

NYC CoC Newsletter

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November Newsletter includes: NOFO Updates, Winter Info for Shelters, Advocacy Opps, and more

NYC CoC NOFO Submission

The NYC CoC Consolidated Application Now Submitted

On November 15, the NYC CoC submitted the Consolidated Application (aka Notice of Funding Opportunity, NOFO) to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. The submitted application is posted on the website and includes:

1. The CoC Application
2. Priority Listings
3. All Project List (*projects accepted, ranked, and rejected*)

[Check out the CoC's NOFO Submission](#)

HMIS Announcement

HMIS User Agreements due December 17

All projects, regardless of source of funding, that upload data to the NYC HMIS Data Warehouse are subject to the [NYC HMIS Policies and Procedures](#).

Every HMIS-participating agency must complete and return the annual HMIS End User Agreement, Agency Agreement, and the Security Certification found in Appendices B-D to Allyson Kelley (kelleyal@dss.nyc.gov) by December 3, 2021. Fillable appendices can be found on [the HMIS page of the CoC website](#). These completed user agreements will be valid through the end of 2022.

NYC CoC Updates

2021 Advocates of New York City Award

The CoC Domestic Violence Committee Leadership were given the 2021 Advocates of New York City Award by the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV).

Provider Tip of the Month: CoC 2022 Annual Project Evaluation

The Annual Evaluation is around the corner! Run the updated HMIS Tool to reconcile your data by December 31.

You may also tune in to the weekly Evaluation Office Hours on December 3, December 10, and December 17 from 3-4 p.m. To register, [please visit the NYC CoC Zoom webpage](#).

Job Openings related to the NYC CoC

CoC Annual Steering Committee Election

Cast Your Ballot by December 8

The NYC CoC 2022 Annual Election is now underway. This year, there are 31 candidates running in the election, and **10 of the 17 seats** of the Steering Committee are open. Terms are for two years and will begin on January 1, 2022. For more information on the Steering Committee, membership expectations and eligibility, and Election timeline, please read the "[2022 Solicitation for Membership](#)" document (.pdf).

Eligible voters for the NYC CoC Steering Committee Election include:

- One (1) vote per CoC-funded organization/sub-recipient
- One (1) vote per Persons with Lived Experience voting member
- One (1) per Youth Action Board member
- One (1) per current Steering Committee member

To learn more about the 31 candidates, [please view the Candidate Statements document](#).

The deadline for eligible voters to cast their ballot is on **Wednesday, December 8, at 5 p.m.** The CoC Team reached out to the eligible voters directly; however, if you believe you are eligible to vote, please email us at nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov.

Homelessness & Housing Materials and Upcoming Webinars

HUD's COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Winter Planning Resources

[This collection of documents and flyers on the HUD Exchange](#) is intended to assist communities in implementing safe and effective approaches to winter shelter planning during COVID-19. Information includes mitigating health risks at shelters, shelter facility checklist, and winter shelter planning during the pandemic, and more.

Freedom Network Training Institute's December Webinar

Non-Discrimination in Housing Programs December 7, 3–4:30 p.m.

This webinar will provide an overview of how housing programs can successfully employ non-discrimination practices. The presenters will share best practices for how to uphold survivor rights in different types of housing model options (Ex: shelters, transitional housing, scattered-site housing, residential). Participants will receive practical examples of how to implement these practices within their own housing programs. Presenters

Please send job postings your organization has to nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov if you would like them to appear on the CoC monthly newsletter.

Events for the CoC Community

Please send homelessness and housing related events you would like advertised to the CoC community in the monthly newsletter to nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov.

Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Opps

USICH Federal Strategic Plan

Time's running out to influence the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Federal Strategic Plan. USICH is accepting online feedback through the end of this month. To learn more and to submit a response, [please visit USICH's website](#).

USICH invites feedback from anyone, particularly people who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness; people who serve the LGBTQ, BIPOC, or veteran communities; and people whose work involves the justice system. Don't miss your chance to weigh in!

NLIHC's "Build Back Better Act" Reminder

The House of Representatives voted today to approve the "[Build Back Better Act](#)," a \$1.75 trillion economic recovery package that includes more than \$150 billion in affordable housing investments! However, advocacy opportunities are still available since the bill is now slated for a vote in the Senate, where further changes

will also discuss the protected classes covered under federal civil rights laws, including race, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, and physical or mental disability. To register, [please visit Freedom Network's website](#).

City COVID-19 Resources Updates

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources Updates

As a reminder, the Pfizer vaccine is now approved and available for children 5-11 years old in NYC. Children must have a parent or guardian's consent to get the vaccine.

The \$100 individual incentive is available to children who get vaccinated. Children may use a parent's email address to redeem their visa gift card. Organizations participating in the \$100 Vaccine Referral Bonus program are also able to get the \$100 incentive per child they refer to get vaccinated. See more information at nyc.gov/vaccineincentive.

On Tuesday, November 9, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the "Vaccinate. Educate. Graduate" vaccine incentive for children. The incentive enables any child in the 5 to 11 age group who gets vaccinated to enter into a pool in which the state will select 50 names of children who will receive a full ride to a SUNY or CUNY institution for college, including tuition, fees, and room and board. Parents and guardians of 5- to 11-year-olds who receive their first vaccine dose by December 19 can enter into the random . The winners will be announced during the course of five weeks, starting on Nov. 22. [More information is available on NY State's website](#).

- Vaccination sites can be found at nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or by calling 877-VAX4-NYC. New Yorkers can also text their ZIP code to 438829 to receive information on vaccination sites near them, including what age groups can be served at each site.
- There are temporary sites in over 1,000 schools as of Monday, November 8th. [Sites at schools can be found on the DOE website](#). At this time, there are no plans to administer second vaccine doses at schools. Children must get their second vaccine three weeks after their first shot, and can do so at any participating provider.

For more information about vaccines and the vaccines for children, families can go to nyc.gov/covidvaccine and [see this FAQ](#), or call 212-COVID19 with questions about the vaccine.

The NYC vaccine referral bonus program continues to be available to small businesses, restaurants, and civic organizations, including community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and Parent-Teacher Associations. These are all eligible to receive a \$100 vaccine referral bonus for each employee or customer who they refer to a City-run vaccine site for their first shot. The referred individual is still eligible to receive their own \$100 bonus. To sign up for the program, [businesses and organizations should use this City form](#).

Flu vaccines are available at City-operated vaccination sites and can be administered at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine. Locations can be found at the [NYC](#)

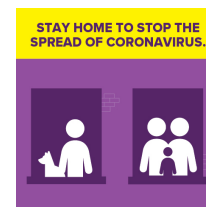
to the bill are expected. Once approved by the Senate, the House will have to vote a second time to enact the legislation before it can go to the president for his signature.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition recommends folks to [email and call senators](#) and urge them to support the Build Back Better Act and its historic investments in rental assistance, public housing, and the Housing Trust Fund.

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below to learn
more:

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SAFE, FREE, EASY**



Click here to
find a COVID-19
testing site

[Vaccine Finder website.](#)

COVID-19 Testing Resources Updates

[Free in-home COVID PCR testing](#) is available for all immunocompromised New Yorkers and people 65+. Call 929-298-9400 to schedule an appointment.

Free testing continues to be available throughout the five boroughs. A schedule of mobile testing locations throughout the City as well as detailed information on locations and types of testing offered at regular testing sites (including rapid testing and antibody tests) [can be found on NYC's COVID-19 Citywide Information Portal](#). Locations of testing sites can also be accessed by texting "COVID TEST" to 855-48. These are no cost testing sites open to all New Yorkers.

The Test-and-Trace corps offers the [COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard](#), which displays estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.

Send Us Your Feedback!

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