

**Rural Health &
Prosperity Grants
101 Workshop
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To be the catalyst for safe, appropriate, and affordable housing for Kansans in collaboration with local, state, and national partners.



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Our Funders

- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**
- **Kansas Housing Resources Corporation**
- **Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services**
- **Aetna Better Health**
- **Douglas County**
- **Mid-America Regional Council/Johnson County Continuum of Care**
- **Healthy Blue**
- **National Network for Youth**
- **Sunflower Foundation**



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Timeline of HUD's Homeless Program

- **1987: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**
- **Early 1990's Continuum of Care Concept emerges**
- **2009: Hearth Act**



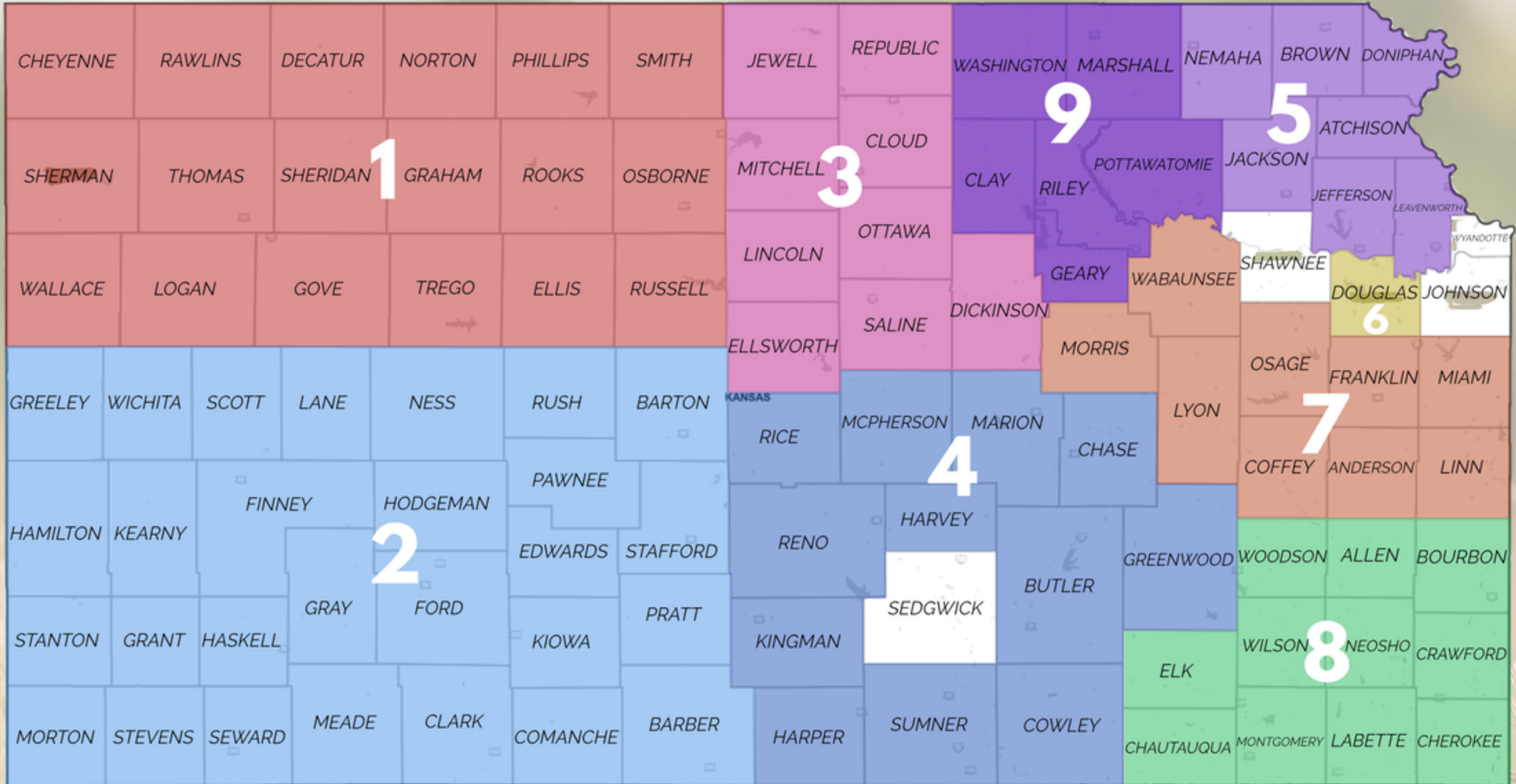
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KSHC is Collaborate Applicant for the Balance of State Continuum of Care



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What is a Continuum of Care

- **Continuum of Care (CoC) are planning bodies that coordinate housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals in a particular geographic region. CoCs are designed to promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;**
- **CoCs access the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) federal resources for housing and services to communities around the nation through the Continuum of Care Program (CoC) grant competition.**
- **CoC complete and submit a collaborative application on behalf of the local homeless service provider agencies**
- **A CoC Collaborative Application includes individual project applications submitted through a local competition process.**



What is a Continuum of Care

- **CoC refers not only to Housing and Urban Development's programs, but also the geographical location covered by a CoC program, and the body of people that participate in homeless services within that geographic area, including service providers, advocates, local government officials, and community members. CoCs cover many different configurations of geography.**
- **CoCs are governed by a charter established by the CoC.**
- **The "Balance of State (BoS) CoC" includes all the jurisdictions in a state that are not covered by any other CoC.**
- **The KS BoS CoC covers 101 mostly rural Kansas counties including Lawrence/Douglas County but excludes Wichita/Sedgwick County, Topeka/Shawnee County, Johnson County and Kansas City/Wyandotte County.**
- **The KS BoS CoC is divided into 9 regions for ease of coordination.**



What is a Collaborative Applicant

- **The Collaborative Applicant is the eligible applicant designated by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to**
 - **Collect and submit the CoC Registration,**
 - **Submit the CoC's Consolidated Application, and**
 - **Apply for CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition.**
- **The CoC may assign additional responsibilities to the Collaborative Applicant so long as these responsibilities are documented in the CoC's governance charter.**



Key roles

- **An Applicant is an entity that applies for CoC Program funds from HUD**
- **A Recipient is the entity that receives the grant award and executes the grant agreement with HUD. A recipient may choose to subgrant part of all of the CoC Program grant to one or more subrecipients to operate the project, or the recipient may operate the project directly.**
- **A Subrecipient is an entity that receives a subgrant from the recipient to carry out the operation of the project.**



Eligible recipients

- **The recipient signs a grant agreement with HUD**
- **Eligibility to be a recipient or subrecipient:**
 - **Private nonprofit organizations**
 - **Unit of state or local government**
 - **Public Housing Authorities**
 - **Other instrumentalities of state or local government**
- **Recipients must verify that subrecipients are eligible prior to subcontracting**



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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- **HUD releases NOFO annually.**
- **HUD released the FY2023 NOFO on July 5, 2023**
- **By CoC policies, the Collaborative Applicant (KSHC) must hold a mandatory training on the NOFO within one week of the NOFO release. All agencies who want to renew any existing CoC grant and any agency who wishes to apply for a new grant, must attend the required training**



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Recent Funding for KS BoS CoC

FY23 Annual Competition: \$3,849,323, 17 grants, 2 were new grants

FY22 Annual CoC Competition: \$3,238,604, 16 awards, 3 were new grants

FY22 Special Rural Set Aside Competition: \$2,601,825, 4 new grants

FY 21 Annual CoC Competition: \$2,693,952

FY20 Annual CoC Competition: \$2,695,262

FY19 Annual CoC Competition: \$2,651,388





Examples of FY23 KS BoS CoC Grantees

- **Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas in Dodge City: \$443,317 for Rapid Rehousing**
- **Ks Coalition Against Domestic Violence: \$863,515 for DV Rapid Rehousing**
- **Prairie View (CMHC) in Newton: \$114,672 for Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **Mental Health of America in Kansas City: \$275,862 for Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **Douglas County: \$332,984 for Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **Manhattan Emergency Shelter: \$210,408 for Rapid Rehousing in Flint Hills Region**
- **Catholic Charities Inc. \$222,080 for Rapid Rehousing in Southeast Region**
- **My Father's House Community Services \$219,778.00 for Transitional Housing Shelter in Miami County.**



Come View our NOFO Trainings

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL kshomeless.com/about-ks-bos-coc/nofa/. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website's navigation menu includes: Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition, Balance of State, HMIS, Homelessness & Housing Summit, and a search icon. On the left sidebar, there is a large sunflower logo with the text "KANSAS BALANCE OF STATE Continuum of Care" and a list of menu items: About COC, Activities, Contact, CoC Meetings, Get Involved, and a prominent DONATE button. The main content area features the heading "You can access the FY23 NOFO Informational Session for New Projects and the FY23 NOFO Mandatory Training Below". Below this heading, two dark brown buttons are highlighted with a red hand-drawn circle: "FY23 NOFO INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR NEW PROJECTS" and "FY23 NOFO MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NEW, RENEWAL, AND PROJECT TYPES". Below these, a large orange banner contains the text "HUD TA COC NOFO PROCESS TRAINING". Underneath the banner, two more dark brown buttons are visible: "RECORDING OF COC NOFO PROCESS TRAINING" and "COC NOFO PROCESS TRAINING SLIDES". In the bottom right corner, there is an orange "Safety Exit" button.



Becoming a Member of the Balance of State CoC

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Roles in Funding Application Process

- **Applicant completes project application process**
- **A nonbiased rating and review panel selects application for funding**
- **Collaborative Applicant submits project applications with the CoC Collaborative Application**
- **HUD select projects for funding**
- **HUD and Applicant/Recipient execute grant**



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CoC Program Components



PH: Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Long-term housing assistance (including supportive services) provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently who have been homeless for a long period.**
- **Can only serve individuals with disabilities or families in which at least one adult or child has a disability.**
- **Lease must be for a term of at least one year, renewable, and terminable only for cause.**
- **Must offer services to residents that are necessary to assist participants in obtaining and maintaining housing, and promote the ability of tenants to live as independently as possible.**



PH: Rapid Rehousing

- **Short-term, tenant-based rental assistance along with supportive services**
- **Rental assistance can be short- (up to 3 months) or medium-term (4-24 months)**
- **Lease must be for a term of at least one year, renewable, and terminable only for cause (even if assistance is for less than one year)**
- **No disability requirement**
- **Participants must have access to appropriate supportive services focused on helping them achieve long-term housing stability (services can continue for up to 6 months following the end of rental assistance)**
 - **Participants must meet with a case manager at least once per month**
 - **Projects must follow CoC written policies related to determining and prioritizing eligibility and the amount or percent of rent that each participant is required to pay**



Transitional Housing

- **Housing with supportive services to facilitate the participant's successful move to permanent housing within 24 months**
- **Participants must sign a lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement for a period of at least one month (must be automatically renewable, with a maximum term of 24 months)**
- **Project must provide access to supportive services for the entire time that participants remain in TH (and up to 6 months following exit)**

HUD no longer supports new TH projects



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Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing

- **Includes two existing component types in one project**
- **Provides flexibility for providers in moving participants from the streets/shelter to permanent housing**



Supportive Services Only

- **Provides supportive services to unsheltered or sheltered homeless persons for whom the recipient is not providing housing or housing assistance**
- **Most common form: coordinated entry projects**
- **The COC interim rule lists eligible services**
- **May be site-based, scattered-site, or independent of a building location**
- **Only new SSO projects are for coordinated entry**



Program Components in Context

- **Housing/services components:**
 - **PSH**
 - **RRH**
 - **TH/RRH - new component, attempt to address system gap**
 - **TH - HUD has not allowed new TH projects for many years**
- **Infrastructure components**
 - **HMIS**
 - **SSO-CE - only new SSO projects are for coordinated entry**
 - **CoC Planning**
- **Key point: Components have different eligible costs and eligible populations**



Eligible Costs: Most Common

- **Leasing**
- **Rental Assistance**
- **Operating Costs**
- **Supportive Services**
- **Administrative Costs**
- **HMIS**
- **All CoC grant must match 25% of the requested amount in cash or in-kind.**



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Homeless Prevention



- **Always start by dialing 211**
- **KHRC-ESG programs (Every HP program looks different)**
 - **You can find listings on KHRC**
website:<https://kshousingcorp.org/service-providers/>
- **County Ministerial Alliances**
- **Local Libraries produce community resource guides**
- **Many more recognizable charity names such as Salvation Army, Catholic Charities etc. offer programs to 10 counties or more- always good resources.**



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