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### **Continuum of Care Funds Available for Homeless Housing**

ROCKFORD, IL - The Rock River Homeless Coalition, in partnership with the City of Rockford Community Action Agency, is accepting applications for funds received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) grant program for projects that address homelessness in Winnebago and Boone Counties.

Funding can only be used for permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing projects as defined by the application criteria. Eligible applicants include local governments, other government agencies (such as public housing agencies), private non-profit organizations, and faith-based agencies that have IRS 501(c)3 non-profit status. Funds cannot be used to fund any program that requires religious attendance or adherence as part of the program. Projects may not be located in poverty dense neighborhoods. All grant awards are contingent on HUD's final approval.

Applications are available by email at [mary.runestad@rockfordil.gov](mailto:mary.runestad@rockfordil.gov) and must be submitted to Community Action, 555 N. Court St., Suite 301 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 as per application guidelines.

The CoC program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to provide funding for coordinated efforts to quickly re-house the homeless, to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

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