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NYC CoC Newsletter

What's on Deck

2025 NOFO Renewal Checklist

1. Ensure you Unique Entity ID (UEI) is up to date in SAM.gov
2. Review your current grant details and prepare for GIW confirmation
3. Identify your agency e-snaps users and ensure access to the system
4. Communicate any concerns about your renewal right away!

(The sooner we know there is an issue the better we can work with you to find a solution)

5. Confirm your project listing and the GIW and submit necessary change forms (when available)

(Changes over 10% of a budget lines item (BLI) require a grant amendment)

NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists

This conference is held specifically for New York City Peer Specialists working in mental health and substance use

Stay Informed

To ensure you are staying up to date, please sign up for following mailing lists:

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- [SHNNY's Newsletter](#)
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Resources

New York Public Library Adult English Literacy & Learning

The New York Public Library is here to help your program participants improve their writing, reading, speaking, and

settings, including programs and initiatives engaging family, youth, and justice impacted populations. If you are a peer specialist looking to enhance your knowledge, skills, and abilities relevant to peer support values and practices, this conference will offer opportunities for critical dialogue on career development; trends in service provision; supervision; staff wellness and self-care; holistic practice; and the arts.

[Click here to view the flyer!](#)

[Click here to register!](#)

In Case You Missed It



June Public Meeting Recap

Thank you for joining us at the June public meeting!

In celebration of Pride Month, the meeting brought together an amazing series of presenters working to empower and support LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers as they navigate the complex landscape of health care, housing, social services, and finding community. Additionally, we

listening skills in English.

Whether they are starting to learn the language, getting better, or are already advanced, they can sign up for online or in-person classes offered at libraries across the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island—all free! For more information, visit nypl.org/english.

[Click here to see the program flyer!](#)

For a copy of the flyer in other languages, contact Genesis Ledesma at genesislelesma@nypl.org

HRA's Cooling Assistance Benefit

[Access HRA](#) is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Cooling Assistance Benefit. The benefit covers the cost of the air conditioner or fan, administrative costs, labor, program support, materials, removal of your old unit, and minor repairs that are needed to safely install the new unit.

The benefit is worth:

up to \$800 for a window, portable air conditioner, or fan
up to \$1,000 for an existing wall sleeve unit

learned about the most recent updates to NYC's joint litigation opposing HUD's new grant agreement provisions, along with what to expect in the upcoming renewal season for CoC funded grantees.

Attached you will find the slide decks from the presenters and below we have included a series of resources referenced during the meeting. If you have any questions or ideas for future public meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out at nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov.

Resources:

[NYC Continuum of Care Website](#)

[The LGBT Community Center](#)

[NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene \(DOHMH\) LGBTQ+ Health Webpage](#)

[Hetrick Martine Institute \(HMI\)](#)

[Ali Forney Center \(AFC\)](#)

[Click here to download the presentation!](#)

Creative Strategies to Enhance Your Budget: Resources Available

[Homebase](#) hosted a national webinar on May 8, 2025, to share practical insights, case studies, and resourceful approaches to financial sustainability. The [webinar](#) provided tips on how to adopt innovative strategies for organizations to maximize budgets and sustain missions. The webinar covered best practices for financial management.

[Click here to learn more and see if eligible!](#)

Reject Housing Cuts and EHV Funding Cliff: Action Toolkit

This toolkit serves as a resource for reaching out to Congress to oppose cuts to federal investments in affordable housing and homelessness programs, and advocate for making EHV funding permanent and expand rental assistance to help more people. The toolkit was developed in partnership with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, National Alliance to End Homelessness, and National Housing Law Project.

[Click here to access the toolkit!](#)

NAEH's CEO Corner

Overview of Targeted & Mainstream Cuts Impacting Homelessness.

[Click here to view the analysis!](#)

Funding Opportunities



[Click here to view the slides and recording!](#)

The Fairness in Apartment Rental Expenses (FARE) Act is Live!

"The Fairness in Apartment Rental Expenses (FARE) Act takes effect on June 11, 2025. This law prohibits brokers who represent landlords from charging broker fees to tenants. This includes brokers who publish listings with the landlord's permission. Landlords or their agents must disclose other fees that the tenant must pay in their listings and rental agreements."

[Click here to visit the FARE Act website!](#)

Returning Home: Prison, Homeless, or Housing? The Choice That Changes Everything

CSH recently announced the premiere of a groundbreaking new documentary, **Returning Home: Prison, Homeless, or Housing? The Choice That Changes Everything**, which was produced in collaboration with Invisible People. The film offers a powerful look at how supportive housing is transforming reentry for individuals previously incarcerated in Ohio's state prison system. The documentary features interviews with supportive housing tenants, from those once on death row to others who paid their debt and the landlords who support second chances. [Learn about the remarkable results and how you can help CSH bring these highly successful initiatives to your state.](#)

CSH is now accepting Letter of Interests for the High Acuity in Supportive Housing RFP

The RFP will give those awarded \$1,000,000 in flexible grant funding to help NYC supportive housing providers respond to the needs of their staff and tenants. The funding is part of 2-year pilot programs that boost the health of supportive housing residents through flexible, innovative interventions. Interested parties are encouraged to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI). Those selected from the LOI pool will be invited to apply for the full RFP.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN LOI

- **Who Should Submit:** NYC-based supportive housing providers
- **How to Submit:** LOIs should be submitted to: highacuityRFP@csh.org by **5:00 PM on June 27, 2025**
- [Please visit CSH's webpage](#) for more information and to download the LOI.

[Click here to stream the film!](#)

CoC Spotlight



Congratulations Zaqanah Stephens on becoming the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement (YHSI) Project Lead!

Here's a few words from Zaqanah:

Stepping into the role of YHSI Project Lead at DYCD is exciting. I recently transitioned out of my role as a Youth Peer Advocate at Rising Ground's New Home Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program, a YHDP-funded initiative that was created as a result of Opportunity Starts with a Home. It was an impactful role where I had the chance to support young people more directly, and I'm especially grateful to my former supervisor, Karim Lewis, for his mentorship and guidance.

I was proud to contribute to the NYC YAB during the implementation of a \$15 million YHDP grant, which launched Opportunity Starts with a Home. I later became Chair of the Youth Engagement Subcommittee (YES), where I helped

FY26 Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness (LSV-H) Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now open!

The VA is looking to award approximately \$42 million in grants to eligible organizations to assist homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk of homelessness with various legal services. Grant awards will fund operations for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. There is a maximum award of \$500,000 per grantee, with at least 10% of the overall funding being allotted for female Veterans. [Click here to visit the Legal Services for Veterans website!](#)

[Click here to view the LSV-H NOFO announcement!](#)
[Click here to log in and apply!](#)

Application Closes on **Monday July 7, 2025, at 4pm EST**

Events

increase YAB participation by 25%. I was honored to be voted into the CoC's Youth Persons with Lived Experience (PWLEx) Steering Committee as Chair, and after transitioning into a YAB alum role, I was elected Chair of the CoC Youth Committee - a role I continue to hold with pride.

Along the way, I also served as a Youth Workforce Development Coordinator, where I led Youth Peer Advocate credentialing trainings and approved certifications to help grow the professional development of peer leaders across New York State. I'm grateful for each step of this journey; from peer support to research and policy; and for the community that's supported and shaped me along the way.

Housing News

The Alliance's New Case Study Series

A new series from Alliance's Homelessness Research Institute aims to uplift communities' housing-focused approaches. Four communities are featured in the series are implementing successful strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness by expediting permanent housing access to people living outside. The first in the series focuses on Atlanta's successful approaches to unsheltered homelessness.

[Click here to view the report!](#)

Point Source Youth

[Point Source Youth](#) launched a [first-of-its-kind](#)

Register for the 2025 National Conference on Ending Homelessness

The conference will take place **June 30th - July 2nd in Washington, D.C.** [Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

PSY's National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness

The Symposium will take place **October 7-8th in Baltimore, Maryland.** Early Bird registration **deadline is June 27th** for a discounted rate for PSY's National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness. [Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

Any event or news you want to share please reach out to the NYC CoC Team at nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov

To view events happening at the CoC, see our [Calendar of Events!](#)

Job Opportunities

Join a
Committee

[program](#) which provides young people who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless with a one-time cash payment in efforts towards stabilizing their housing situation and preventing homelessness from the start. The cash payments are between \$645 and \$9,900 and can be used to cover housing costs, food or other bills. The program launched in seven states, Arizona, California, Georgia, Michigan, New York, Oregon and Texas partnering with eight local service providers and have already served **345** youth at risk of homelessness, ranging from 16-26 year olds. A joint report with Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health found that the program successfully prevented youth homelessness.

[Click here to learn about the program!](#)

[Click here to read the article!](#)

CoC Eats

For information on where you can find free food from food pantries and soup kitchens, [click here!](#)

Charlie's Recommendations

With the summer season upon us, Deputy Director Charlie Winkler is offering some culinary restaurant picks. If you plan on heading to the beach, check out these spots.

Orchard Beach

There are many good restaurants nearby, but consider checking out **Sammy's Fish Box on City Island** for seafood,

a mainstay since 1966. If you're more in the mood for a sandwich, head over to Arthur Avenue before you hit the beach and grab something from **Tino's Delicatessen or Mike's Deli** While in the neighborhood, head over to **Addeo & Son's Bakery or Madonia Bakery** to pick up fresh baked bread, and **Teitel Brothers** for fresh meat and cheese to take home.

Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach

Everyone knows about riding the Cyclone and having a hot dog at Nathan's, so I'm not going to go into detail there. Instead, consider authentic Eastern European cuisine at **Tatiana's** (enter from the Boardwalk or Brighton 6th St. Reservations recommended.) Also, don't overlook Emmons Avenue in Sheepshead Bay. **Roll N' Roaster** is an upscale fast food joint, but the food is cooked to order - never frozen - and it's a South Brooklyn institution that has attracted locals for 55 years and makes the best roast in town. Their burgers and turkey sandwiches are good too - ask them to dip the day-old roll in pan-dripped gravy for free. Cottage fries with cheese is a nice accompaniment. Wash it down with their house-made Orangeade, Iced Tea, or Lemonade. Enjoy a cup of the New England Clam Chowder or Lobster Bisque, and an order of shrimp with mild or medium sauce (a marinara that is made in-house) that is served over a hard roll.

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