



## Missouri Housing Innovation Program FY 2018 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

**NOFA Date: September 7, 2017**

### **Purpose:**

The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) hereby notifies interested organizations of the availability of \$810,000.00 in Missouri Housing Innovation Program funds to provide housing assistance and services to homeless or nearly homeless Missourians, support Missouri Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry efforts, and for Homeless Management Information System services (HMIS) in the state of Missouri. Missouri Housing Innovation Program monies will be allocated through a competitive and application process.

### **Deadline:**

Applications for funding will be accepted by MHDC until **5:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, December 15, 2017**. All applications received after the deadline will be rejected and returned to the sender. The anticipated funding period for program year 2018 will run April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Any funds recaptured will be reallocated at the discretion of MHDC.

### **Requirements:**

- Applicants must be a nonprofit or for-profit corporation or partnership entity formed pursuant to applicable Missouri law, must be an entity in good standing with the state of Missouri and their Continuum of Care. **Missouri Housing Innovation Program monies will not be awarded to individuals.**
- All intended recipients assisted by the Missouri Housing Innovation Program **must have incomes at or below 50 percent of the area median income** for the geographic area adjusted for family size.
- All **proposals must be submitted on the current year's application form** that is posted on the MHDC website and in compliance with the Application Guidance.
- The HMIS component can only be requested by a designated HMIS lead agency.

### **Introduction to Missouri Housing Innovation Program:**

The Missouri Housing Innovation program aims to provide flexibility to Continuums of Care to address their evolving needs, diminish the burden of coordination of care across large geographic areas, and an opportunity to implement or sustain Coordinated Entry to meet HUD deadlines. There are many components to coordinating care in an effective way which includes access, direct client assistance for prevention/ diversion, housing assessment, housing referrals, housing placements, housing location and on-going case management determined by client-driven choice.

### **Program Specifications:**

- Housing Assistance & Services –
  - Provide housing assistance & services utilizing a Housing First model
  - Participate in the Coordinated Entry System of the Continuum of Care in the project service area
  - Collaborate with each Continuum of Care in their service area and attend housing meetings on a regular basis
- Coordinated Entry Network Initiative –

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- Provide pre-screening, access, assessment, and referral services for those experiencing a housing crisis upon entry to the homeless service delivery system
- Collaborate and engage service providers within the CoC to maximize referral potential and quickly assist clients with the most appropriate housing services
- Provide prevention, diversion, and housing search services to help clients quickly resolve homelessness
- Progressive Engagement strategies to maximize community resources
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) –
  - Provide data to MHDC or appointed agency in a timely manner
  - Support homeless provider agencies in their use of HMIS in order to record and track accurate data
  - Collaborate with each Continuum of Care in their service area and attend housing meetings on a regular basis
  - Build reports and forms for MHDC's housing assistance programs upon request

**Submission:**

Both a hard copy and an electronic copy are required to be submitted.

*Please send required hard copy applications to:*

Missouri Housing Development Commission  
Community Initiatives Department  
920 Main, Suite 1400  
Kansas City, MO 64105

*Please send required electronic applications to:*

[ci.applications@mhdc.com](mailto:ci.applications@mhdc.com)

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