**Expression of Interest (EOI): Grant Funding Opportunity**

**Issued by the Milwaukee Coalition on Housing & Homelessness (MCHH) Board of Directors**

**Milwaukee Continuum of Care (CoC)Coordinated Entry Lead Agency**

The MCHH Board of Directors invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible organizations seeking grant funding to support projects that address homelessness and housing insecurity in Milwaukee County.

**Introduction**

The Milwaukee Continuum of Care (CoC) is designed to promote community-wide goals to end homelessness; provide funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals including unaccompanied youth and families, while minimizing trauma and dislocation to those persons; promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The CoC is composed of service providers for homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, street outreach, permanent housing, supportive services, Coordinated Entry, a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and other interested organizations and individuals. The Milwaukee CoC’s mission is to organize people and resources to end homelessness in Milwaukee.

 The CoC is a group of membership agencies working together to create, implement, monitor, and modify collective goals to end homelessness in Milwaukee County. The CoC solicits the input of its Full Body membership on large decisions, is governed by a CoC Board, and accomplishes its work through various committees and workgroups. The Milwaukee CoC appoints a Lead Agency, an HMIS Lead, and Coordinated Entry Lead.

**Funding Opportunity Information**

The Milwaukee CoC invites proposals from not for profit or government entities to fulfill the role of Coordinated Entry Lead Agency.

Funding is made available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The applicant would be eligible to apply to HUD for Coordinated Entry Lead Agency. The previous award from HUD was $64,852. This process will award one applicant to fulfill this role.

**Coordinated Entry Lead Agency Overview**

The award for the Coordinated Entry will be expected to focus on implementing the Coordinated Entry system. Through doing so, they will be serving CoC member agencies, and by extension, homeless individuals and families in Milwaukee Co. The Coordinated Entry Lead will operate separately but in conjunction with a Lead Agency and a Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)— each of these agencies will have its own designated grants and budget.

Milwaukee CoC Coordinated Entry Lead funding requires attending regular CoC meetings; providing regular budgetary and progress reports to the CoC; collaborating with and supporting referral agencies; ensuring a streamlined and efficient system of connecting individuals and families to housing and shelter; and being held accountable for measurable outcomes.

**Eligibility and Minimum Requirements**

To be eligible, applicants must be an established 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax exempt organization or a government entity.

Applicants will demonstrate the following philosophical approaches in service delivery:

* Fairness and belonging – Applicant should be committed to ensuring member organizations feel supported and encouraged to have a voice at the table. This includes making space for people with lived experience.
* Influential and visionary leadership – Applicant should be prepared to engage and supporting member organizations in an effort to create a stronger, more cohesive system.
* Seek forward thinking solutions while building on existing practices – Applicant should be willing to stay on top of evolving practices and research while ensuring goodness of fit for the community.

There is a HUD required match for their award for Coordinated Entry of 25%.

Awardee will be required to report to the CoC at bi-monthly meetings including a budget report and any emerging issues. A more robust, written report will be required semi-annually.

Awardee will be able to fulfill the following obligations:

* Coordinated Entry process is marketed and accessible across all of Milwaukee County.
* Utilize the standardized Coordinated Entry tool.
* Document the Coordinated Entry process within HMIS regularly and accurately.
* Assist individuals and families in accessing prevention services and emergency services, including domestic violence services, through the Coordinated Entry process.
* Ensure participant autonomy and privacy.
* Collaborate with and utilize stakeholder feedback for process improvement.
* Establish an advisory and/or leadership committee.
* Attend regular CoC Board Meetings and provide updates including a financial report and any emerging issues
* Collaborate with the HMIS and Coordinated Entry Lead Agencies

**How to Submit an EOI:**
Interested organizations should submit an Expression of Interest including:

* Organization name, primary contact, and their contact information
* A brief description of your interest in applying to be the CE Lead Agency

**Deadline:**
Please submit your Expression of Interest by **5:00 PM CST on August 1, 2025.**

**Submit to:**

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