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CoC Builds Program Funding Now Available

A new federal funding opportunity could help expand permanent supportive housing in our community. The United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County is now accepting proposals for a project to compete for this funding.

The Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds) program under this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) provides \$100,000,000 for competitive grants for the new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation (capital costs) of new permanent supportive housing (PSH) units. Through this NOFO, HUD encourages CoCs to leverage funds provided for capital costs of new PSH units with other funding sources to maximize the amount of housing that can be directed to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families.

Milwaukee Coalition on Housing & Homelessness is releasing this RFP to solicit applicants interested in applying for this funding opportunity. Only **ONE** project can be selected for our CoC. RFP's are due July 16, 2026 by 5:00 PM

[Learn More Here](#)

The 2026 PIT Count: A One-Night Snapshot, A Year-Round Impact

On January 28, 2026, communities across the nation participated in the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, a coordinated effort to measure homelessness on a single night. Conducted on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the PIT Count provides a snapshot of

the number of individuals experiencing homelessness, including those staying in shelters as well as those living in unsheltered locations.

The PIT Count is much more than a one-night census. The data collected helps inform federal Continuum of Care (CoC) funding decisions, guides local planning and resource allocation, and identifies emerging trends and service gaps within the community. While the count captures only a single night in time, it serves as a critical tool for understanding the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and strengthening Milwaukee's efforts to provide effective, coordinated support.

The findings from the 2026 PIT Count offer valuable insight into the state of homelessness in Milwaukee and help shape strategies that move our community closer to ensuring safe, stable housing for all.

2026 Milwaukee County Point in Time Count

978 individuals

918 sheltered

60 unsheltered

743 BIPOC

99 veterans

270 seniors (55+)

481 adults (25-54)

29 youth (18-24)

When Temperatures Rise, Cooling Sites Can Help

Did you know that extreme heat contributes to at least *1,500 deaths* in the United States each year?

Hot weather can be especially dangerous for young children, older adults, and individuals with certain health conditions. As temperatures rise, it's important to stay hydrated and spend time in air-conditioned spaces whenever possible. If you need a place to cool off, several public locations throughout the Milwaukee area are available as Cooling Sites. These sites provide a safe, air-conditioned environment to help residents stay healthy during periods of extreme heat.



Click on the button below to visit the City of Milwaukee Health Department's Health Info page to learn more!

[Find a Site](#)

Housing Forum 2026 Brings Community Partners Together



On May 15, the City of Milwaukee's Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) hosted Housing Forum 2026 at Bader Philanthropies. The event brought together community leaders, funders, developers, bankers, shelter providers, and policymakers to discuss opportunities for strengthening Milwaukee's housing ecosystem through collaboration, investment, and innovation.

The forum was emceed by Milwaukee Alderman Russell Stamper and featured a panel discussion moderated by CDGA Director Mario Higgins. Panelists included Anthony Kazee of KG Development, Karen Higgins of Milwaukee Community Crossroads, Elmer Moore of WHEDA, and Larry Kilmer of the Department of City Development (DCD). Together, they explored how communities can strategically leverage funding to support housing development across the continuum.



Following the panel, attendees participated in roundtable discussions, providing an opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences, and build new partnerships.



The event concluded with a special conversation facilitated by Mayor Cavalier Johnson and featured Milwaukee Alderwoman Milele Coggs, Andi Elliott of Community Advocates, and Chad Meinholdt of Wisconsin Community Services. The discussion focused on the importance of incorporating community voices into housing priorities, investments, and decision-making processes.

Participants left the forum with valuable insights, new connections, and a shared commitment to advancing housing solutions throughout Milwaukee.



Several questions were received during the Forum. CDGA has created a questions and answers document from the event. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Seasonal Resource Guide Available

As summer activities are underway, a variety of community resources are available throughout Milwaukee to help individuals and families stay connected to the support they need during this time of year. The MCHH Resource Guide provides up-to-date information on services, programs, and assistance available across the area. Click the button below to explore the guide and learn more.

MCHH Resource Guide

Milwaukee CoC FY2026 Update

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on June 1, 2026, making more than \$4 billion available nationwide to support housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.



The FY 2026 NOFO continues to fund homeless assistance projects while introducing significant policy changes that place greater emphasis on transitional housing, supportive services, treatment, recovery, and self-sufficiency. Continuums of Care must submit their consolidated applications by August 26, 2026, with HUD expected to announce awards by December 2026. More information forthcoming on how to apply.

"Know Your Rights and Resources" Webpage

Ongoing immigration enforcement efforts across the country continue to create stress and uncertainty for many Milwaukee residents, particularly those who are not U.S. citizens and their families. These concerns are real, and the Milwaukee Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (MCHH) wants the community to know they are not alone.

Earlier this year, the City of Milwaukee launched a webpage that provides accurate, timely information and helpful resources. The MCHH is sharing this information as part of its commitment to keeping the community informed and supported. The webpage includes general guidance, preparedness materials, and legal support resources in one central location. [Click here](#) to visit the webpage.

Below are links to several resources that may be useful.

- [Immigration Defense Project](#)
- [What to do if You are Stopped](#)
- [ACLU - Know Your Rights in Common Scenarios](#)
- [What to do if a Friend or Family Member is Detained](#)

Help Shape the Future of Milwaukee



Looking to make a meaningful impact in the Milwaukee community? MCHH member organizations are hiring for a variety of roles that support individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

Explore current opportunities with just a few of our MCHH member organizations (click an organization's name to learn more):

- **Cathedral Center**
- **Courage+**
- **Guest House**
- **Pathfinders**
- **Sojourner Family Peace Center**

Join a team that is making a difference every day while helping build a stronger, more compassionate Milwaukee community.

The Milwaukee Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (MCHH) brings together housing providers, emergency shelters, and supportive service organizations united by a shared goal—to prevent and end homelessness in Milwaukee.



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