



Background: Between December of 2019 and February of 2020, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) released Notice of Availability of Funding (NOA) announcing the availability of grant funds for pilot programs utilizing innovative approaches in serving youth experiencing homelessness and of particular focus – youth experiencing homelessness who are pregnant and/or parenting . The funding is intended to be flexible in order to support innovative approaches in outreach, service coordination, service delivery, and regional partnerships. ODH awarded funding to 13 grantees across Ohio. ODH required nine deliverables with a funding amount for each deliverable, the nine deliverables are as follows: (1) Develop a plan for providing comprehensive services to homeless youth, (2) Coordination and/or provision of housing services, (3) Coordination and/or provision of behavioral and physical health services, (4) Coordination and/or provision of education and employment opportunities, including assistance in obtaining birth certificates and state ID cards, (5) Fostering community and social connections, (6) Regional engagement of additional partners and services for homeless youth, (7) Development of a comprehensive directory, (8) Updates to plan for providing comprehensive services to homeless youth, (9) Outreach to identify homeless youth and homeless pregnant youth.

In February of 2021, the Ohio Department of Health added the following deliverable (10) On or before March 30, identify the HMIS system that grantees will use to collect data on youth served by the organization receiving ODH funds. If data collection in the HMIS system is not possible/available, the ODH grantee must submit a plan to ODH outlining required data collections methods utilizing an HMIS-comparable database. On or before June 30th, agencies must submit data collected using the HMIS system (or other approved data collection tool) for any data collected using HMIS or HMIS-comparable database during the final quarter of programming (4/1/21-6/30/21). Additional funds were allocated to deliverable (10) in order to provide data collection capacities to grantees.

Instructions: Below is a comprehensive list of the HMIS data elements, service connection elements, and available project types. ODH grantees must collect the data elements and service connection elements below using the appropriate project type in order to fully execute deliverable (10). The data elements originate from the HUD Data Standards available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3824/hmis-data-dictionary/>. HMIS was designed to capture data on projects using the HUD definition of homelessness which can be found on page one of this document

https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf. HUD recognizes that the homelessness definition can be complicated to discern regarding youth and provides additional guidance for determining the homeless status of youth here <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Determining-Homeless-Status-of-Youth.pdf>. ODH funded grantees may serve youth who meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness (found here https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HAAA_HEARTH.PDF). The McKinney-Vento definition encompasses additional experiences beyond the HUD definition of homelessness, HUD defines McKinney-Vento homelessness as Category 3. In designing ODH data collection it is essential to balance the requirements of the HMIS structure with allowing for the documentation of services to all eligible youth. In order to ensure consistent and accurate data collection, it is necessary to clearly define project types. Project types align with the services grantees are providing to eligible youth. Most ODH grantees operate a system of projects such as street outreach, supportive services and transitional housing. ODH grantees must select the project type(s) that best align with the services provided from the project type chart below. ODH funded grantees are expected to thoroughly document all services provided to youth in HMIS using the Service Connection Details listed below.

Support: Existing Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHY) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grantees who are also ODH grantees may already be collecting the elements and using the projects listed below. However, RHY and YHDP grantees may also need to establish additional data collection and reporting protocols to meet deliverable (10). ODH has contracted with the [Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio](#) (COHHIO) to support and enhance data collection efforts. All ODH grantees (in any CoC) are strongly encouraged by ODH to utilize COHHIO technical assistance in data collection. **Grantees may request support and technical assistance regarding data collection through COHHIO here (<https://forms.gle/gLX16sWBST1J2W1B8>) or by sending an email to Lisa Brooks at lisabrooks@cohhio.org.** ODH grantees with questions regarding deliverable (10) may reach out to Sara Haig with ODH at Sara.Haig@odh.ohio.gov.

Data Element Type (HUD)	Element Number	Data Element	Reporting Capability
Universal	3.01	Name	NA- Used for deduplication
Universal	3.02	Social Security Number	NA- Used for deduplication
Universal	3.03	Date of Birth	APR- Age
Universal	3.04	Race	APR
Universal	3.05	Ethnicity	APR
Universal	3.06	Gender	APR
Universal	3.07	Veteran Status	APR
Universal	3.08	Disabling Condition	APR
Universal	3.10	Project Start Date	NA – Used to filter for reporting
Universal	3.11	Project Exit Date	NA – Used to filter for reporting
Universal	3.12	Destination	APR
Universal	3.15	Relationship to Head of Household	APR
Universal	3.16	Client Location	NA – Used to filter for reporting
Universal	3.20	Housing Move-In Date	NA – Used to determine length of time to house
Universal	3.917	Prior Living Situation	APR
Project Specific	4.02	Income and sources	APR
Project Specific	4.03	Non-cash benefits	APR
Project Specific	4.04	Health insurance	APR
Project Specific	4.05	Physical Disability	APR
Project Specific	4.06	Developmental Disability	APR
Project Specific	4.07	Chronic Health Condition	APR
Project Specific	4.08	HIV/AIDS	APR
Project Specific	4.09	Mental Health Problem	APR
Project Specific	4.10	Substance Abuse	APR

Project Specific	4.11	Domestic violence	APR
Project Specific	4.12	Current living situation – For SO,SSO and CE Projects Only	Custom
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R1	Referral source	Custom
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R3	Sexual orientation	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R4	Last grade completed	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R5	School status	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R6	Employment status	Custom
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R7	General health status	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R8	Dental health status	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R9	Mental health status	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R10	Pregnancy status	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R11	Formerly ward of child welfare/foster care agency	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R12	Formerly ward of juvenile justice system	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R14	RHY Service Connections	RHY Export
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R15	Commercial exploitation/sex trafficking – Collected at Entry and Exit	Custom
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R16	Labor exploitation/ trafficking – Collected at Entry and Exit	Custom
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R17	Project completion status	YHDP Supplemental Tool
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R18	Counseling	Custom
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R19	Safe and appropriate exit	YHDP Supplemental Tool

RHY Service Connections Detail (Element R14)	
Response Category	Description
Community Service/Service Learning	Activities that involve youth in helping others or the community.
Criminal Justice/Legal Services	Legal services or guidance provided through an attorney or an attorney-supervised paralegal.
Education	Includes learning disability assessment, tutoring, GED preparation, local school enrollment, vocational education, etc.
Employment and/or Training Services	Includes services related to helping young people obtain and retain employment, such as assessment, coaching, filling out applications, interviewing, practicing and conducting job searches, referrals, and job maintenance skills.
Health/Medical Care	Provision of general health care or surgical services by licensed medical practitioners.
Home-based Services	Includes any range of services offered at home, usually aimed at keeping a youth from running away or the family stabilized.

Life Skills Training	Includes formal and informal coaching and training in communications skills, health promotion, conflict/anger management, assertiveness, goal setting, budgeting, life planning, nutrition, hygiene, etc.
Parenting Education for Youth with Children	Services designed to build improved parenting skills for RHY clients with children.
Post-natal Newborn Care	Services and healthcare provided to the baby after birth, including wellness exams and immunizations.
Post-natal Care for Mother	Services and healthcare provided to the mother after birth, including wellness exams and immunizations.
Pre-natal Care	Services and healthcare provided to expectant clients to ensure a health pregnancy, labor, and delivery.
STD Testing	Procedures to test for a range of Sexually Transmitted Infections
Street-based Services	Services provided to youth on the street, including gateway services, assessment, harm reduction, crisis stabilization, and continuum service linkages.
Substance Abuse Treatment	Any research-based youth treatment service aimed at stopping substance use disorders and related problems.
Substance Abuse Ed/Prevention Services	Comprehensive assessment of an individual's current or past involvement with alcohol and/or drugs and/or provision of treatment, including screening, aimed at stopping their substance abuse.

Project Type (HUD)	Project Type Description	HUD Homelessness Definition <i>Category 3 = McKinney-Vento</i>	ODH Deliverable (With Examples)
Coordinated Entry (CE)	A project that administers the CoC's coordinated assessment and referral process for individuals and families seeking housing or services, including use of a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool	Category 1, 2,	Coordination and/or referral to housing services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion
Street Outreach (SSO-SO)	Community based services for unsheltered youth with clearly defined housing-based outcomes.	Category 1 – Place not meant for habitation	Outreach to identify homeless youth Coordination of and/or referral to housing services Coordination of and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance

			<p>Coordination of and/or referral to education and employment opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates/state ID cards • Tutoring/homework support • Job Search/placement • Education/training programs • Childcare <p>Fostering community and social connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activities • Conflict resolution • Parenting support groups
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Supportive Services Only (SSO)	Community based services for youth with clearly defined housing-based outcomes.	Category 1 EXCEPT Place not meant for habitation, Category 2-4	<p>Outreach to identify homeless youth</p> <p>Coordination of and/or referral to housing services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion <p>Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance • Home visiting programs <p>Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to education and employment opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates/state ID cards • Tutoring/homework support • Job Search/placement • Education/training programs • Childcare

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Homelessness Prevention (HP)	A project that offers services and/or financial assistance necessary to prevent a person from moving into an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation.	Category 2-4	<p>Coordination and/or provision of housing services for homeless youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent/utility assistance • Landlord remediation and retention • Prevention <p>Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance • Home visiting programs • Prenatal programs • Onsite services <p>Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to education and employment services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates/state ID cards • Tutoring/homework support • Job Search/placement • Education/training programs • Childcare <p>Fostering community and social connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activities • Conflict resolution • Parenting support groups

<p>Emergency Shelter (ES)</p>	<p>A project that offers temporary shelter for youth</p>	<p>Category 1-4</p>	<p>Provision of housing services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidizing access to age and service-appropriate housing <p>Coordination of and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance <p>Coordination of and/or referral to education and employment opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates/state ID cards • Tutoring/homework support • Job Search/placement • Education/training programs • Childcare <p>Fostering community and social connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activities • Conflict resolution • Parenting support groups
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Transitional Housing (TH)	Housing and accompanying supportive services to homeless individuals and families for up to 24 months to assist with stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.	Category 1-4	Provision of housing services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent/utility assistance Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance • Home visiting programs • Prenatal programs • Onsite services Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to education and employment services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates/state ID cards • Tutoring/homework support • Job Search/placement • Education/training programs • Childcare Fostering community and social connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activities • Conflict resolution Parenting support groups

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	Provides housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.	Category 1	Provision of housing services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent/utility assistance Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance • Home visiting programs • Prenatal programs • Onsite services Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to education and employment services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificates/state ID cards • Tutoring/homework support • Job Search/placement • Education/training programs • Childcare Fostering community and social connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social activities • Conflict resolution Parenting support groups
Project Type (HUD)	Project Type Description	HUD Homelessness Definition	ODH Deliverable (With Examples)
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	A project that offers permanent housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability	Category 1	Provision of housing services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent/utility assistance Coordination or provision of, and/or referral to behavioral and physical health services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in accessing Medicaid • Transportation • Financial assistance • Home visiting programs • Prenatal programs • Onsite services

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