## YHDP Round 9 Application Letter of Interest

## Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

Communities located within the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) that are interested in being included in an application for HUD’s Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) must submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the Ohio BoSCoC. Communities should ensure their LOI addresses all of the questions and items detailed below. All areas of the Balance of State are eligible with the exception of Round 7 award areas: Homeless Planning Regions 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, and 14.

Communities that have received an FY2016, FY2017 or FY2018 YHDP community designation were initially described as eligible to apply for and receive an additional YHDP community designation under this NOFO. Communities that are applying for additional YHDP funds for geography included in a previous YHDP award are required to answer additional rating factor questions and must respond to alternative rating factor questions in the LOI regarding current YHDP project outcomes.

*Note: Since the initial funding announcement, the NOFO has been removed from grants.gov and is understood to be under review and revision. When the NOFO is re-posted, the BoSCoC will review and make necessary updates to ensure a timely and accurate submission if it is still feasible to do so.*

Please note, it is not critical that interested providers or communities already have youth programming or Youth Action Board (YAB) in place in order to submit an LOI and be included in the YHDP application. If your community does not have those things already established, please do your best to respond to the questions below by stating what your community has discussed related to the question, what preliminary plans have been made, or describing a similar effort targeted to a different population. The Ohio BoSCoC is most interested in trying to understand the local interest in this YHDP opportunity and commitment to see the work through.

You can find more information about YHDP here - <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/>

Questions regarding LOIs can be directed to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org**.**

To better understand YHDP Coordinated Community responses in prior awarded communities in Ohio visit the [COHHIO YHDP webpage](https://cohhio.org/programs/youth-initiative/yhdp/).

LOIs are due to **ohioboscoc@cohhio.org** by Friday, February 28, 2025.

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## Primary Contact

1. Provide information about the primary person responsible for drafting the LOI, coordinating local providers around YHDP, and who will be the primary person to work with CoC team on a YHDP application, if selected.
* Primary Contact name:
* Primary Contact email:
* Primary Regional Contact name and email:

## Geography Included in the LOI

1. Identify all counties included in the LOI’s geographic area

## Homeless Planning Region Support

1. Along with the LOI, please provide evidence of the local Homeless Planning Region’s support for inclusion with the Ohio BoSCoC YHDP application.

## Collaboration

1. Describe your current level of collaboration with the local Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or other affordable housing providers in the identified geography.
2. Please identify (with name of agency/key stakeholder) which of the following partners in the selected geography are committed to working on the Ohio BoSCoC YHDP Application, engaging in the Coordinated Community Planning Process, and helping with project implementation (either by seeking to administer funding or supporting the process to select projects).
* Child welfare/foster care
* Juvenile justice
* Education (K-12, post-secondary including trade/technical schools)
* Runaway and Homeless Youth Providers (if any)
* Health
* Mental Health

## Community Need/System Modeling

1. Using data from the most recent Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for your CoC[[1]](#footnote-1), how many beds in your community are dedicated to youth, including funding from non-HUD sources? Please include the number of beds by project type in your response.
2. Indicate the number of Overall Homeless Unaccompanied Youth (Under 25) and the Overall Homeless Parenting Youth (Under 25) for your community in the 2022, 2023, and 2024 Point in Time Counts. Describe the trends these data show and what may be causing the changes.
3. If your application covers an eligible previously awarded YHDP community, how will the community build on the progress that was made to the youth homeless response system through the original YHDP?
4. If your application covers an eligible previously awarded YHDP community, how have the YHDP projects impacted the system performance of the youth homeless response system? What interventions are still needed?

## Youth Collaboration and YAB Integration

*Note: The Balance of State Youth Action Board will be available to provide YAB support for the application if there is no existing YAB in the community/region.*

1. Please describe the level of active and authentic youth collaboration in the selected region by answering the items below.
* Describe the role of youth with lived experience of homelessness in the region/organization.
* What projects or activities will your community’s youth work on in the next six months?
* Are the young people engaged in your regional/organizational leadership representative of the population of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in the community?
* Describe the training and other preparation youth are provided on the CoC structure, CoC rules, housing project types, and other issues surrounding homelessness.
* Describe how youth are prepared, debriefed, and otherwise supported for participation in committee meetings and other planning and feedback events.
* Describe how youth are compensated for their time and expertise.
* How has your community committed to sustain authentic youth collaboration?

## Data and Evaluation

11a. These questions are only for applications that **are not** from an eligible previously awarded YHDP community.

* How has the community used data to develop a strategy to prevent and end youth homelessness?
* Describe how youth are currently brought into evaluation and quality improvement conversations in your community, either at the project or regional level.

11b. These questions are only for applications from an eligible **previously awarded YHDP community**. Eligible previously awarded YHDP communities must demonstrate positive outcomes from their current YHDP projects and describe ongoing project improvements:

* Based on the most recent year of operation, what percentage of clients that exited YHDP projects:

1. Exited to a positive housing destination

2. Increased income

3. Had a positive school status

* Identify the percentage of YHDP grants expended from each of the last four operating terms. If any grant was not 100% expended, please explain the reason.
* Describe the results of the most recent review of the YHDP implementation in your community including who was involved in the review, what data was used, key findings, and how these findings were used to improve the project.
* What impact have YHDP projects had on dramatically reducing youth homelessness in your community? How does your community measure and track this progress?
1. If you are unsure how to find this data, please reach out to the BoSCoC for assistance. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)