



## Missouri Housing Innovation Program FY 2020 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

**NOFA Date: November 25, 2019**

### **Purpose:**

The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) hereby notifies interested organizations of the availability of \$810,000.00 in Missouri Housing Innovation Program (MoHIP) 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. MoHIP funds will be allocated through a competitive application process.

### **Deadline:**

Applications for funding will be accepted by MHDC until **5:00 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, January 24, 2020.** All applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. The anticipated funding period for program year 2020 will run April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Any funds recaptured will be reallocated at the discretion of MHDC.

### **Requirements:**

- An applicant must be a nonprofit or for-profit corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company, must be validly formed pursuant to applicable state law, must be in good standing with the state of Missouri, and must be a participant in the Continuum of Care for the applicable geographic region(s) of operation. Local units of government, whether acting in their own name or through a commission or other office of the governmental unit, may also apply for MoHIP funds with the approval of the applicable Continuum of Care. **MoHIP funds will not be awarded to individuals.**
- Special consideration will be given to applications with focuses on veterans and veteran families
- All intended beneficiaries to be assisted by MoHIP **must have incomes at or below 80 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.
- Applicants requesting the HMIS component must be a Continuum of Care designated HMIS lead agency.
- Applicants requesting the Coordinated Entry System (CES) component must be a Continuum of Care recognized CES access point.

### **Introduction to MoHIP:**

MoHIP 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 aid in sustaining and improving the HUD required CES. 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

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- Participate in the CES 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
- Street Outreach -
  - Identify and engage those within the community experiencing literal homelessness
  - Provide essential services to literally homeless individuals and/or families
  - Connect those that are literally homeless with mainstream and other community services
  - Provide urgent, non-facility based care to those experiencing literal homelessness
- CES –
  - 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 Continuum of Care 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
- 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

**Cap on Funds Requested:**

Applicants may not request funds in excess of \$50,000 per CoC, per grant cycle.

**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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