

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFA: What to Expect and Strategies for Success

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Today's Webinar

- 90 minutes
- Approximately 30 minutes for Q & A at the end
- Attendees are in listen-only mode
- Ask a question at any time using the “Q and A” feature
- Recording will be posted to usich.gov and emailed to you



Webinar Agenda

- I. Background and Framing
- II. Objectives and Overview of the Competition
- III. Rating Factors
- IV. Coordinated Community Plan Principles
- V. Project Requirements
- VI. Lessons Learned from YHDP Round 1 & 2
- VII. Recommended Strategies for Success
- VIII. Question and Answer Session



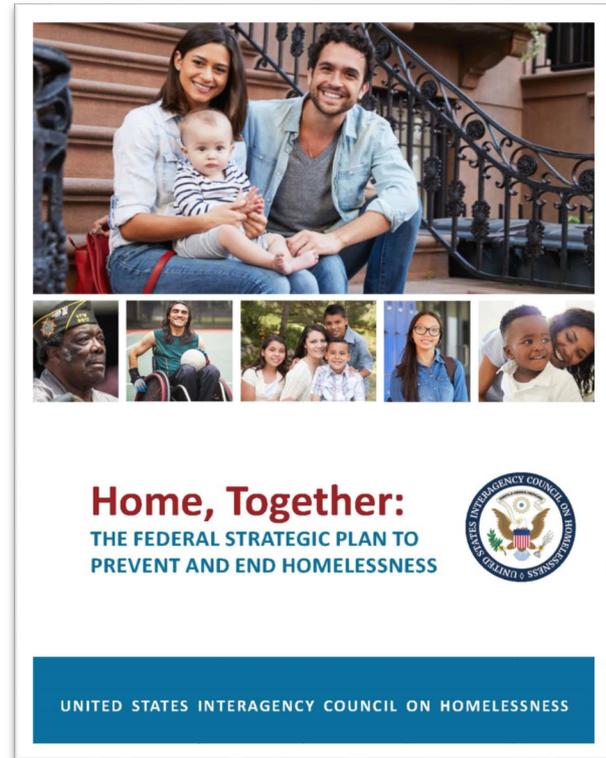
Home, Together. The New Federal Plan

Home.

Because we know that the only true end to homelessness is a safe and stable place to call home.

Together.

Because the solutions are going to take all of us working together, doing our parts, strengthening our communities.





Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: Two Strategic Action Areas

#1 – Build the **foundation** for a coordinated and comprehensive community response

#2 – Build the **capacity of local communities** to implement the components of a coordinated and comprehensive community response

Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness
A Coordinated Community Response

In *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, we set a national goal to prevent and end youth homelessness by 2025. To get there, it will take all of us—government, non-profit, business, and philanthropy—to make sure every community has the capacity to achieve the goal.

Our understanding of the scope and dynamics of youth homelessness is growing. While we continue to learn more every day, we must act now to build the comprehensive and coordinated response that young people need to end their homelessness forever.

This document provides a preliminary vision for each response. It allows upon which we have already undertaken, to receive additional tools and resources that will be developed to support the implementation of this response. [Sign up for our newsletter.](#)

We hope you'll use this document to advance discussions in your communities and build upon the work already underway. To receive additional tools and resources that will be developed to support the implementation of this response, [sign up for our newsletter.](#)

Our Preliminary Vision for a Community Response
The Interagency Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness has developed a shared vision for the community response that will be necessary to prevent and end youth homelessness, illustrated here and described in more detail below.

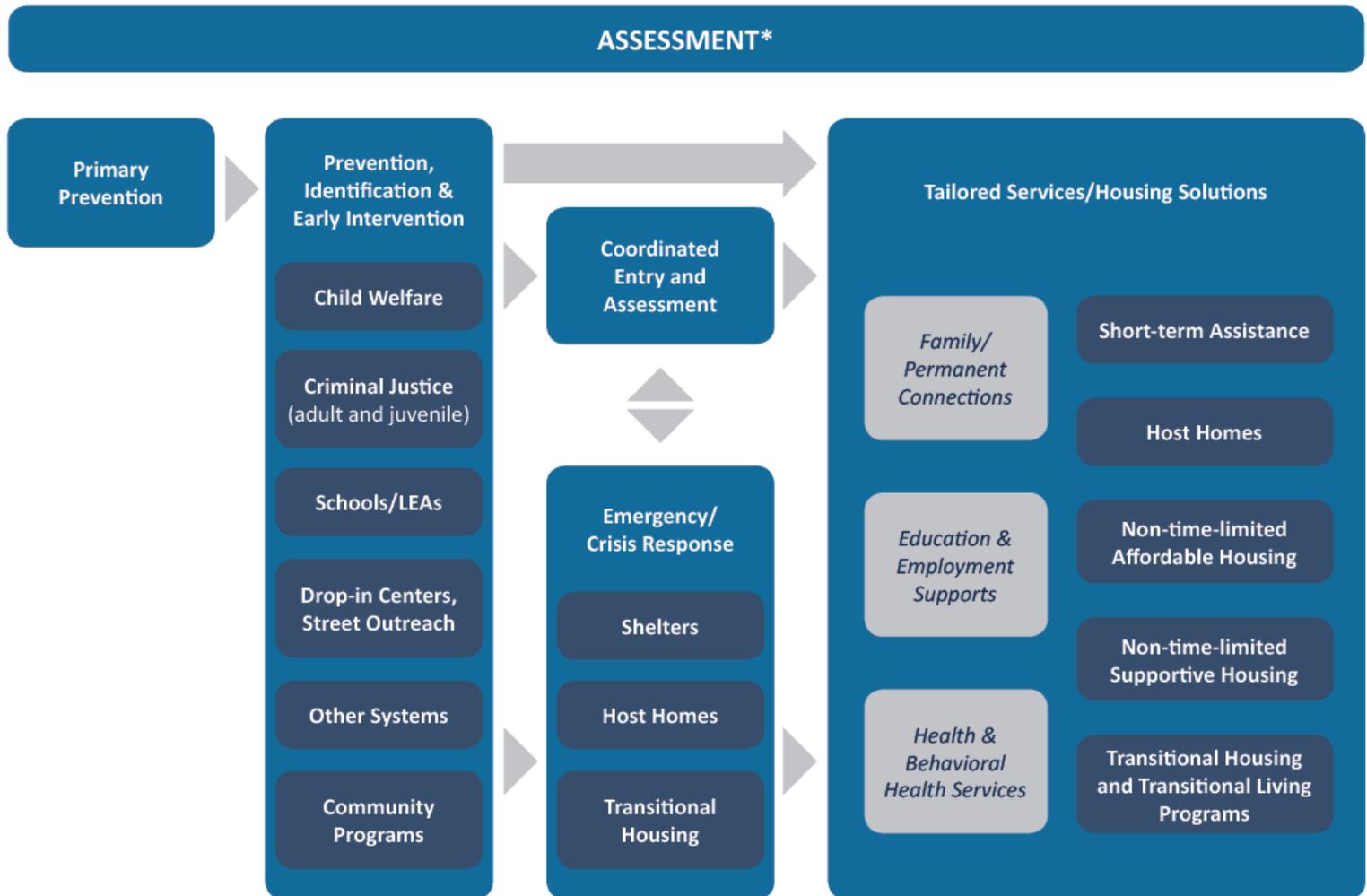
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Secretary Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness
Co-Chair: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Secretary, Department of Education
Department of Justice
Social Security Administration
Department of Labor

Read the [Coordinated Community Response](#).



Vision for Coordinated Community Response



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YHDP Objectives

1. Build national momentum
2. Evaluate the coordinated community approach
3. Expand capacity
4. Evaluate performance measures
5. Establish a framework for federal program and TA collaboration



Overview of the Competition

- **25 communities will be selected;** eight will be rural
- Service population is **youth age 24 and under**
- **2-year grant term,** generally renewable through the CoC program competition thereafter
- **Deadline** is May 15, 2019 (11:59:59 pm ET)
- Submitted electronically to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- Only **CoC [Collaborative Applicants](#)** can apply
- Awards announced in **summer 2019**



Changes from FY 2017 NOFA

- \$75 million (compared to \$43 million)
- 25 communities, eight of which must be rural
- Rural Definition
- Award formula considers high-rent markets into account.
- Rating Criteria Changes
 - Racial Equity
 - Youth Collaboration



Are You A Rural Community?

Use this tool to find out:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5795/fy-2018-yhdp-rural-application-tools/>

First Approach

State	CoC Number	CoC Name
Alaska		
	AK-501	Alaska Balance of State CoC
Alabama		
	AL-502	Florence/Northwest Alabama CoC
	AL-507	Alabama Balance of State CoC
Arkansas		
	AR-503	Arkansas Balance of State CoC
	AR-504	Delta Hills CoC
	AR-505	Southeast Arkansas CoC
	AR-512	Boone, Baxter, Marion, Newton Counties CoC
Arizona		
	AZ-500	Arizona Balance of State CoC
California		
	CA-506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC
	CA-509	Mendocino County CoC
	CA-516	Redding/Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen, Plumas, Del Norte, Modoc, Sierra Counties CoC

Second Approach

Target Area Community (by county)	Total Population	Population: Urban	% Urban	Population: Suburban	% Suburban	Population: Rural	% Rural
Total	13,932	0	0%	0	0%	13932	100%
Clay, Alabama	13932	0	0%	0	0%	13932	100%



3 Key Threshold Requirements

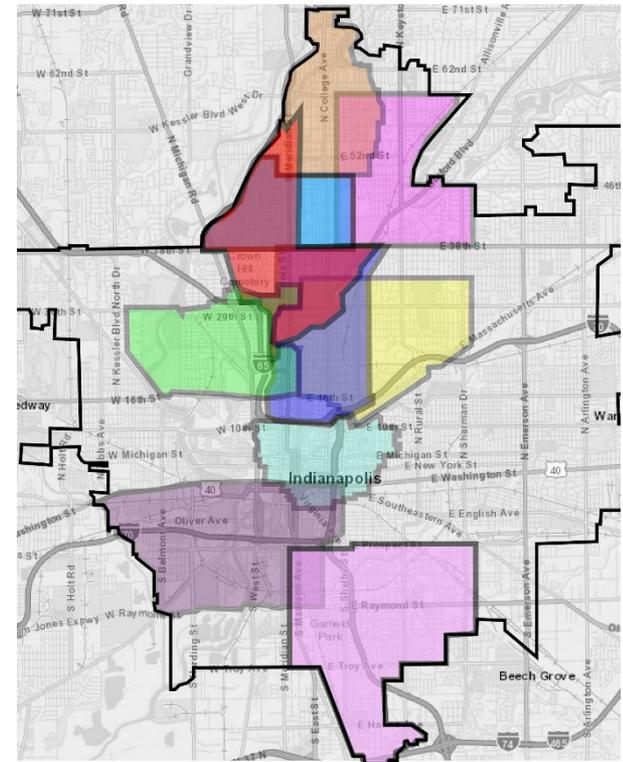
1. The applicant **must be** the CoC Collaborative Applicant
2. Youth Action Board must **meaningfully participate** in priorities and implementation
3. Child welfare agency **must be** a CoC member, and either provide an MOU or a letter of support indicating membership in the CoC and support and commitment to participate in the YHDP





Program Requirements

1. Identifying a Target Community Area (happens pre-award)
2. Develop a Coordinated Community Plan (happens post-award)





Rating Factors

Rating Factor	Points
Leadership Capacity	20
Resource Capacity	5
Community Need	10
Capacity for Innovation	15
Collaboration	20
Youth Collaboration	10
Data and Evaluation	20
Total Possible Points	100

****Bonus Points are NOT AVAILABLE in this competition**



Principles That Must Be Incorporated Into Your Plan

1. USICH Youth Framework and the four core outcomes
2. Needs of Special Populations
3. Addressing Racial and Ethnic Inequities
4. Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)



Principles, Cont'd

5. Family Engagement

6. Immediate access to housing with no preconditions

7. Youth Choice



Principles, Cont'd

8. Individualized and Client-Driven Supports

9. Social and Community Integration

10. Coordinated Entry



Appendix A: Program Project Requirements

Selected communities may submit applications for the **following kinds of projects**:

- Planning Grants
- Program Components
 - Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH)
 - Joint Component
 - Transitional Housing
 - HMIS
 - Supportive Services Only
- Innovative projects or activities



Appendix A: Program Project Requirements, Cont'd

Innovative projects that are fundable without a waiver

- Host Homes/kinship care, paying for other costs, like food
- Shared Housing

Innovative projects that are fundable with a regulatory waiver, renewable

- Rapid Rehousing 2.0 (master leasing, rental assistance and leasing in the same project, etc.)
- TAY Rental Assistance- assistance up to age 25, retaining eligibility from initial assessment throughout
- Increased Security Deposits

Innovative projects that are fundable with a statutory waiver, not renewable

- Host Homes/kinship care, paying for utility costs



Lessons Learned from Round 1

- Participating in YHDP is a lot of work!
- Think about sustainability early and often.
- Start with the data you have, even if it's imperfect.
- Submit waiver requests as soon as you can.





Lessons Learned from Round 1

- Youth are experts
- Use subpopulation demographic data
- Housing interventions and case management





Strategies for Success

- Read the NOFA carefully
- Adhere to NOFA principles
- Reach out to partners early
- Utilize your Youth Action Board
- Look to Round 1 and Round 2 communities
- Think outside the box





After Award, Communities Will:

Learn award amount (\$1 million min).

Develop coordinated community plan.

Before approval of the CCP, submit planning project only applications for up to 30% of total award amount.

After approval, submit project applications for balance of award.

Receive TA support, including from youth with lived experience.



Question and Answer Session

- Please submit questions using the Question and Answer feature function found the Zoom toolbar.
- We will get to as many questions as we can in the time remaining.
- We strongly encourage you to submit any outstanding questions to HUD AAQ:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>
 - Under “my question is related to...” field, select “CoC”



Resources

USICH Youth Framework and the four core outcomes

- [Framework to End Youth Homelessness](#)
- [Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: A Coordinated Community Response](#)
- [Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Youth Homelessness](#)

Addressing Special Populations

- [Youth Homelessness Community Planning Toolkit](#)

Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC)

- [Youth Homelessness Community Planning Toolkit](#)
- [Trauma Informed Care with RHY](#)

Family Engagement

- [Screening and Assessment Tools for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs](#)
- [Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: Promising Program Models](#)



Resources

Immediate access to housing with no preconditions and Youth Choice

- [Housing First Checklist: Tool for Assessing Housing First in Practice](#)
- [Core Principles of Housing First and Rapid Re-Housing](#)
- [Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: System Planning](#)
- [Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: Promising Program Models](#)

Individualized and Client Driven Supports

- [Screening and Assessment Tools for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs](#)
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Social and Community Integration

- [True Colors Fund Youth Collaboration Toolkit](#)

Coordinated Entry

- [Youth Specific FAQs for Coordinated Entry](#)
- [Coordinated Entry Policy Brief](#)
- [Coordinated Entry and HMIS](#)

Coordinated Community Plans

- [Round 1 YHDP Coordinated Community Plans](#)



Thank you!

Thank you for joining today's webinar!

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