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

Read the [Coordinated Community Response](#).
Vision for Coordinated Community Response

Primary Prevention

Prevention, Identification & Early Intervention
- Child Welfare
- Criminal Justice (adult and juvenile)
- Schools/LEAs
- Drop-in Centers, Street Outreach
- Other Systems
- Community Programs

Coordinated Entry and Assessment

Emergency/Crisis Response
- Shelters
- Host Homes
- Transitional Housing

Tailored Services/Housing Solutions
- Family/Permanent Connections
- Short-term Assistance
- Host Homes
- Education & Employment Supports
- Non-time-limited Affordable Housing
- Non-time-limited Supportive Housing
- Health & Behavioral Health Services
- Transitional Housing and Transitional Living Programs

*Throughout the provision of services, assessment will be ongoing.*
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

• 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:


First Approach

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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

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**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
- Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: System Planning

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 for joining today’s webinar!

This webinar was recorded and will be posted to our website within a few days.

We’ll email you to let you know!