



**McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)**

**Illinois State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027**

**Illinois Department of Human Services Shelter Diversion funding application**

**Key Information**

Estimated Community Funding Available: **\$40,000.00 (subject to award from Illinois Department of Human Services)**

Estimated Dates for Use of Funding: **07/01/2026-06/30/2027**

Minimum Grant Request: **NONE**

Maximum Grant Request: **NONE**

**Policy: An Organization submitting an application may not “limit” clientele to a specific population. Services covered under this grant must be available to the entire community.**

**Interested Organizations Should Submit This Now:**

1. Signed Letter of Intent (no more than one page total) addressed to Janet Sanchez, Community Development Specialist, identifying use of funding, based on identified available funding activities. The letter should indicate the proposed number of clients served and outcomes from use of prior funding, if applicable. Please refer to allowable expense categories in the “Program Description” of this packet.

**Interested Organizations Should Submit This Later, If Funded:**

2. IRS 501(c)(3) Letter
3. LOI Attachment for Case Management applications only
4. Client entry policies
5. Sample intake form

## 1. Timeline

Illinois Department of Human Services Homelessness Prevention Program

**April 29, 2029 at 4:00 pm CDT:**

Letters of Intent are due. Per the Continuum of Care, late applications will not be accepted. Staff may reach out to applicants to request additional information.

***By email to:***

Janet Sanchez at Jsanchez@mchenrycountyil.gov

***By personal drop-off to:***

Janet Sanchez, Community Development Specialist  
McHenry County Department of Planning and Development  
2200 North Seminary Avenue  
Woodstock, IL 60098

**Between May 1st 2026 and May 4, 2026:** The McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness the Ranking Work group and Community Development Staff will review Letters of Intent and compile information from said review. The McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness the ranking work group will make recommendations for funding through an email vote; recommendations will be forwarded to the full Continuum of Care for further consideration.

**May 4, 2026 at 9:00 am CDT:** The McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness Full Board will participate in an electronic voting to consider the funding recommendations

An organization allocated funding can expect the following:

1. An application to be submitted to the State of Illinois for funding.
2. Completing some additional information for the master CoC application to the State of Illinois
3. Reporting, as required and stipulated by the State of Illinois
4. Program monitoring, if applicable, by the State of Illinois

## 2. Program Description

The Illinois Department of Human Services Prevention funding provides support to organizations helping McHenry County residents avoid homelessness. There are no designated priority activities for this funding. Support is flexible, and allows for activities in the following categories:

R = Rent Assistance/Arrearage

U= Utility Assistance/Arrearage

CM= Case Management Services

M= Mortgage Assistance/Arrearage

SD= Security Deposit Assistance

SS= Supportive Services (Legal Services Only)

For organizations seeking funding under the Case Management category, please include an identification of the following as an attachment to your LOI:

Explain the case management and other supportive services provided by your agency to support homeless prevention activities.

- A. Include an explanation of your agency's capacity to deliver the following required services to support Homeless Prevention activities:
  1. Case Management
  2. Financial Counseling
  3. Follow-Up Services
  4. Food Stamp Service Coordination\*
  5. LIHEAP Service Coordination
  
- B. Include an explanation of your agency's capacity to deliver supplemental services provided through other funding (including, but not limited to):
  1. Outreach
  2. Advocacy
  3. Counseling (i.e., Life Skills, Family, Domestic Violence)
  4. Mental Health Services
  5. Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services
  6. Health/Dental Services
  7. Adult Basic Education/GED
  8. Job Preparation/Job Placement
  9. Transportation
  10. Employment Services
  11. Child Care/Children's Services
  12. Housing Location/Inspection
  13. Legal Services

### **3. Grant Term**

Anticipated to be 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027, but subject to allocation from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services

### **4. Selection Criteria**

The Ranking work group of the McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness anticipates awarding applicants based on prior grant experience (if applicable), cost per client, general organizational outcomes and anticipated number of clients served with funding.

### **5. Collaboration**

The McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness encourages applicants to consider a collaboration to assist in the rollout of homelessness prevention services in the community.

### **6. Final Funding Allotment**

The McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness reserves the right to reduce or increase allocations or consolidate or eliminate projects based on the final award to McHenry County.

### **7. Additional Program Information**

Please visit the State's website at <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30360> for more information.