

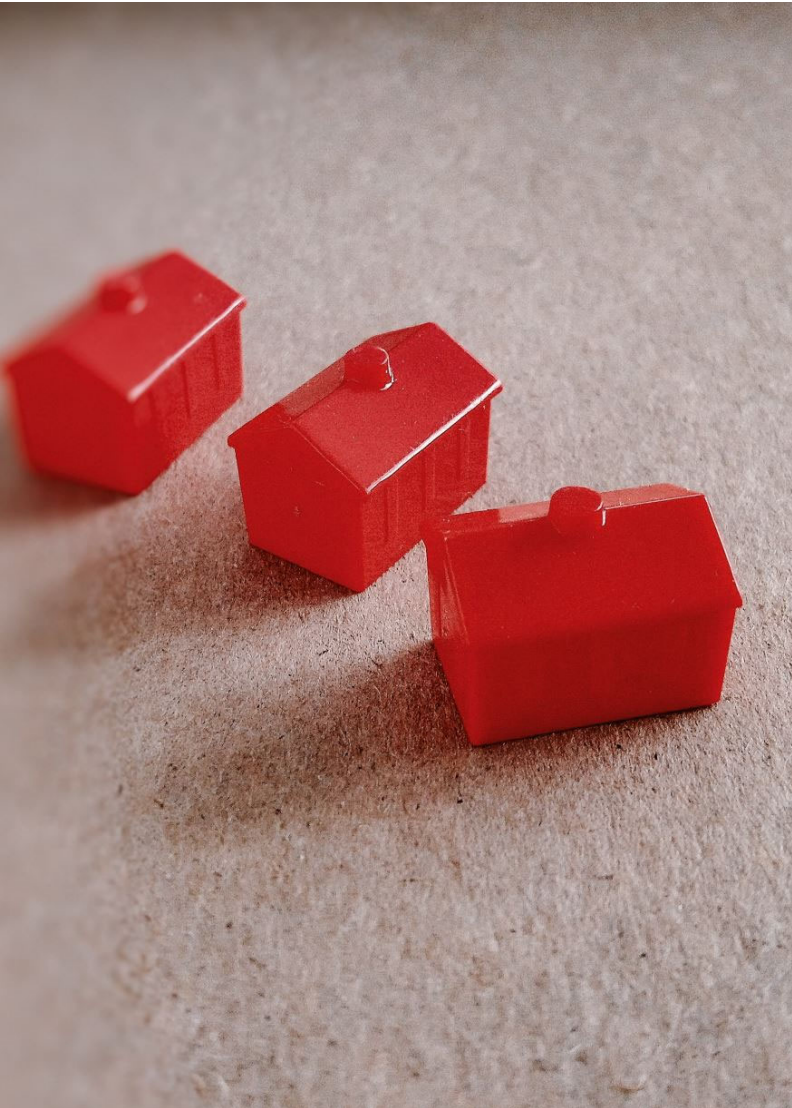


Racine CoC/Alliance

OUR WORK IN 2021

Initiative 1

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF EVICTIONS



Housing Resources

- ❖ Emergency Housing Vouchers through WHEDA (50)
- ❖ Housing Navigator hired
- ❖ Developing stronger relationship with Housing Authority of Racine County
- ❖ Working with DHS, Div. of Medicaid for ways to provide housing services through Medicaid

Collaborations

- ❖ WERA (WI – Emergency Rental Assistance) R/K Community Action Agency
- ❖ Here to Help – Racine County Human Services
- ❖ Legal Action

Initiative 2

OVER COMING STEREOTYPES & MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT
HOMELESSNESS

Presentations 2021

January	Here to Help Racine County Human Services - Kerry Milkie	July	No Meeting
February	Racine Financial Empowerment Center Program (FEC) - Vicky Selkove, City of Racine, Major Office	August	Racine RENTS Initiative - Esther Roberts, Mngr. Neighborhood Enhancement Division, Dept. of City Development
March	Lead Poisoning Prevention - Reghan Walsh, CCPH, Senior Partnership Specialist, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, Division of Public Health	September	Domestic Violence Programs: Fight to End Exploitation - Melania Brostowitz; Women's Resource Center - Jori Chambers, Assistant Director; Catherine Marian Housing, (Bethany Apartments) - Pam Handrow, Director
April	CoC System Performance Committee - Scott Metzel, Hopes Center of Racine and Iraida Vazquez Institute for Community Alliances	October	Experiencing homelessness (Emergency Shelters/ Street Outreach); Evictions - Elizabeth Stinebaugh (LAW), Kerry Milkie (Here to Help), Jody Arnold (LSS); Winter weather plans - Kristin Latus (Racine County Human Services)
May	Families in Transition Racine Unified School District - Kaylee Cutler, Coordinator	November	No Meeting
June	Racine/Kenosha Black Nurses Association - History and, also COVID Vaccinate Racine Project - Shronda Green, MSN, RN	December	Coordinated Entry Process - Iraida Vazquez, Institute for Community Alliances

Our Work

COMMITTEES & WORKGROUPS

- ❖ Coordinated Entry
- ❖ Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity
- ❖ HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)
- ❖ Point in Time
- ❖ Prevention Providers Group
- ❖ Rating & Ranking
- ❖ System Performance

SEAT AT THE TABLE

- ❖ Division of Medicaid – Planning & Funding
- ❖ Emergency System Function 6 – DHS
- ❖ DHS Homelessness Provider Forum
- ❖ Vaccinate Racine Coalition
- ❖ WI – Interagency Council on Homelessness
- ❖ WI Housing First Coalition

Initiative 3

MAXIMIZING HOUSING IMPACT

Additional Funding Streams on the Planning Board for 2022

❖ Department of Human Services – Division of Medicaid

- One position funded for Housing Navigator
- One position funded for Supportive Services
- Need Based – substance abuse disorder, mental health diagnosis, or pregnant or with 12 months from delivery

❖ Exploring option for service providers to become Medicaid provider to bill for services provided to homeless clients receiving Medicaid

Collaborative Funding 2019-2021

Racine CoC Grant Funding Source	2019	2020	2021	Total Dollars
City ESG	\$ 148,788.00	\$ 152,754.00	\$ 152,754.00	\$ 454,296.00
City ESG - CV Collaborative Grant ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$ 827,567.00	\$ -	\$ 827,567.00
City ESG - CV LSS ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$ 396,712.00	\$ -	\$ 396,712.00
State EHH ⁽³⁾	\$ 193,600.00	\$ 258,488.00	\$ 215,187.00	\$ 667,275.00
State ESG-CV	\$ -	\$ 638,756.00	\$ -	\$ 638,756.00
Federal CoC (Continuum of Care HUD funding)	\$ 977,863.00	\$ 1,001,094.00	\$ 1,042,779.00	\$ 3,021,736.00
Total City, State, Federal HUD funding to Racine City	\$ 1,320,251.00	\$ 3,275,371.00	\$ 1,410,720.00	\$ 6,006,342.00

(1) These are COVID funds, and do not include funds awarded to LSS in a separate contract under Round 1 between LSS & City of Racine.

(2) LSS received ESG-CV outside of the collaborative application for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.

(3) 2019 and 2020 include ICA for HMIS administration. 2021 does not include HMIS as the State contracts separately with ICA for those services

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Assistance Program (HAP), and Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) are collectively referred to as **the EHH Program**. ESG is Federally Administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD awards ESG funding to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources (DEHCR) to distribute to eligible applicants. HPP and HAP are State of Wisconsin funding sources. The Housing Assistance Program, formerly known as the Transitional Housing Program (THP) was re-named under 2017 Wisconsin Act 59.

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Total City, State, Federal HUD funding brought into Racine City	\$ 4,143,307.00	\$ 1,863,035.00

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2022

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

- ❖ Formalize our structure –
 - Lack of board – regardless of 501 status
 - Financial Accounts
- ❖ Outreach to County – West of HWY I-90
- ❖ Increase diversity, equity & inclusivity all levels of CoC/Alliance (organizations & funded agencies)
 - ❖ Lived experiences
 - ❖ Racial, ethnic, abilities, and LGBTQIA diversity
- ❖ Increase communication throughout CoC/Alliance (Constant Contact)

PROJECTS & PLANS

- ❖ Increase understanding of funding sources and dollars to be strategic with which types of projects receive funding
- ❖ Increase collaboration with landlords through housing navigator
- ❖ Understanding Category 2 & 3 needs countywide

Four categories of HUD homeless definition (§ 578.3)

1. Literally Homeless
2. Imminent Risk of Homelessness
3. Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes
4. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless ([§ 578.3](#))

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; **or**
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); **or**
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Note: An individual or family only needs to meet one of the three subcategories to qualify as Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless.

Homeless Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness ([§ 578.3](#))

An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

1. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
2. No subsequent residence has been identified; *and*
3. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Note: Includes individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing, including housing they own, rent, are sharing with others, or are living in without paying rent.

Homeless Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes ([§ 578.3](#))

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with Category 3 children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

1. Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;
2. Have not had a lease, ownership interest in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;
3. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and
4. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers

Note: HUD has not authorized any CoC to serve the homeless under Category 3. HUD determines and approves the use of CoC Program funds to serve this population based on each CoC's Consolidated Application. See [24 CFR 578.89](#). Individuals and families that qualify as homeless under Category 3 may be served by the ESG program if they meet required eligibility criteria for certain ESG components.

Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence (§ 578.3)

Any individual or family who:

1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
2. Has no other residence; and
3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Note: For the purposes of this binder, “Domestic Violence” includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).

Source: <http://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/>