

# NYC CoC Newsletter

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**NYC** Continuum  
**CoC** of Care



**September Newsletter includes: New & Renewal CoC Project Funding Info, NYC COVID-19 Updates, and OMH Funding Opp**

**HUD Released the Notice for Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Annual FY21 CoC Competition**

The NOFO for the Fiscal Year 2021 CoC Program Competition is now open and posted on the [FY 2021 CoC Program Competition: Funding Availability page](#) on the HUD Exchange. The NOFO submission deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. EST.

To view the CoC Program Competition notice, [please visit HUD's website](#).

**FY21 NOFO Information for Renewal Projects**

**Deadline for Renewal Project Submission in e-snaps is Sept. 20**

Be sure the appropriate staff persons have access to e-snaps and [review the e-snaps resources on the HUD Exchange](#).

**Upcoming CoC Meetings**

**NYC CoC NOFO 2021 New Project Q&A Session**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2 to 3 p.m.**

The NYC CoC will be hosting a FY2021 NOFO Question & Answer session for interested applicants in new HUD funding.

**[Reserve your spot today by registering on Zoom!](#)**

**Please note:** This session will be virtual. The Zoom link will be emailed to you once you register. The CoC recommends downloading the Zoom appointment to your Calendar on Outlook, Google, etc.

For any questions or technical issues, please contact the CoC team at [nyccoc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:nyccoc@dss.nyc.gov).

**Urgent!** [Register for the upcoming e-snaps training hosted by the NYC CoC on Eventbrite](#) that will take place on **Friday, Sept. 10 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

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### **NYC CoC e-snaps Renewal Training**

The CoC Federal Homeless Policy and Reporting (FHPR) Unit will be hosting an *e-snaps* training session for providers applying for renewal funding. This training will go into detail on how to complete a renewal application in HUD's e-snaps system.

To learn more and register for the trainings, [please visit Eventbrite](#).

**Please note:** These sessions will be virtual. You must RSVP for the conference on the Eventbrite links provided. The CoC recommends downloading the Eventbrite appointment to your Calendar on Outlook, Google, etc. and adding the Zoom log-in information above.

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### **It's Also Time to Right-Size Your Grant**

Organizations that may leave CoC funding on the table should consider right-sizing their grant by re-allocating unused funds for the creation of new projects that will serve NYC.

Organizations wishing to reallocate their CoC funding – in full or in part – please submit a letter to the [CoC Steering Committee Co-Chairs and CoC Executive Director](#) as soon as possible.

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## **FY21 NOFO Information for New & Expansion Projects**

### **NYC CoC New Project Request for Proposal (RFP) due Sept. 23**

The NYC CoC invites non-profit organizations and NYC government agencies to apply for new funding through the CoC Program. Historically, most of the projects funded through the CoC have been permanent supportive housing (PSH). Several years ago, HUD introduced a new permanent housing model called Rapid Re-Housing (RRH); and the NYC CoC currently funds 12 RRH projects. In this year's NOFO, HUD is allowing CoCs to submit new project applications that provide services to homeless households that moved to housing using non-CoC-funded forms of rental assistance. Providers

### **NYC CoC Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 22,  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Join the NYC Continuum of Care (CoC) Federal Homeless Policy and Reporting (FHPR) team for the virtual Public Meeting. CoC-funded providers, "All About the 2022 Annual Evaluation." This meeting will include changes to the Local Priority Survey, implementation of the new Evaluation Policy & Procedures, and more.

**[Reserve your spot today by registering on Zoom!](#)**

**Please note:** This session will be virtual. The Zoom link will be emailed to you once you register. The CoC recommends downloading the Zoom appointment to your Calendar on Outlook, Google, etc.

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### **Register for the NYC CoC Grantee Meeting: "All About the 2022 Annual Evaluation!"**

**Friday, October 1,  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Join the NYC Continuum of Care (CoC) Federal Homeless Policy and Reporting (FHPR) team for the third quarterly Grantee Meeting of 2021 for CoC-funded providers, "All About the 2022 Annual Evaluation." This meeting will include changes to the Local Priority Survey, implementation of the new Evaluation Policy & Procedures, and more.

**[Reserve your spot today by registering on Zoom!](#)**

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currently working with, or interested in working with, the following programs are encouraged to complete the New Project Request for Proposal (RFP) **by Sept. 23, 2021**:

- Family Unification Program (FUP)
- Mainstream
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

Additionally, currently funded CoC projects are invited to apply for funding to either expand services to existing participants, or to expand both beds and services. Expansion applications must also respond to the New Project RFP **by Sept. 23, 2021**.

**To apply for funding, organizations must respond to the FY 21 NYC CoC New Project Request for Proposal (RFP) by Thursday, Sept. 23.**

Additionally, interested applicants are highly encouraged to attend one of the New Project Bidder's Conferences, listed below.

[Click here to read & respond to the NYC CoC New Project RFP](#)

To learn more, please see the following section of the FY21 NOFO and reach out to a Co-Chair or Deputy Director of the Federal Homeless Policy Team, Charlie Winkler ([winklerc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:winklerc@dss.nyc.gov)) to discuss further.

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For additional information, please refer to the following:

- [HUD's Rapid Rehousing brief](#):
- [HUD's new project application guide](#)

As a reminder, all projects must agree to receive referrals through NYC's Coordinated Assessment and Placement System (CAPS), and all program participants must meet [Category 1, 2, or 4 of HUD's definition of homeless](#).

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### **Virtual New Project Bidder's Conference Registration Info:**

Join the NYC CoC Federal Homeless Policy team to learn more about the New Project RFP, NOFO process, and more!

Below you will find the topic, dates, and registration links for each bidder's conference:

- **2021 NYC CoC New Project Bidder's Conference:**

recommended downloading the Zoom appointment to your Calendar on Outlook, Google, etc.

For any questions or technical issues, please contact the CoC team at [nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov).

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### **Mandatory HMIS Training for AWARDS Users and Non-AWARDS Users**

**Friday, October 1,  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

This training will cover the upcoming FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards changes that will be implemented starting October 1, 2021. The training will also be a "refresher" course on entering/uploading required data elements into HMIS via AWARDS or external data systems.

#### **For AWARDS Users:**

The training is geared towards Program Directors and Senior Case Managers who use AWARDS as their primary data entry system. Links to register are below.

- Tuesday, October 5 from 10am-12:30pm: [Register Here](#)
- Thursday, October 7 from 1pm-3:30pm: [Register Here](#)
- Friday, October 8 from 10am-12:30pm: [Register Here](#)

#### **For Non-Awards (External Importers) Users**

The training is geared towards Program Directors, Senior Case Managers, and IT Staff who use external systems as their primary data entry system and upload via CSV files to the NYC HMIS. Links to register are below.

- Monday, October 4 from 10am-11:30am: [Register Here](#)
- Wednesday October 6 from 1pm-2:30pm:

- o Thursday, Sept. 9 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- o [Register here on Eventbrite](#)

- **2021 NYC CoC New Project Bidder's Conference**
  - o (DV providers are strongly encouraged to attend this session)
  - o Thursday, Sept. 9 from 2-3:30 p.m.
  - o [Register here on Eventbrite](#)

**Please note:** These sessions will be virtual. You must RSVP for the conference on the Eventbrite links provided. The CoC recommends downloading the Eventbrite appointment to your Calendar on Outlook, Google, etc. and adding the Zoom log-in information above.

## City COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

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Individuals who are fully vaccinated but have lost their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification of vaccine status can [request a record of their COVID-19 vaccination online](#), or via fax or mail. More information can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards cannot be replaced at this time, but individuals can request an official record of vaccination.

To request a vaccination record:

- Visit [My Vaccine Record](#). To learn how to access records, click on the "Accessing Records" tab. Individuals can now use their mobile phone number, email address or IDNYC number to search for immunization records online. Printouts from My Vaccine Record are official reports that can be used for school enrollment and verification, college admissions, camp enrollment and record of COVID-19 vaccination.
- Mail or fax the application linked below or call 311 to ask for a copy of the application by mail. Record requests by mail or fax take about two weeks to process.
  - o [Immunization Record Request Application](#) (PDF)
  - o Other Languages: [Español](#) | [繁體中文](#) | [Русский](#)

The federal Food and Drug Administration has now granted full approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for people age 16 and older. The Pfizer vaccine

[Register Here](#)

## Housing & Homelessness Advocacy

### USICH Federal Strategic Plan

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) is [seeking input](#) on its Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

USICH has expressed its commitment that this plan will be guided by equity and evidence. Among the people who are encouraged to submit feedback are: people who have experienced homelessness; people who serve the LGBTQ, BIPOC, or veteran communities; and people whose work involves the justice system

[Please visit the USICH website to submit your feedback.](#)

### HoUSed Campaign Letter

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) requests organizations to [contact U.S. Senators and Representatives](#) and urge them to include full funding for the [HoUSed campaign's priorities](#) in the infrastructure and economic recovery package. NLIHC states that it can be effective to educate members of Congress on why investments in rental assistance, public housing, and the Housing Trust Fund are critical to your community.

NLIHC invites organizations to join more than 1,200 organizations nationwide [by](#)

continues to be authorized for emergency use for young people ages 12 to 15. There has been no change to the emergency use authorization for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, which continue to be available for people age 18 and older.

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### National and NYS Eviction Protections – Legal Update

On August 26, 2021 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) exceeded its legal authority in ordering a nationwide moratorium on evictions, following the Supreme Court's decision on August 12, 2021 that a portion of the NYS COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Protection Act (CEEFFPA) was unlawful.

Despite the Supreme Court's rulings, however, **many eviction protections for NYC tenants remain in effect.** The Supreme Court's decision means that submitting a NYS hardship declaration or a declaration under the CDC order has no legal effect. As a result, eviction cases in which a tenant submitted a Hardship Declaration or a CDC declaration form can be scheduled for appearance in Housing Court.

However, under NYS law:

- A tenant cannot be legally evicted without having a court proceeding (including a scheduled court conference) and only after an order by a judge of the Housing Court.
- Tenants whose eviction cases are scheduled for appearance in Housing Court have access to free legal services, regardless of ZIP code, under NYC's right-to-counsel law. Tenants can access free legal services by calling 311 and asking for the Tenant Helpline or by calling Housing Court Answers at (718) 557-1379, or they can receive access to free legal services at their first scheduled court appearance.
- Tenants who file an application for rent assistance with the NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program (**ERAP**) will have their eviction case stayed (paused) until their application is reviewed and decided by NYS. Additional protections in eviction proceedings for non-payment of rent will apply to tenants whose applications are approved, and landlords who accept ERAP payments are also restricted from evicting for an expired lease or holdover for a year after the first ERAP payment.
- Tenants who can prove that they had financial hardship during the State COVID-19 emergency period (March 7, 2020 to June 24, 2021) may have a defense in court to eviction for non-payment of rent owed during that period, under the NYS Tenant Safe Harbor Act.

[signing the HoUSed campaign letter](#). This letter is one of the most effective ways to show congressional leaders the broad support for the HoUSed campaign's priorities for the infrastructure/economic recovery bill.

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*Please send homelessness and housing related advocacy opportunities you would like advertised to the CoC community in the monthly newsletter to [nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov).*

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**Job Openings  
related to the  
NYC CoC**

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**Events for the  
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In addition, following the Supreme Court's ruling on NYS law, the NYS Office of Court Administration (OCA) issued two statewide administrative orders governing residential eviction proceedings, requiring landlords with pending eviction cases to inform the court about the status of emergency rental assistance applications for their tenants, and clarifying when and how the Housing Court can schedule eviction cases for conference in light of the Supreme Court's decision.

Tenants with questions about their protections from eviction can get free legal advice and other assistance through HRA's Office of Civil Justice. For more information on how to access free legal services for tenants in NYC, call 311 and ask for the **Tenant Helpline**, or visit HRA's Office of Civil Justice online at [www.nyc.gov/civiljustice](http://www.nyc.gov/civiljustice).

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### State OTDA Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Program Updates

As a reminder, as required by the State, all clients must have applied for and received a State determination on ERAP before rental arrears can be paid as a One-Shot-Deal or with CityFHEPS.

Please continue to encourage those who may be eligible to apply, and please remember that help is available for landlords and tenants across the City through a network of community-based organizations: <https://nyc.gov/erap>. Questions can also be answered via the State's ERAP call center: 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368) or the hearing-impaired TTY phone number: 1-833-843-8829.

ERAP payments are not countable as income or as a resource for Cash Assistance, SNAP, or HEAP eligibility or for budgeting purposes. For recipients who are granted ERAP benefits for prospective (future) rent, these payments will cover the difference between the Cash Assistance Shelter Allowance grant and the monthly shelter cost.

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### Tenant Requirement to Provide ERAP Information when Their Landlord Applies

Either a landlord or tenant may initiate an ERAP application. All OTDA ERAP applications require documentation from both the landlord and tenant to be deemed complete and to be reviewed for payment of arrears and other expenses. As such, when a landlord files an ERAP application, tenants are required to provide requisite information to complete the application.

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## NY State Funding Opportunity

### **OMH Request for Applications: Intensive Community-Based Services for Children/Youth**

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is providing one-time funding up to \$50,000 to OMH providers to expand timely in-person and telehealth access to intensive community-based services for children and youth. Specifically, these resources are intended to support children and youth returning to school for 2021-2022 in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and increase mental health provider service volume while expanding timely access to in-person and telehealth services that divert youth from higher level of care and/or allow safe stepdown from higher level of care. These programs will have an emphasis on higher intensity services, coordinated hand-off to a lower level of care, family engagement, and provision of services in the home or community, as appropriate.

There are two pools of eligible applicants for this funding:

- 1) Existing providers identified as operating in good standing with OMH seeking expansion funds, including:
  - OMH-licensed Clinics serving children/adolescents to expand or create a fast-track for access to in-person and telehealth clinic services for children/youth presenting to Emergency Department, CPEP, or mobile crisis, or discharging from Inpatient Psychiatry Stay, Residential Treatment Facility, or Crisis Residence/Respite
  - OMH-licensed Clinic Child/Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Programs
  - OMH-licensed Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Programs
  - OMH State Aid funded Home-Based Crisis Intervention (HBCI) Programs
  
- 2) Existing providers identified as operating in good standing with OMH seeking start-up funds for one of the following:
  - OMH-licensed Clinics to start Child/Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Programs, with demonstrated sustainability mechanism. Clinics are eligible to apply for operation at their clinic location, at their school-based satellite or other satellite location.
  - OMH-licensed Providers to start Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Programs, with demonstrated sustainability mechanism.

**Applications for this funding opportunity must be received by November 1, 2021.**

For more information about this request for applications or to submit an application, [please visit the New York State Contract Reporter's website](#).

## Send Us Your Feedback!

The NYC CoC is committed to providing useful information to the community. We want to hear from community members like you. Follow us at [nychomeless.com](http://nychomeless.com) and let us know what you think about our messaging. Your feedback makes us better.

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