

Background: In January 2023 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) released a Notice of Availability of Funds (NOA) announcing the availability of grant funds to serve youth experiencing homelessness, in particular pregnant youth. The funding is intended to be flexible in order to support innovative approaches to outreach, service coordination, service delivery, and regional partnerships. The Services for Homeless Youth and Homeless Pregnant Youth program has six deliverables: (1) Participate in ODH Project Director Meetings and Community of Practice, (2) Provide housing to youth experiencing homelessness, (3) Provide supportive services to youth experiencing homelessness, (4) Outreach to youth experiencing homelessness, (5) Participate in data collection via a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and (6) Convene a Youth Advisory Committee (this deliverable is optional). This document provides necessary information to comply with Deliverable 5.

The department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) divides the country into Continuums of Care (CoC) responsible for coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness in their communities. Ohio is divided into nine CoCs (Cuyahoga County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, Lucas County, Mahoning County, Montgomery County, Stark County, Summit County, and the 80-county Ohio Balance of State (BoS). Each CoC is responsible for identifying a HMIS for the collection of and reporting on homelessness and housing data. ODH grantees are required to enter program data into their local HMIS.

Data Collection Requirements: Below is a comprehensive list of the HMIS data elements and available project types. ODH grantees must collect the data elements below using the appropriate project type in order to fully execute Deliverable 5. The data elements originate from the HUD Data Standards available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3824/hmis-data-dictionary/>.

Selecting the appropriate project type for HMIS data entry is dependent upon the category of homelessness the youth is experiencing according to HUD's definition. Information on categorizing youth homelessness can be found 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). HUD defines McKinney-Vento homelessness as Category 3.

Reporting Requirements: An unhashed HMIS CSV is required to be uploaded to the COHHIO Youth Homelessness Data Dashboard quarterly. The report must be uploaded by the 15th of the month following the end of the quarter. Sub-grantees need to upload a separate HMIS CSV for each organization. Sub-grantees can upload a single HMIS CSV for multiple projects if the projects are all under the same organization in HMIS. Instructions on uploading to the dashboard can be found here: <https://cohho.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FINAL-COHHIO-Youth-Homelessness-Data-Dashboard-Guidance-Documents12222022-1.pdf>. Here is the link to the COHHIO Youth Homelessness Data Dashboard: cohho.org/youth-data.

Support: ODH has contracted with the [Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio](#) (COHHIO) to support data collection efforts. All ODH grantees 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 by sending an email to Amanda Wilson at amandawilson@cohhio.org.

Grantees are encouraged to share this information with HMIS and CoC leads in their community.

Data Element Type	Element Number	Data Element	Notes
Universal	3.01	Name	
Universal	3.02	Social Security Number	ODH requires the collection of the full SSN for deduplication in reporting.
Universal	3.03	Date of Birth	
Universal	3.04	Race	Effective 10/01/2023, these elements will be merged into 3.04 Race and Ethnicity.
Universal	3.05	Ethnicity	
Universal	3.06	Gender	
Universal	3.07	Veteran Status	
Universal	3.08	Disabling Condition	
Universal	3.10	Project Start Date	
Universal	3.11	Project Exit Date	
Universal	3.12	Destination	
Universal	3.15	Relationship to Head of Household	
Universal	3.16	Client Location	Effective 10/01/2023, this element will be 3.16 Enrollment CoC.
Universal	3.20	Housing Move-In Date	
Universal	3.917	Prior Living Situation	
Program Specific	4.02	Income and Sources	
Data Element Type	Element Number	Data Element	Notes
Program Specific	4.03	Non-Cash Benefits	
Program Specific	4.04	Health Insurance	
Program Specific	4.05	Physical Disability	
Program Specific	4.06	Developmental Disability	
Program Specific	4.07	Chronic Health Condition	
Program Specific	4.08	HIV/AIDS	
Program Specific	4.09	Mental Health Disorder	
Program Specific	4.10	Substance Use Disorder	
Program Specific	4.11	Domestic Violence	
Program Specific	4.12	Current Living Situation	Collected for CE, SO, and SSO projects.

Program Specific	4.13	Date of Engagement	Collected for SO projects.
Program Specific	4.21	Coordinated Entry Activity	Collected for CE projects.
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R1	Referral Source	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R3	Sexual Orientation	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R4	Last Grade Completed	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R5	School Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R6	Employment Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R7	General Health Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R8	Dental Health Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R9	Mental Health Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R10	Pregnancy Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R11	Formerly a Ward of Child Welfare/Foster Care Agency	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R12	Formerly a Ward of Juvenile Justice System	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R14	RHY Service Connections	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R15	Commercial Sexual Exploitation/Sex Trafficking	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R16	Labor Exploitation/Trafficking	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R17	Project Completion Status	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R18	Counseling	
Federal Partner Program – RHY	R19	Safe and Appropriate exit	

RHY Service Connections Detail <i>(Element R14)</i>	
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.
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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 Client	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 Use Disorder Treatment	Any research-based youth treatment service aimed at stopping substance use disorders and related problems.
Substance Use Disorder 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 Types		
Project Type	Project Type Description	HUD Homelessness Definition
Emergency Shelter (ES) – Entry Exit	A project that offers temporary shelter for youth experiencing homelessness.	Category 1-4
Transitional Housing (TH)	A project that provides temporary lodging and is designed to facilitate the movement of individuals and families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing within a specified period of time, but no longer than 24 months.	Category 1-4
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Street Outreach (SO)	A project that offers services necessary to reach out to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and provide urgent, non-facility-based care to those who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility. Only persons who are residing on streets or other places not meant for habitation should be entered into a street outreach project.	Category 3 = McKinney-Vento Category 1 – Place not meant for habitation ONLY

Supportive Services Only (SSO)	A project that offers supportive services (other than Street Outreach or Coordinated Entry) to address the special needs of participants.	Category 1 EXCEPT Place not meant for habitation, Category
Day Shelter	Aproject that offers daytime facilities and services (no lodging) for people experiencing homelessness.	Category 1-4
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
RRH: Housing with or without services	A RRH project that offers ongoing rental assistance that may or may not be accompanied by financial or other supportive services to participants.	Category 1
Other Pilot Program Examples		
Project Type	Project Type Description	HUD Homelessness Definition <i>Category 3 = McKinney-Vento</i>
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) (disability required for entry)	A project that offers permanent housing and supportive services to assist people experiencing homelessness with a disability (individuals with disabilities or families in which one adult or child has a disability) to live independently.	Category 1
Coordinated Entry (CE)	A project that administers the CoCs centralized or coordinated process for assessment and referral of individuals and families seeking housing or services, including use of a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.	Category 1-4