

Good afternoon!

This is a nice summary of some of the available funding opportunities I have been sharing over the past several weeks. If you have any questions please let me know!

Thanks,

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From 03/06/2023-05/26/2023 COHHIO will be piloting a four-day workweek as an employment benefit and retention strategy aiming to improve employee morale, decrease burnout, and streamline productivity. For more information on this practice relative to the Youth Housing Initiative Program, please email Program Director Amanda Wilson at amandawilson@cohhio.org.

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Subject: Federal Funding Opportunities to help Youth Experiencing Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Administration on Child, Youth, and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) and Children's Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF), are excited to jointly promote newly released funding opportunities for communities and organizations to build and expand housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

In March and April 2023, HUD released new funding opportunities to reduce the number of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

- [Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. This NOFO is for \$60 million to be awarded to up to twenty-five communities.
- [Family Unification Program \(FUP\) NOFO](#) makes \$5 million available to provide new FUP vouchers to eligible families who are currently involved in the child welfare system and lack adequate housing, as well as youth between the ages of 18-24 who have left foster

care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This funding opportunity will help strengthen coordination among public housing agencies (PHAs), public child welfare agencies (PCWAs), and Continuums of Care (CoCs) and increase access to supportive services for those who need them.

- [HUD made \\$30 million in funding available for PHAs to help youth aging out of foster care through Notice PIH 2023-04.](#) This Notice makes Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) [initiative vouchers available on an on-demand rolling basis to serve eligible youth referred by a PCWA to their local PHA.](#)

In April 2023, FYSB released four NOFOs to support youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability including:

- [FY 2023 Basic Center Program \(BCP\) NOFO](#) to provide emergency shelter and services for up to 21 days to youth under 18 years of age who have left home due to family conflict or other crisis or are experiencing homelessness;
- [FY 2023 Street Outreach Program \(SOP\) NOFO](#) to provide street outreach services to youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability, who have left home, and are sleeping on the street or are at-risk of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking.
- [FY 2023 National Communication System \(NCS\)](#) for Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to provide a dedicated toll-free, U.S. national communication system that provides information, referral services, crisis intervention, prevention approaches, and other supportive services to vulnerable youth, youth who are experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, and youth who have run away from home, and their families or legal guardians.
- [FY 2023 Runaway Homeless Youth Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Center \(RHYTTAC\) Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to provide direct training and technical assistance to existing RHY grant recipients and subrecipients to enhance their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by FYSB grant funds.

This joint communication highlights HUD, FYSB, and CB's shared belief in the importance of *Coordination & Collaboration* efforts across Federal, state, and local partners. We know that resources for youth can span various sectors and offices, making them difficult to navigate for youth and the organizations that serve them. Housing is an intersectional issue that requires collaboration and deep partnerships across government and communities. We need to work together with other sectors, like child welfare, education and schools, labor and employment partners, and justice systems to make sure everyone has stable housing.

HUD, FYSB, and CB believe in the importance of *Leading in Partnership with Youth Who Have Lived Expertise*. It is important that young people are leaders in the movement to prevent and end youth homelessness. HUD, FYSB, and CB, along with community partners across the

Country, have made great progress over the past several years in leading in partnership with youth with lived expertise. More young people than ever are actively participating in the decision-making processes at federal, state, and local levels.

Additionally, HUD, FYSB, and CB recognize the importance of infusing equity and inclusion across all our work. It is essential that programs and services that support youth and young adults experiencing homelessness directly address the disparities in the prevalence and severity of experiences based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This can be done by looking at programs and leadership, identifying who holds power and is left without representation, and making changes. Listening to those who have been historically marginalized or underserved, create space for diverse leadership, and be willing to take action even when it is inconvenient, hard, or requires sacrifice.

As it relates to YHDP, youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness have driven the design and execution of the YHDP. Former foster youth and young adult advocates with lived experience were also integral to the creation of FYI in 2019 to provide a mechanism to target Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance to eligible young adults. FYSB and CB partner with numerous youth boards to ensure policies and protocols are guided by youth voice. HUD, FYSB, and CB are excited to lead in partnership with youth with lived expertise and to share some ways communities can do the same:

- Include young people with lived experience as voting members of your CoC governing board.
- Include young people with lived experience at the beginning of any local planning efforts to address youth homelessness and throughout the implementation period.
- Include a diverse group of youth in your planning and project work that reflects the population of at-risk youth and youth experiencing homelessness in your community.
- Engage youth as valued partners in idea generation.
- Empower youth to share decision-making authority over the policies and projects that will affect their lives and the lives of their peers.
- Train the young people partnering with your CoC on broader homelessness systems and policies. This increased knowledge will help the young people feel more empowered and help them make more powerful contributions to the work.
- Incorporate young people on your non-profit Board of Directors.
- Young people with lived experience are experts. To truly value their contributions, young people should be paid.

As evidenced by HUD, FYSB, and CBs commitment to working closely with numerous federal agencies, national partners, and young adults with lived experience, we strongly believe that our efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness are strengthened when we engage the

stakeholders impacted by our work throughout the entire process. We are excited to build and strength existing partnerships and build new ones over the coming years!

HUD's YHDP NOFO: The YHDP NOFO and application resources are posted on [HUD's website](#).

HUD's FUP NOFO and FYI Notice: See the full Press Releases for the [FUP NOFO](#) and the [FYI Notice](#). The FUP NOFO and FYI Notice are posted on HUD's [FUP page](#) and [FYI page](#), respectively.

FYSB's RHY NOFOs: For more information about FYSB's RHY NOFOs visit the [Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center](#), the [National Clearinghouse for Homeless Youth and Families](#), or the [FYSB website](#).



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