

Expand Housing Help in Your Area

with onsite Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation partnerships

Coordinated Entry (CE) is the pathway to almost all housing that is designated for people experiencing homelessness in the River Valleys Continuum of Care region. You can increase access to CE and capacity to help people in housing crises find housing by becoming a host site for a Rural Coordinated Entry Housing Navigator.

Rural CE Navigators can provide:

- Outreach and assistance with CE assessments (for housing referrals)
- Direct client support to collect essential documents, find housing openings, and advocate for themselves
- Direct assistance for people trying to get out of unsheltered locations

Other benefits of hosting a Rural CE Navigator:

- Expand housing services in your area with minimal cost
- Increase on-site housing expertise
- Build connections to regional homelessness response system

Becoming a host site

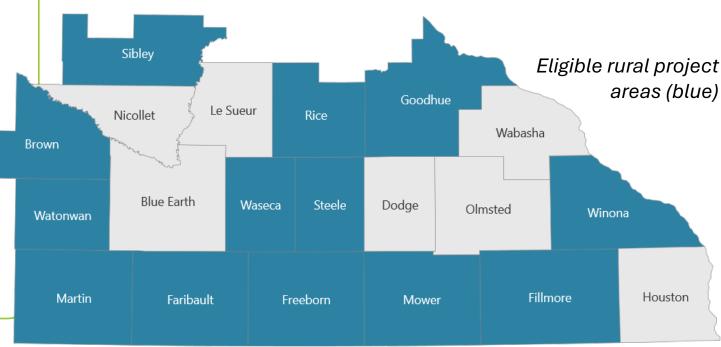
River Valleys CoC is seeking at least TWO new sites for an initial grant period of 30 months.

Consider your fit. Host sites should provide:

- Accessible, rural location (see map)
- Private workspace available at least one day/week
- Orientation and training to agency or site
- Designated person to coordinate with CoC to help your staff and Navigator work well together
- Signed agreement to document partnership

Request information or apply:

- Contact Melanie at 507-421-7342 or melanie.bersano@rivervalleyscoc.org
- Visit <u>www.rivervalleycoc.org/rural</u>



This initiative is part of the region's plan to reduce unsheltered and rural homelessness.



About us

What is River Valleys CoC?

Community-based coalition of people, organizations, and local governments working together to prevent and end homelessness in southern Minnesota, **and** a Continuum of Care region recognized by the federal government for funding purposes.

River Valleys CoC serves 20 counties of southern Minnesota. See map \rightarrow

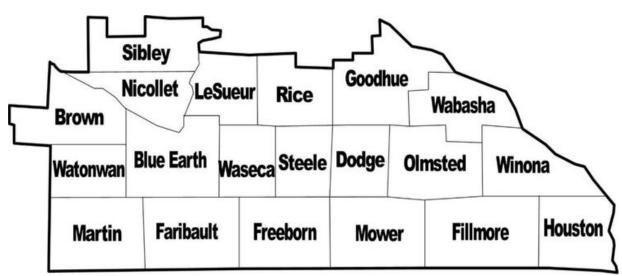
What's included in a CoC?

CoCs involve the full spectrum of housing and services related to preventing homelessness or helping people access shelter and housing again, including:



More information

- CoC website: www.rivervalleyscoc.org
- Sign up for the CoC e-newsletter: http://eepurl.com/heeW_f



Who is involved in CoC?

Shelters, housing developers, healthcare providers, community advocates, victim service agencies, schools, faith groups...

ANYONE who wants to work together to end homelessness!

What does a CoC do?

- Set standards for programs and provide supports to improve services
- Secure federal funds for projects
- Triage referrals to homeless-designated housing (coordinated entry)
- Organize to make system changes in homelessness response
- Increase power of people with lived experience of homelessness in response system decisions

