Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Funding Opportunity

Ohio BoSCoC

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Meeting Information

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• Activity
• Overview of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
• YHDP Application Key Features
• Ohio BoSCoC YHDP Application Opportunity
• Expectations and Timelines for Selected YHDP Sites
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YHDP Overview

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Objectives
1. Prevent and end youth homelessness
2. Build national momentum
3. Promote equity in the delivery and outcomes of homeless assistance
4. Highlight the importance of youth leadership
5. Evaluate the coordinated community approach
6. Expand capacity
7. Evaluate performance measures
8. Establish a framework for federal program and TA collaboration

YHDP Overview

• Up to 25 communities will be selected
  • Up to 8 will be ‘rural’
  • Special consideration given to rural applicants
• $60 million available to selected YHDP communities
• Project funding is renewable under the CoC Program
• Application deadline = June 27, 2023

YHDP NOFA Overview

After Award, Selected Communities will:
• Find out their award amount (minimum of $1 million)
• Develop and/or strengthen a Youth Action Board (YAB)
• Write a Coordinated Community Plan over 6 months
• Submit project applications reflective of the coordinated community plan
• Receive TA support
Why Apply for YHDP?

- Need
- Gap in services
- Gap in specialized services for youth
- Need evidenced through other systems of care
- Funding is renewable
- Develop best practices in rural communities for preventing and ending youth homelessness
- Further data collection around youth homelessness

What Can YHDP Fund?

- Project Types:
  - Rapid Re-Housing
  - Transitional Housing
    - Even if used as ES
  - Street Outreach
  - Combined Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing (crisis to permanent housing model)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Supportive Services Only
    - To support system navigators, case management, etc.
- Activities
  - Supportive Services (staffing)
  - Rental Assistance/Leasing
  - Operations
  - Administrative costs
  - Host Homes and Shared Housing

YHDP funds cannot be used to fund emergency shelter project types, but can fund TH used as ES.

What Can YHDP Fund?

- Waivers of CoC Program Requirements
  - Many waivers available to help YHDP projects respond to youth need in innovative ways

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YHDP Application

Application Features:
• Submitted applications do NOT request funding for projects

YHDP Application Threshold Requirements

YHDP NOFO Requires:
• The applicant is the CoC Collaborative Applicant
• Codd
• A Youth Advisory Board with meaningful participation in determining priorities and implementation of YHDP
  • YAB provides response to Youth Collaboration questions in the application
  • Signed letter must accompany application
  • You can create a new YAB in response to this NOFA
• Letter of support for the application from the PCWA that indicates a commitment to participate in the creation of the CCP

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Ohio BoSCoC YHDP Application Opportunity

• Submit ONE YHDP application on behalf of the entire CoC OR on behalf of targeted counties/regions that express interest & capacity in the Ohio BoSCoC
  • Excluding the 10 counties already part of YHDP sites (Region 6 and part of Region 17)
Ohio BoSCoC YHDP
Application Strategies

• Challenges
  • We MUST have providers/agencies willing to develop youth projects and system responses

• Lessons Learned
  • Past applications scored higher when there was local support, interest, and commitment
  • Expanding upon YHDP experience from round 1 & 3 as a strategy
  • Expanding upon racial equity planning through CE demo and REACH efforts

Ohio BoSCoC YHDP
Letter of Interest

• Letters of Interest
  • Identify providers/communities/regions interested in being a part of a YHDP application
  • Provide some information about youth work so far
  • Describe local community needs related to youth

Ohio BoSCoC YHDP
Letter of Interest

• Commitments
  • Stakeholders are committing to the following:
    • Work with COHHIO to complete the YHDP Application
    • Engage in Coordinated Community Planning Process
    • Support project implementation

Ohio BoSCoC YHDP
Letter of Interest - Elements

• Geography
• Homeless Planning Region Support
• Key Stakeholders
• Leadership Capacity
• Community Need
• Collaboration
• Youth Collaboration
Ohio BoScoC YHDP
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  - Due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by May 26, 2022

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YHDP Timelines

- 10/2023 (estimate) = Award announcements made by HUD
- 10/2023-4/2024 = Draft and Submit Coordinated Community Plan
- 4/2024 – 7/2024 = Begin project selection and submission of applications
- 8/2024-11/2024 = Providers selected implement projects
- YHDP includes a 2-year demonstration, after 2 years, eligible YHDP projects fold into the existing CoC Competition

Starting from Scratch?

- Previous YHDP sites started from scratch – it can be done!
- Peer learning opportunities
- Value in the work, even if not selected for YHDP – much local and national attention on serving youth
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Discussion and Questions

• Is your community/region interested in YHDP?
  • If so, what conversations have you had so far? what partnerships have you put into place? What systems do you currently coordinate with to address the needs of youth and young adults?
  • Have you engaged in any early planning work to prepare for a YHDP application? If so, what?
  • Have you established or are you working on establishing a Youth Advisory Board or something similar?
  • What questions do you have about YHDP?

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Resources

• HUD YHDP Information
  • https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/
• COHHIO YHDP information
  • https://cohhio.org/programs/youth-initiative/yhdp/
• Southeast Ohio Coordinated Community Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness
• Region 6 Coordinated Community Plan
  • https://cohhio.org/boscoc/special-initiatives/

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