



**mvchp**  
Missouri Valley Coalition  
for Homeless People INC

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT FORM & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

As a member of the Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc., we affirm and support the mission, vision, and values of MVCHP:

**MISSION:** The MVCHP advocates for safe, stable, and life-affirming housing for all.

**VISION:** With full regard for the value of each person, the MVCHP envisions a compassionate community where appropriate support services encompassing the full continuum of care are readily available and each person has the ability to live in safe, stable, and life-affirming housing, offering everyone their best opportunity to live a full, productive, healthy, and happy life.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc. is a group of individuals and organizations who together advocate, collaborate, coordinate, and optimize services within the Missouri Valley area to support all individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness, providing a pathway for everyone to attain safe, stable, and life-affirming housing. The Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc. supports the goals of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People, Inc.

**MOTTO:** Everyone deserves a place to call home.

### **VALUES:**

- Interdependence: We empower one another by recognizing mutual goals.
- Collaboration: We recognize that working together on solutions is more efficient and impactful than working in isolation.
- Respect: We assert that everyone has inherent dignity and self-worth and deserves respect regardless of the barriers they face.
- Transparency: We strive for open, honest communication in all our dealings, guided by the ideals of compassion and integrity.

We further support the shared work of MVCHP by:

- Actively participating in the Coalition through attendance in regular and/or workgroup meetings.
- Supporting implementation of evidence-based, housing-focused best practices in the community.
- Holding the value that everyone who is homeless should be provided with the opportunity to access housing and supportive services.
- Providing leadership in the prevention and eradication of homelessness in the Missouri Valley region including North Dakota Region 7.
- Submit local data collected by the member agency annually, completing a template to be distributed by Coalition.
- If participating in HMIS, agree to share aggregate information from that system.
- Review agency/resource contact information on MVCHP website and submit changes to mvchpcoalition@gmail.com.
- Participate in the annual Point in Time (PIT) count of homeless individuals in the MVCHP service area of Region 7.

***An authorized signatory (appropriate administrative authority such as an executive director or board chair) must review the agreement and authorize membership in the Coalition. Please submit by March 31, 2024.***

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type and  
Dues Amount (See Organizational Dues Sheet): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Authorizer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorizer and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*Email address for MVCHP emails and updates, if different than above:*

**Please circle if you are interested in joining one of the subcommittees:**

Public Awareness – coordinates special events and awareness campaigns.

Unmet Needs – coordinates the pilot transportation program and the point in time (PIT) count.

Hope – coordinates annual Homelessness Memorial Day and assists with special events.

**If you are interested in helping with a particular special event, please circle below:**

Point in Time Count (January)

Riverwalk Days (July)

Project Service Connect (September)

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Mid-November)

Freezin' for a Reason

Media Day

Food Drive

Youth Event

Homeless Memorial Day (December)

**Participating in committees or special events is not required as part of membership, however it is highly encouraged.**

# Organizational Membership Dues

**Annual dues are self-selected based on the organization's budget or portion of budget appropriate to homeless related services. \***

No organization is refused due to inability to pay. Anyone can request a waiver with the coalition treasurer. Email [mvchpcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:mvchpcoalition@gmail.com) to request a waiver.

Type of Membership	Dues
Individuals with lived experience in homelessness	No cost
Individual	\$25
Budget - \$1 Million or less	\$100
Budget - over \$1 Million	\$200
Business, Public Agency, or Other*	\$100
Sponsorship	Varies

*\*Faith Community partners are encouraged to receive a special offering or host a fundraiser benefiting MVCHP in lieu of annual membership dues.*

*\*Membership allows your agency to participate in any additional funds such as the pilot transportation project.*

*Note: City of Bismarck department dues are covered by the City's annual grant to MVCHP.*

If you prefer to send by mail, make out a check to Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc., and send with signed form to: PO Box 2271 Bismarck, ND 58502