



Missouri Housing Innovation Program

Application Guidance

FY2027

DUE DATE:

**Friday, October 9, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

Missouri Housing Development Commission
Online Grant Interface

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mhdc>



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Introduction:

Purpose:

The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) hereby notifies interested organizations of the availability of an estimated \$810,000.00 in Missouri Housing Innovation Program funds to support the Coordinated Entry System and Homeless Management Information System services (HMIS) in the state of Missouri. Missouri Housing Innovation Program monies will be allocated through a competitive application process.

Deadline:

Applications for funding will be accepted by MHDC until **5:00 p.m. CDT on October 9, 2026**. All applications received after the deadline will be rejected. The anticipated funding period for program year 2027 will run January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be a non-profit, 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 **proposals must be submitted on the current year's application** that is posted on the MHDC Online Grant Interface and in compliance with the Application Guidance.
- The HMIS component can only be requested by a designated HMIS lead agency.

Submission:

Applications will be submitted via:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mhdc>

For more information, please refer to FY2027 Missouri Housing Innovation Program Notice of Funding Availability: <https://mhdc.com/about-us/nofa-approvals/mohip-program/>.

For instructions on how to submit the application, please reference the Log On Guide posted on the MHDC website: <https://mhdc.com/programs/community-programs/missouri-housing-innovation-program-mohip/>

SECTION I – Applicant Requirements

Overview of Funds

The Missouri Housing Innovation program aims to provide flexibility to Continuums of Care to address their evolving needs and diminish the burden of coordination of care across large geographic areas and to implement or sustain Coordinated Entry to meet HUD deadlines.

Establishment of Funds

To recognize the increased emphasis on coordination and CoC driven performance, The Missouri Housing Innovation Program (MoHIP) emphasizes coordination and CoC performance by using the Homeless Management Information System. Its purpose is to streamline programs, reduce applicant administrative burden, support HUD Coordinated Entry requirements, and provide HMIS assistance to Missouri Continua.

Eligible Program Components

MHDC has identified the following grant types to meet the needs of CoCs:

- **Coordinated Entry Network Initiative –**
Available to organizations to assist with the operations of their Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System. The Coordinated Entry System is used to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to local resources and to ensure timely triage for the most vulnerable populations.
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) –**
Available to HMIS Lead Agencies to support technical assistance opportunities, data quality and tracking, and the creation and maintenance of reports. The HMIS system is used by housing service providers to collect and report data on the clients that they are serving within their community.

Caps on Funds Request

Grant Component	Maximum Request Per Applicant Per CoC
Coordinated Entry	\$75,000.00
HMIS	\$75,000.00
Available Combined Request	up to \$150,000.00

Geographic Allocation

Allocation Areas
Balance of State CoC: Franklin, Jefferson, Crawford, Washington, Iron, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Madison, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Lewis, Shelby, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Pike, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Clark, Sullivan, Adair, Knox, Linn, Macon, Chariton, Randolph, Atchison, Nodaway, Worth, Gentry, Harrison, Mercer, Holt, Daviess, Grundy, Livingston, Carrol, Caldwell, Clinton, Clay, Platte, Ray, Howard, Boone, Audrain, Cooper, Moniteau, Cole, Callaway, Montgomery, Morgan, Miller, Osage, Gasconade, Camden, Pulaski, Phelps, Maries, Stoddard, Scott, Dunklin, New Madrid, Mississippi, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Carter, Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Laclede, Texas, Dent, Wright, Shannon, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Vernon, Cedar, Hickory, Polk, Dallas, Barton, Dade, Lawrence, McDonald, Barry, Stone, Taney, Cass, Lafayette, Saline, Johnson, Pettis, Bates, Henry, Benton, St. Clair
Joplin CoC: Jasper, Newton
Kansas City CoC: Jackson
Springfield CoC: Greene, Webster, Christian
St. Charles CoC: St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren
St. Joseph CoC: Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb
St. Louis City Region St. Louis City
St. Louis County Region: St. Louis County

Coordinated Entry Participation

MoHIP applicants are required to participate in the development and implementation of the Coordinated Entry (CE) System of their Continuum of Care (CoC). Each CoC is federally mandated by HUD to establish and operate a CE System. The CE System is intended to reduce barriers and difficulties that homeless households may experience when attempting to access housing and services. An effective CE System will assess homeless individuals and families for the most appropriate housing intervention in a consistent manner, prioritize households based on vulnerability and severity of needs, align housing resources within the system, and reduce the amount of time spent by households and agencies in determining which programs they are eligible to receive assistance from. Housing resources often do not fulfill the need, and implementation of a CE System is not intended to create new resources. However, streamlining resources and services through a CE System will effectively allow a community to target those resources to those who will benefit most from them. A CE System will also allow communities to analyze where there are needs that are not being met through the existing resources available in the community and adjust accordingly.

Each CE System will maintain a prioritization list from which housing providers will receive its client referrals. The prioritization list will differ by CoC and established regions within the CoC, but generally it details the acuity level of literally homeless households who have been assessed by a designated service provider (i.e., “access point”) using a standardized assessment tool. Missouri Housing Innovation Program (MoHIP) projects in the community serving homeless households will collaborate with the CoC to fill all vacancies through referrals from the CE System as well as to making adjustments to the system as needed. Programs serving specific sub-populations need to accept referrals only for households that meet the specific eligibility requirements. Programs that do not serve households with a specific profile should only limit eligibility to those mandated by funding sources and local, state, or federal requirements.

Continuum of Care Participation

MHDC encourages coordination and collaboration between the CoC and service providers. To determine applicants’ participation in its CoC, MHDC will get feedback from each CoC for each agency that is applying.

SECTION II – Instructions

General Completion Instructions

1. **Ensure eligibility.** All MoHIP applicants must be a designated CoC access point or an HMIS Lead Agency.
2. **Submit one application per CoC, for all grant types.** The 2027 MoHIP application is designed to allow grantees to include all funding requests in one application. Applicants requesting funds for more than one grant type only need to submit one application for all MoHIP funding requests. If requesting funds for multiple grant types, only one set of supplemental documents will be required. Although all requests will be submitted in one application, each grant type request is still considered separately. If requesting funds in multiple CoCs, please fill out a separate application for each CoC request.
3. **The application should be completed in sequential order.** The application has been designed with the ability to populate information based on entered detail.
4. **Applicants must respond to each question on the application.** Each answer should be concise, self-supporting and not refer to any other area of the application. Applicants will not be able to submit the application until all questions have been answered.

Obtaining the Application

All applicants are required to use the 2027 MoHIP Application Form provided by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) on its Online Grant Interface:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mhdc>

Application and Supplemental Document Checklist

Below are the required items to be completed/included by the applicant.

Basic Information

- Agency Information
- Grant Contact Information
- Executive Director Information

Proposal Information

- Applicant Type
- Continuum of Care
- Request by Grant Type
- Coordinated Entry
- Need and Data Explanation
- Deadlines
- Grant Use

Attachments

- Board of Directors/Decision Making Body
- Sources and Uses
- Certificate of Good Standing
- 501(c)(3) Verification
- Audit/Financials
- Coordinated Entry System Policy and Procedure (only applicable to CES applicants)
- Reports (only applicable to HMIS applicants)

Grant Type Information- Budget and Narrative Questions

- Coordinated Entry System
- Homeless Management Information System

Application Detailed Instructions

The descriptions of all sections and supplemental documentation required in the application are below. Specific questions or topics within each section that may need more detailed explanation are listed under each section topic.

Basic Agency Information

- This section collects general information about the organization. This section should be completed based on information pertaining to the non-profit applicant, including grant contact and the organization's Executive Director's information. This section is also intended to provide detailed information about the organization that will include fiscal year, and the agency's website.

Proposal Information

- **Continuum of Care:** Select the CoC you are applying for MoHIP funds for. If your organization operates in multiple CoCs, you must submit separate applications for each CoC.

Applicant Type: Each HMIS Lead Agency or Coordinated Entry Point agency should indicate which application categories they are applying for.

- **Requests by Grant Type:** Enter the amount of funding you are requesting for each grant type. If you are not requesting funds for a grant type, put a “0” in the box. As a reminder, there is a funding cap of \$75,000.00 total per grant type and a cap of \$150,000.00 per CoC for all grant types combined.
- **CoC and Coordinated Entry Participation:** Explain how your organization’s program participates with the CoC’s Coordinated Entry system.
- **Need and Data Explanation:** Applicants should clearly demonstrate the need for MoHIP funding within their service area by utilizing quantifiable data. This can be accomplished by presenting local, state, national, or internal data regarding literally homeless populations and/or the effectiveness of the use of MoHIP funding in the context of ending homelessness.
- **Deadlines:** Applicant will explain how they will ensure that the MoHIP money is spent throughout the grant year and how the agency will meet the spending deadlines.
- **Grant Use:** Applicants should clearly explain specifically how they anticipate using the funding based on the allowable uses outlined in the application guidance and desk guide.

Attachments

- **Board of Directors/Decision Making Body:**
The applicant must submit a complete list of the organization’s current board or governing members. The list must be of the executive board or decision-making body, not an advisory board.
- **Sources and Uses** (File Size Limit: 1 MiB):
Applicant will detail the projected program budget showing the MoHIP request for funds and the total program budget. All sources of funding that are used in the program with MoHIP funds should be listed in the “Sources” sections at the top. MoHIP eligible uses are listed under the “Revenue Uses” column.
- **Certificate of Good Standing** (File Size Limit: 1 MiB):
Applicant must include a Certificate of Good Standing that is current within 60 days of the application date. If applicant does not have a Certificate of Good Standing that is current within 60 days, applicant may include most recent Certificate AND a printout from the Secretary of State website that states that the organization is in good standing with a date within 60 days of application date.
- **501(c) (3) Verification** (File Size Limit: 1 MiB):
Applicant must provide verification of the organization’s 501(c) (3) status.
- **Audit/Financials** (File Size Limit: 5 MiB):
Applicant must include the organizations’ most recently completed and board approved independent auditor’s report. If the most recent fiscal year audit is in progress and not complete yet, applicant should submit the last completed, board approved independent auditor’s report in addition to unaudited financial statements (i.e., balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows). The unaudited financial statements should cover the gap in time from when the last audit ended until at least 30 days before the application submission date.

***applicants only need to submit the Independent Auditor's Report, NOT the entire audit.**

- **Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures** (File Size Limit: 5 MiB): - CES applicants only

If applying for Coordinated Entry funds, applicants must upload the most recent CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

- **HMIS Reports** (File Size Limit: 5 MiB): - HMIS applicants only

If applying for HMIS funds, applicants must upload an example report that HMIS users will submit to MHDC with both MoHIP and MHTF Expense Detail Forms.

If you run into problems while trying to upload files, please feel free to contact MHDC using the contact information at the end of this document.

Grant Components

Component Information should only be completed for each component in which funds are being requested.

- Coordinated Entry System
- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Information
- **Budget & Detail** - The total proposed budget amounts should match the amounts reflected in the Proposal Information. Please fill out the budget breakdown per component and the detail for each breakdown section.
- **Narrative** - Applicants should fully address each item specified- any narrative throughout the application that does not clearly address each question or repeats any part of the application will result in a loss of points.

SECTION III – Evaluation of Applications

Overview

MHDC wants to ensure that the limited pool of funding available is used in the most effective way possible to help organizations provide the necessary services to low income individuals and families in the state of Missouri who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. In order to do this, funds awarded will be based on each CoC, types and amounts of funding requests, and points awarded within various criteria. Individual scores by program may be assessed for completeness of the grant application, past performance with Community Program grant funding, current spending, and composition of proposal. Applicants requesting funds for multiple grant components may receive funds for one, but not all grant components. Applicants who are not a designated CoC access point or a HMIS Lead Agency will not be evaluated.

Applicants will be evaluated on the overall composition of the proposed program, types of assistance provided, collaboration with the CoC and other mainstream resources.

After the deadline of **October 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** submissions of applications will not be available.

Preparation of an application does not guarantee the applicant will receive funds. Grants will be awarded competitively to those with the highest rankings as determined in an objective scoring process. Awards resulting from this application will begin January 1, 2027, and run until December 31, 2027.

Scoring Criteria

The following items will be assessed:

1. Prior MHDC History for the two (2) previously completed funding periods
2. Non-Prior History
3. Application Submission
4. Proposal Information
5. Agency Information
6. Grant Type Information
7. Supplemental Documents
8. CoC Participation
9. Current Grant Funding Period Spending

SECTION IV– Submission Requirements

Submission Instructions

Only complete applications without missing information will be allowed to submit. If there are required boxes that have not been completed, you will be notified and must fix any errors prior to the submission date of **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026**.

All applications are to be submitted via the MHDC Online Grant Interface:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mhdc>

SECTION V– General Information

FY2027 MoHIP Application Timeline*

NOFA Posted on the Website:	September 17, 2026
Application Training:	September 17, 2026 (posted on website)
Application Deadline:	October 9, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Awards Notification:	November 2026
Funding Period Begins:	January 1, 2027
Funding Period Ends:	December 31, 2027
Grant Close Out Deadline:	January 31, 2027

*Timeline subject to change

Award Notification

Notifications of approval or denial of funding will be sent via the MHDC Online Grant Interface to the person who completed the application.

Availability of Grant Funds

Upon approval, grant funds will be disbursed beginning January 1, 2027. Prior to funding, the agency must complete and return the grant agreement and all necessary documentation to MHDC by the specified deadline. In addition, all previous MoHIP grants must be fully closed out.

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