new card design. By the end of **July 2016**, all Driver Services facilities will have transitioned to central issuance.

### From the Illinois Continuum of Care Discussion Group

[Click here for the new Homeless Status Certification PDF form](#) from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office for those wishing to obtain an ID for free working with a caseworker. The form includes a summary of procedures for completing this process.

This procedure changed effective July 1 in order to comply with parts of the Federal Real ID Act.

Find more details on the new changes and FAQ's [here](#).



## Jesse Brown VA Medical Center - US Department of Veteran Affairs - Community Resource and Referral Center (Extended Homeless Services Hours)

The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) has extended hours for homeless services. Veterans can be served by the CRRC 24 hours each day, seven days a week.

1141 S California Ave  
VA CRRC  
California & Roosevelt  
Monday - Friday  
7:00am - 5:30pm  
312-569-5750

820 S. Damen Ave.  
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center  
Emergency Department  
Monday - Sunday  
1:30 - 12:00am  
312-569-6138

820 S. Damen Ave.  
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center  
Administrator on Duty (AOD)  
Monday - Sunday  
12:00am - 7:00am  
312-569-6177

For more detailed information, contact Ms. Laura McGee-Otunde, Program Coordinator, at 312-569-5751.

## All Chicago Student Emergency Fund

The All Chicago Student Emergency Fund will continue to support Chicago's low income college students at the risk of dropping out of school due to an unexpected crisis with the addition of 5 new partners. The Student Emergency Fund seeks to provide immediate financial assistance to college students experiencing a crisis or transition. All Chicago distributes critical and timely financial assistance via a network of Chicago partner organizations and schools with experience in supporting student's persistence towards college graduation. [Click here](#) for more information about the Student Emergency Fund.

All Chicago is proud to announce the expansion of the Student Emergency Fund with five new partners:

- [Bottom Line](#)
- [College Possible](#)
- [One Million Degrees](#)



- [UTMOST U](#)
- [UIC LAS](#)

## FREE - Renters Rights Workshop

The Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO) will hold a Free Renters Rights Workshop

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**  
**5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**at the West Side Justice Center**  
**601 S. California Avenue**

Learn about your rights, what the law requires of your landlord, and how to address common apartment problems.

Trainers will help tenants write letters to their landlords!

For more information, call: 773-292-4980, ext. 246  
(Trainings are held on the second Tuesday of every month)

## Partner News

### Rental Assistance Program Resource

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Emergency Rental Assistance Program (RAP) provides financial assistance to Chicago residents directly related to the prevention of homelessness to eligible individuals and families who are in danger of eviction. The program is designed to stabilize individuals and families in their existing rental unit. Assistance may include payment of up to six months of rent arrears or rent. Application requirements include documentation of crisis of emergency (such as a temporary loss of income statement from an employer, or a court order to evacuate), proof of income, identification, and housing documentation.

Chicago residents can apply for this assistance at any of the [six DFSS Community Service Centers](#). Potential applicants should call the centers to schedule appointments and to learn more about the program.

### Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

#### *CEDA Registration*

One-on-one counseling is available to individuals and families respectively who are delinquent in or in default of losing their homes. The client's situation is assessed by HUD certified housing counselors who work jointly with lenders and servicers on behalf of the homeowner. If successful, a payment plan is developed to help applicants remain in their homes and prevent foreclosure. To register, please call (312) 782-CEDA (2332) ext. 8962. For more information, [visit the website](#) or click [here for the flyer](#).

### Workshop Dates and Times:

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## New Heartland Health Outreach Clinic Location

To better serve Heartland Health Outreach (HHO) participants a new Medical clinic opened in Englewood. The clinic had its grand opening on July 11, 2016.

**Please note the Englewood clinic will initially be providing primary care services only.**

Open weekly: Mondays

Hours: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Location: 155 W. 75th Street Chicago, IL 60620

CTA: Red line to 79th: Head west on 79th to

Lafayette, turn right on Lafayette and left on 75th

Phone: 773.275.2586

Walk-ins welcome!

## FREE - Heartland Alliance Financial Education Workshops

Heartland Alliance will hold **FREE** workshops on asset development to educate individuals or families on economic stability, saving for the future, making every cent count, predatory lending, getting help with credit problems, career development and more. All classes and workshops are open to the public, free and refreshments are provided. RSVPs are appreciated.

[Click here for the Summer 2016 Course Catalog.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Heartland Alliance Asset Development Manager, Melinda A. Croes at [mcroes@heartlandalliance.org](mailto:mcroes@heartlandalliance.org)

## Preschool Application Assistant Training

Are you working with a family who is ready to apply for a preschool program for a 3- or 4-year old? Families can use the same application to apply for school-based or community-based preschool programs.

There are 3 easy ways:

- 1) Apply online at [apply.chicagoearlylearning.org](http://apply.chicagoearlylearning.org),
- 2) Visit a [Family Resource Center](#),
- 3) Call 312-229-1690.

More information is available at [www.chicagoearlylearning.org](http://www.chicagoearlylearning.org).

Also, if your organization would like to help at-risk families who may not have access to computers or may face other obstacles to applying to preschool, there is a special training you can attend to receive the tools, expertise, and system access to help families apply.

If you are interested in application assistant training, please email [earlylearningappassist@gmail.com](mailto:earlylearningappassist@gmail.com) or call 312-744-9322.