



Coalition for the Homeless Membership Agency Information

The Coalition for the Homeless is a nonprofit with a mission to advocate for people who are experiencing homelessness and for the prevention and elimination of homelessness in Louisville, KY. We are also a membership organization for homeless services and housing justice organizations. While these agencies are focusing on the day-to-day needs of clients, the Coalition is working to **educate, advocate, and coordinate** so that we can make lasting changes for people living in poverty or homelessness.

In order to be a member of the Coalition for the Homeless, an agency must be a 501(c) nonprofit, church, or volunteer organization (or have a fiscal sponsor); pay their annual dues; and adhere to the Coalition's values. Members and their staff must prioritize the wellbeing, dignity, and privacy of individuals experiencing homelessness; they cannot require religious participation to receive services; and shelters must have an up-to-date city license. (The Coalition is eager to include Black- and POC-led organizations, as well as grassroots ones; if you do not meet the requirements but want to join, email Marcus at mstubbs@louhomeless.org.)

By becoming a member of the Coalition for the Homeless, agencies receive benefits that strengthen both individual missions and community efforts to prevent and end homelessness:

1. **Advocacy:** The Coalition engages in yearlong advocacy to promote local, state, and national changes in policy that will benefit those who have lost or are at risk of losing housing and to promote housing justice. We ask our members for input regarding advocacy issues and coordinate our asks accordingly. We also bring together our members with elected officials at an annual event in addition to regular invitations to engage.
2. **Community Information:** The Coalition sends regular emails to partner agencies informing them of events, webinars, progress, and news. We also publish *Street Tips*, a community resource guide for both those seeking services and agencies providing the services.
3. **Meeting Space:** The Coalition has a basement meeting room at 1300 S. Fourth Street that's available for reservation to member agencies with at least 1-2 weeks' notice: <https://forms.gle/mzNnGLvDdJveq8oc9>.
4. **Collaboration:** The Coalition hosts an Annual Meeting with members to celebrate our efforts together every spring. We also host virtual meetings six times a year to bring together our members' agency directors. This provides an opportunity for support, resource sharing, and collaboration on priority issues through both advocacy work and direct service.
5. **RAVE:** The Coalition administers RAVE, a homeless services alert system that sends messages to a mobile phone or email with info such as emergency shelter bed access and availability, changes in provider services and hours, White Flag days, and other important community alerts.
6. **Data Collection & Analysis:** The Coalition collects, organizes, and analyzes data to inform our work together, which is also used to secure federal funds for the entire community. We make this data available for our partner agencies to secure other governmental and private funds.
7. **Education & Promotion:** The Coalition reaches tens of thousands of people a year through media engagement; presentations to schools, funders, community-based organizations, neighborhood groups, and faith-based groups; meetings with legislators; social media; and more. Through these engagements, we bring awareness to the individual and collective efforts of our members.



8. **Community Table Training Sessions:** The Coalition provides regular training sessions to frontline staff at our member agencies at no cost, plus additional technical assistance and trainings as necessary.
9. **Operation White Flag:** The Coalition secures funds from the Louisville Metro Government and other funders to support Operation White Flag, which ensures everyone a safe place indoors during extreme weather. Participating shelters receive monetary support for the project while the Coalition completes the grant application and subsequent administrative reporting requirements.
10. **TARC Discount:** The Coalition provides access to discounted bus passes and tickets to member agencies for use by people experiencing homelessness. The discount is that for every ticket you purchase, you get one free; they must be ordered monthly in advance through our Office Manager, per the TARC program rules. This benefit is only available to Coalition member agencies. *(As of 2025, we are continuing to advocate to keep these discounts in the face of severe TARC budget cuts.)*
11. **Outreach Collaboration:** The Coalition hosts regular meetings to support the work of agencies and individuals providing street outreach to the homeless, known as Good News Events. The Coalition also collects and distributes backpacks and other items for those living outdoors, hosts Stand Down events where members can provide tables and resources, and distributes information about homeless camp concerns to outreach workers.
12. **Fundraising and Messaging Support:** The Coalition is happy to share the resources, expertise, and time of our staff members to assist our members when needed with fundraising advice, grants assistance, messaging support, and advocacy work. Member agencies can reach out to Coalition staff members on an as-needed basis to schedule.

Membership is renewable each year, billed in January, and membership rates are effective for one full calendar year. Rates are based on each organization's operating budget for homeless services, and the first membership year is free. *(Please note that the Coalition is eager to include Black-led and other POC-led organizations, including grassroots ones, as member agencies, as well as agencies that are entirely volunteer-run. If the membership fee will be a problem but you're interested in joining, reach out to us at mstubbs@louhomeless.org.)*

2025 Operating Budget for Homeless Services	Membership Rates
Under \$100,000	\$150
\$100,000 to \$249,000	\$300
\$250,000 to \$499,000	\$500
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	\$1,500
Over \$1,000,000	\$2,500

To become a member of the Coalition, please complete this Membership Form [here](#) and [send payment online here](#) or via mail to Coalition for the Homeless, Attn: Membership, 1300 S. Fourth St #250, Louisville, KY 40208. Email mstubbs@louhomeless.org with any questions. Thank you!