

## NCHV eNewsletter

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### HUD Releases NOFA for Continuum of Care Program

*Approximately \$1.6 billion available*

WASHINGTON — On Friday, Nov. 9, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released its [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) for the Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program competition](#). This year's NOFA includes several important changes, including:

- Approximately \$1.61 billion is available for the CoC Program. To ensure that CoCs have the opportunity to prioritize their projects locally in the event that HUD is not able to fund all renewals, HUD is requiring that CoCs rank projects within two tiers in FY 2012. Tier 1 is equal to the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand approved in the Registration process, less 3.5%. Tier 2 is the amount between a CoC's Tier 1 and the CoC's FPRN (Final Pro-Rata Need) and any approved amounts for CoC planning and the Permanent Housing Bonus.
- The FY 2012 CoC Program competition is the first funding competition to be administered under the [CoC Program interim rule](#).
- All CoCs will be allowed to reallocate funding from existing renewal projects to new project applications without decreasing the CoCs' Annual Renewal Demand. Rental assistance projects formerly awarded under the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) will also be eligible for reallocation.
- In accordance with [Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#), HUD's priority is to end chronic homelessness by the end of 2015. In order to reach this national goal, HUD strongly encourages CoCs to include this priority as part of their local planning process, and HUD must prioritize funding targeted to this population. In the FY 2012 CoC Program competition, HUD's priority is the development of new permanent supportive housing projects that propose to serve 100% chronically homeless individuals and families, particularly those who have the longest history of homelessness. The Permanent Housing Bonus will be limited to projects that propose to exclusively serve chronically homeless individuals and families.

HUD encourages applicants and other interested parties to read the [CoC Program NOFA](#) in its entirety. In order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the requirements for the CoC Program and competition, a review of the CoC NOFA should be completed in conjunction with a thorough review of the [CoC Program interim rule](#).

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) encourages communities to take seriously

the opportunities the HEARTH Act presents to evaluate the needs in your community, and look for areas where repurposing or retargeting some of your CoC resources may be appropriate and effective. Now, more than ever, it is critically important that communities make smart, strategic decisions about how they spend their limited resources and how they plan to coordinate with their mainstream partners.

CoC Collaborative Applicants and Project Applicants may now submit applications for funding in [e-snaps](#). The CoC Program competition will close at 7:59:59 p.m. EST on Friday, Jan. 18, 2013.

To read the full NOFA, [click here](#).

To access HUD's resources on the FY 2012 CoC Program competition, [click here](#).

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## **NCHV Publishes Policy and Legislative Update**

### **Discusses potential effects of sequestration on HVRP**

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) recently published a policy and legislative update, which details the potential effects of sequestration on the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) and includes some of NCHV's recommendations for the 113th Congress. To read this update, [click here](#).

Additionally, NCHV recently published two reports on its member survey and concerns identified at the 2012 NCHV Annual Conference. For more information on and to download these reports, [click here](#).

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## **Moving Forward: Overcoming Life's Challenges**

### **New veterans resource from VA/DoD**

A free way for veterans to learn to handle stressful problems, Moving Forward is a new online training that uses life coaching to teach problem solving skills. Moving Forward will help veterans learn how stress, being pressed for time, and brain overload can limit what they do; and learn about the four steps to successful problem solving.

Moving Forward was designed by the Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DoD) to be especially helpful for veterans, military service members and their families.

To access Moving Forward, [click here](#).

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## **Report Provides Information on Substance Abuse Treatment for Veterans**

### **From SAMHSA Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality**

According to a new report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, half of substance abuse treatment admissions among veterans age 21 to 39 involve alcohol as the primary substance of abuse.

The report excludes information from VA facilities, therefore the data represents veterans who

chose to seek substance abuse treatment in a non-VA facility. According to 2010 data, there were 17,641 (50.7% of which were for alcohol treatment) admissions of veterans aged 21 to 39, an age group that includes veterans with relatively recent service.

To view the full report, [click here](#).

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## Rapid Re-housing Training Video Available

### From the National Alliance to End Homelessness

The National Alliance to End Homelessness' Center for Capacity Building recently released the fourth video in a five-part training series on rapid re-housing. This short video training focuses on providing supportive services as part of a rapid re-housing model, and is narrated by Alliance Capacity Building Associate Kay Moshier McDivitt. Any questions on the modules should be directed to [thecenter@naeh.org](mailto:thecenter@naeh.org).

To view the training video, [click here](#).

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## Funding Opportunities

**The Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation** funds innovative projects that foster connections between individuals, communities, the environment and the world at large. The foundation funds in a broad range of focus areas, and is most interested in projects that require and/or inspire those directly benefiting from the project to give back to their communities both during the project and into the future.

When looking at projects within the United States, IAP limits its consideration to projects within Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The deadline for initial proposals is March 31 of each year. For more information, [click here](#).

**Men's Wearhouse** donates millions of dollars worth of professional clothing to nonprofit organizations nationwide that have programs aligned with their initiative to help men striving for self-sufficiency. The mission statement of the recipient nonprofit organization must include providing wardrobing services, career development, and/or job placement to the male population, including: former foster care youth, the developmentally disabled, veterans, recovering substance abusers, ex-offenders, transitioning homeless, or the long-term unemployed.

For more information about the donation program, [click here](#).

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