

# FT. WORTH/ ARLINGTON/ TARRANT COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE TX-601

#### **MOBILE HOUSING ASSESSORS FOR FAMILIES**

LOCAL COMPETITION: NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2021 **FUNDS AVAILABLE:** \$220,500

**ELIGIBILE ENTITIES:** Private nonprofit organizations and general-purpose

local governments who are current recipients of HUD homeless funding.

PROJECT STARTUP: September 2021
GRANT TERMINATION: February 2022
GRANT SERVICE AREA: Tarrant County

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#### Introduction

Texas has released funding for mental health related homeless services related to COVID-19 through HR-133 Supplemental Block Grant. This funding is statutorily granted to the Local Mental Health Authority, MHMR Tarrant. MHMR Tarrant is sub-contracting with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition to meet the need for mobile assessors in the community. Tarrant County Homeless Coalition is seeking a partner to provide at least two Mobile Housing Assessors to serve families experiencing homelessness in Tarrant County.

Mobile Housing Assessors (housing navigators) are embedded with Outreach teams and family and youth services specifically. Assessors will work closely with JPS Street Medicine Team, MHMR Community Health Worker Team and the VA Homeless Outreach Team. This NOFA is for *two* assessors to work as a team to help families experiencing homelessness gain housing. They will carry a caseload that will either help to divert persons out of homelessness immediately or connect clients into housing. Two Mobile Housing Assessors will be awarded to one agency through this NOFA.

Mobile Housing Assessors help clients with documenting homeless history, gaining critical documents, completing housing assistance applications, identifying housing, applying for housing, and transportation all the way through until the client moves into housing. Clients served must also have a mental illness, substance abuse history, or trauma history.

TCHC is inviting eligible entities to submit requests for funds through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Eligible entities include private nonprofit organizations and general-purpose local governments who are current recipients of HUD homeless funding.

Proposals addressing other activities or service types will not be eligible to receive funding under this NOFA.

#### **Program Requirements**

Subrecipients must be active grantees of HUD Continuum of Care funds. Subrecipients must use ETO, or comparable HMIS database (for domestic violence providers), attend trainings to accurately enter data, and participate in the CoC's Coordinated Assessment System (CAS).

The contract awarded will be required to serve 100 households over 18 months and provide state-required reports.

An agency may be ineligible to apply for the following reasons: Not a current HUD Continuum of Care funded agency, no established business formation (per Secretary of State of Texas), lack of business financial documents (i.e. checking account, financial statements), no active board of directors or governing oversight body, limited organizational capacity, lack of documented programs/services being provided.



# **Submission of Proposals**

All applications must be submitted through email to alex@ahomewithhope.org . **Applications must** be submitted by email no later than July 30th at 11:59 PM CST.

# **Application Contents**

To receive full consideration for funding, agencies must complete the following:

- Line item budget for requested funds
- Application form (attached) including:
  - Brief description of requested activities
  - Organization's plan to work with outreach teams
  - Organizations plan to connect families into housing and help families overcome barriers to housing

To allow for quick turnaround, agencies may provide bullet points for the requested information.

Agency staff must be available to discuss proposals through virtual meetings/phone calls with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition staff, if requested, during application evaluation process.

## **Evaluation Process/Timeline**

Funding decisions will be made by TCHC Leadership Team. TCHC will evaluate:

- 1. Past expenditure rates of CoC funding;
- Previous performance of the organization in providing street outreach, housing, shelter, or services to
  individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness (e.g., the length of time individuals and
  families remain homeless before they are housed, overall reduction in the number of homeless
  individuals and families, success at reducing the number of individuals and families who become
  homeless, etc.);
- 3. The organization's plan to work with outreach teams;
- 4. The organization's plan to connect families into housing and help them overcome barriers to housing; and
- 5. Agency ability to manage funding, measured as the percent of the total grant request to the total agency budget.

Action/ Deadline/ Event	Date
<b>Local competition opens</b> – TCHC sends full NOFA to community and opens	July 15, 2021
the local competition	
<b>Local competition closes</b> – All applications due to TCHC by this date at 11:59	July 30, 2021
PM CST	
Review of proposals for eligibility, completeness, and preliminary scoring	August 6, 2021
TCHC notification to awarded program	August 13, 2021
Estimated contract start**	September
	2021



\*\*Tentative Date; Subject to Change

For Questions Regarding the Application Process, Contact:

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### **Mobile Assessors Application Form**

Name of Agency:
Applicant Contact:
Email:
Phone:
Address:
Signature Authority Name:
Do you currently receive HUD CoC funding (Yes or No)?
Do you current receive any ESG funding (Yes or No)?
Do you currently operate a program that connects families to housing (Yes or No)?
Total Requested Budget Amount:
Total agency operating budget for this year:
Brief description of requested activities (bullet points are acceptable):
Description of organization's plan to work with outreach teams (bullet points are acceptable):
Description of organization's plan to work with other family service agencies (bullet points are acceptable):



