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and Urban Development

# Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025

CPD-2600-DC-0035

Applications are due by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on 08/10/2026.

Community Planning and Development

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# BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the required systems and review the application materials. If you are already registered, confirm that your information is current and active.

## **SAM.gov Registration**

You must have an active and up-to-date account with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](https://sam.gov) and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), so get started now if you are planning to apply. [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). A valid UEI is required to apply for funding.

## **esnaps.hud.gov Registration**

You must have an active [esnaps.hud.gov](https://esnaps.hud.gov) account to submit your application. See step-by-step instructions at the [CoC Registration and Competition home page](#).

See [Section VI.B](#). Submission Methods.

## **Find the Application Package**

Use the Grants Search at [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and search for opportunity number CPD-2600-DC-0035 . The application package has all the online forms you need to apply. You also need to access the Download Instructions link and review the content before you apply.

If you have other technical difficulties using Grants.gov, contact the Support Center on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

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### **Application Deadline**

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# I. BASIC INFORMATION

I. [Basic Information](#)

A. [Summary](#)

B. [Agency Contact\(s\)](#)

## I. BASIC INFORMATION

See [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO.

### A. Summary

**Federal Agency Name:**

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**HUD Program Office:**

Community Planning and Development

**Announcement Type:**

Initial

**Program Type:**

Discretionary

**Paperwork Reduction Act Information:**

2506-0210

**Due Date for Intergovernmental Review:**

See [Section VI.C.1.](#)

#### Key Facts

**Opportunity Name:**

Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025

**Opportunity Number:**

CPD-2600-DC-0035

**Federal Assistance Listing(s):**

14.276,14.277

#### Key Dates

**Application Due Date:**

11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on:

08/10/2026

**Anticipated Award Date:**

09/15/2026

**Estimated Performance Period Start Date:**

10/01/2026

**Estimated Performance Period End Date:**

03/31/2029

### 1. NOFO Summary

The Youth Homelessness NOFO provides competitive awards to eligible applicants under two different programs-

- Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grants- Assistance Listing Number

## (ALN) 14.277

- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)- ALN 14.276

Under the YHSI grants, HUD will make awards to selected communities to support them in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness or for improving their existing response system. HUD will select approximately 49 communities for YHSI grants.

Under the YHDP, HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and supportive services projects. HUD anticipates selecting between 24 and 50 communities, with a priority for communities with substantial rural populations in up to sixteen locations.

Separate from this NOFO, technical assistance will be available to assist selected communities implement and improve their YHSI and YHDP projects. HUD expects communities to fully participate in any evaluation activities conducted by HUD beginning no earlier than the award announcement.

See [Section III](#) for additional information about this NOFO.

Through this NOFO, HUD will award funds under two different assistance listing numbers:

- 14.276- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
- 14.277- Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement Grants

## 2. Funding Details

### Type of Funding Instrument

G (Grant)

### Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$193,000,000** is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this NOFO.

Funding of approximately \$193,000,000 includes:

- \$24,051,467 of FY2024 YHSI funds
- \$25,000,000 of FY2025 YHSI funds
- \$72,000,000 of FY2024 YHDP funds
- \$72,000,000 of FY2025 YHDP funds

### Estimated Number of Awards

73 awards from [available funding](#)

HUD expects to make approximately 49 YHSI awards from the funds available under this NOFO. YHSI grants will be approximately \$1,000,000 per grant.

HUD expects to select approximately 12 YHDP Community Recipients from the FY2024 funds, approximately 12 YHDP Community Recipients from the FY2025 funds, and approximately 120 total YHDP project awards. The minimum YHDP award for a YHDP Community Recipient is \$500,000 and the maximum YHDP award for a YHDP Community

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Recipients is \$15,000,000.

**Length of Performance Period:**

24-month project period and budget period

Other

Length of Periods Explanation:

HUD will award YHDP projects for an initial term of 24-30 months. Recipients may renew YHDP project grants, except planning grants, for 1-year grant terms under the Continuum of Care Program. See Section I.C.1 of Appendix II for more information.

HUD will award YHSI project funds for a non-renewable term of 30 months.

**B. Agency Contact(s)**

See [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO.

# II. ELIGIBILITY

## II. Eligibility

### A. Eligible Applicants

### B. Eligible Applications

### C. Cost Sharing or Matching

## II. ELIGIBILITY

### A. Eligible Applicants

If your organization is not an eligible applicant, your application won't be reviewed or scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD.

#### 1. Eligible Entity Types:

00 (State governments)

01 (County governments)

02 (City or township governments)

04 (Special district governments)

06 (Public and State controlled institutions of higher education)

07 (Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized))

11 (Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments))

12 (Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education)

25 (Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification))

#### Additional Information on Eligibility

You cannot apply as an individual.

A [faith-based organization](#) may apply on the same basis as any other organization, subject to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109, and receive the full protections for religion in Federal law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-1(a), 2000e-2(e), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12113(d)). [HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct, policies, or practices that target faith-based organizations.](#)

An organization may seek a religious accommodation from any requirements of this program or other HUD requirement that substantially burden its religious exercise under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act or other applicable law, consistent with 24 CFR 5.109(c). If such an accommodation is requested, HUD will not deny the organization unless it determines that doing so is necessary to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of achieving that interest, consistent with applicable law.

Consistent with the above legal protections, faith-based organizations may also hire, fire, and make other employment decisions on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs, including requiring employees to adhere to religious tenets, practices, and standards of conduct, without jeopardizing their eligibility to receive HUD funds, consistent with applicable law.

A faith-based organization may not use direct financial assistance from HUD to support or

engage in any explicitly religious activities except where consistent with the Free Exercise Clause and Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and any other legal protections for religious exercise. Such an organization also may not, in providing services funded by HUD, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.

## 2. Restrictions

### a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

You must meet the current [General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements](#). If you do not meet these requirements, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

### b. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

If you have any outstanding or unresolved judgments for violating civil rights laws, you must settle them before you apply. If you don't, settle the civil rights law violations before you apply, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

## B. Eligible Applications

1. An application from an [eligible entity](#) is considered for funding if it meets basic [threshold requirements](#) and passes [merit review](#).
2. Your application must support the [goals](#) of this NOFO.
3. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to conduct activities that subsidize or facilitate illegal racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation.

### Community Selection

Applications for YHSI and YHDP community selection must indicate the covered geographic area included in the application. Applications for YHSI and YHDP funds can come from communities that consist of CoC or non-CoC entities and can cover part or all the geographic area covered by a CoC, span multiple CoCs, or be a state-wide community. A community can include Tribal formula areas, as defined in the Indian Housing Block Grant program at 24 CFR 1000.302, which includes trust lands and reservations, as part of or the entirety of the community. Applicants that propose to include a reservation or trust land geographic area must include authorization to do so in the form of a Tribal resolution from the Tribe or a letter from an official or principal of the Indian Tribe or Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) who is authorized to act on behalf of the Indian Tribe or TDHE. Tribes do not need to include a Tribal resolution for their own applications that cover their own reservation or trust land

Indian Tribes and TDHEs may apply for community designation as an individual Tribe or with several Tribes joining together for one application. Applications covering multiple Tribes proposing to include multiple reservations or trust lands in the covered geographic area must

include a Tribal Resolution from each Tribe or a letter from an official or principal of each Indian Tribe or TDHE who is authorized to act on behalf of each Indian Tribe or TDHE in the application.

If an application requests both YHDP and YHSI funds, the YHSI portion may cover the same or a larger geographic area than applied for in the YHDP portion of the application.

#### Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Community Selection

HUD will consider applications covering geography included in a current YHSI community provided that the recipient can demonstrate that the additional funds will be for new YHSI activities.

YHSI applications that include requests for funding related to Coordinated Entry or HMIS must include letters of commitment from the Collaborative Applicant or other managing entity of the Coordinated Entry system, or Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) lead of any CoC included in the geographic area included in the application, respectively. YHSI applications are not restricted to Collaborative Applicants.

#### Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Community Selection:

HUD will not award more than one YHDP community designation to any geographic area except for applications that cover the entire geography of a state, in which case HUD may select the state as a YHDP community and up to two other YHDP communities within the state.

Applications for YHDP community designation from non-CoC entities, including Tribes or groups of Tribes, State-wide entities, or multijurisdictional organizations, do not need to be submitted by a Collaborative Applicant. HUD encourages non-CoC entities applying for YHDP Community designation to coordinate with the Collaborative Applicant in their geographic area, as YHDP projects funded under this NOFO may be eligible to renew under the CoC in future CoC competitions.

Applications from CoCs must be from the Collaborative Applicants designated by their local CoC and registered through the most recent CoC Program Registration process. Additionally, multiple CoCs may collaborate to submit a single application for YHDP community designation provided that one Collaborative Applicant is designated as the lead applicant. Applications covering geography in multiple CoCs must include a letter of commitment from each CoC in the application's geography and the lead applicant must commit to integrating youth leadership with representation from each CoC in YHDP project implementation.

HUD will consider YHDP applications from communities that received a YHDP community designation under the Fiscal Years (FY) 2016-2021 YHDP competitions.

All applicants for YHDP community designation, while not required to be a CoC or a member of a CoC, must indicate the geographic area served by each project submitted on the priority list. This information will be used by HUD to determine which CoC the project may be eligible to renew under in future CoC competitions. A Tribe or group of Tribes may indicate their intention to form a CoC and be registered in the CoC competition the year the YHDP projects are eligible for renewal.

Additional requirements for YHDP project applications are included in Appendix II.

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## C. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program requires [cost sharing or matching](#), or leverage, as described below.

YHDP project recipients must meet cost sharing or matching requirements as described in the regulation at [24 CFR 578.73](#), except as otherwise provided in Appendix II, I.C.1.b.4 and I.C.1.b.5.

YHSI funds do not require cost sharing or matching.

# III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

## III. Program Description

### A. Purpose

### B. Goals and Objectives

### C. Authority

### D. Unallowable Costs

### E. Indirect Costs

## III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### A. Purpose

Congress appropriated funds for YHSI and YHDP "to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under ... can dramatically reduce youth homelessness." This includes a variety of approaches, eligible activities, and projects that address not only housing needs, but also needs for services related to chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance use disorders, domestic violence or childhood abuse and barriers to employment.

Under the YHSI grants, HUD will make awards to selected communities to support them in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness or for improving their existing response system. Under the YHDP, HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and services projects. Communities may apply for YHSI, YHDP, or both. **YHSI** funds system-level work including planning, coordination, and capacity-building, while **YHDP** funds direct housing and services for homeless youth. Applicants pursuing both funding streams should be prepared to build system infrastructure and implement housing projects concurrently.

Separate from this NOFO, technical assistance will be available to assist selected communities implement and improve their YHSI and YHDP projects. HUD expects communities to fully participate in any evaluation activities conducted by HUD beginning no earlier than the award announcement.

### B. Goals and Objectives

The goal of YHSI is to support communities in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness, or for improving their existing system. The goal of YHDP is to implement projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth can dramatically reduce youth homelessness. A "Housing First" approach to homelessness has failed to deliver on its promise to end homelessness. Homelessness in America reached a record high in 2024, and the number of unaccompanied homeless youth has increased steadily since 2020 (AHAR 2024). To promote the purposes of YHSI and YHDP, the goals and objectives specific to this NOFO include:

- **Prevent and End Youth Homelessness.** YHSI and YHDP provide funding, regulatory flexibility, and technical assistance to help communities develop effective youth homeless response systems and make youth homelessness rare and, if it occurs, brief and non-recurring.
- **Facilitate self-sufficiency.** YHSI and YHDP emphasize the importance of creating interventions that help youth establish independent, sustainable lives for themselves and, if applicable, their children. According to a 2025 report from the National Runaway Safeline, homeless youth were more likely to be facing economic challenges, substance use, and human trafficking than those at imminent risk of homelessness (August 2025, Youth Homelessness Prevention Report.) HUD expects communities funded under this NOFO to design systems or create projects that prioritize youth self-sufficiency through education, employment, and behavioral health

supports.

- Innovate and Expand capacity. YHSI and YHDP funds along with technical assistance will expand community capacity to serve homeless youth, pilot new models of assistance, and determine effective interventions.
- Reduce trauma and provide safety. According to the report from the National Runaway Safeline, youth experiencing or at-risk of homelessness face high rates of human trafficking, and report crisis intervention needs related to emotional abuse, physical abuse, substance use, juvenile crime, and sexual abuse. It is critical that community efforts to reduce youth homelessness are equipped to address these needs through partnerships with domestic violence and trafficking agencies, local law enforcement, and substance abuse treatment organizations; coordinating or creating safe housing and service environments; and reducing unsafe public camping and drug use conditions.

## Community selection announcement and YHDP project requirements

### YHSI and YHDP application selection announcement

See section [V.D.](#)

### YHDP- project application selection

Concurrently with submission for community selection, applicants for YHDP community designation must submit a priority listing of project applications for HUD review. HUD will evaluate the priority listing and projects to ensure all projects applications meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds outlined in Appendix II. The projects included in a priority listing for an applicant for YHDP community designation must be between \$500,000 and \$15,000,000. Communities may choose to split YHDP funding among any number of projects in the community. For example, communities may use YHDP funding for a single project or split among 10 projects via their priority listing. Further information about YHDP project applications and priority listings can be found in Appendix II.

Consistent with the 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act and the 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, this NOFO awards funds for a demonstration on youth homelessness which provides communities with funds to implement projects that show how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth can dramatically reduce youth homelessness. Communities may implement YHDP activities that are related to the CoC program but operate outside the CoC statutes at 42 U.S.C. § 11381 et seq. To ensure YHDP activities are implemented in an effective, consistent, and proven way, all YHDP projects funded under this NOFO are subject to certain provisions of 24 CFR part 578 listed below. In the event of a conflict, the NOFO requirements, activities authorized pursuant to I.C.1.a. or b. of Appendix II of this NOFO that the recipient will implement, waivers issued by HUD, and the Appropriations Act will prevail over the provisions below: 24 CFR 578.3, 578.15 (a) and (c), 578.23, 578.25, 578.29, 578.31, 578.37(a)(2-5), 578.37(b)-(c), 578.43, 578.45, 578.47, 578.49, 578.51, 578.53, 578.55, 578.57, 578.59, 578.61, 578.63, 578.73, 578.75, 578.77, 578.79, 578.81, 578.83, 578.85, 578.87, 578.91, 578.93(a)-(b), 578.93(d)-(e), 578.95, 578.97, 578.99, 578.103(a)(3)-(18) except (15) and (b) – (e), 578.105, 578.107 and 578.109. The requirements of 2 CFR 200.306, as may be amended from time to time, with the

exception of 200.306(b)(5), apply. Grants for planning costs are subject to 24 CFR 578.39(b) and (c), as may be amended from time to time, but Grant funds may only be used for costs of planning related to preventing and ending youth homelessness in the Community. Federal fair housing and nondiscrimination requirements cannot be waived.

Projects funded under this NOFO which were submitted by a non-CoC entity community are not subject to the above regulations only to the extent that they explicitly require the recipient to use a system established by a CoC, comply with standards established by a CoC, or otherwise adhere to any policies or requirements established by a CoC (e.g. these projects are not subject to 24 CFR 578.23(c)(9) and (10), but are subject to 24 CFR 578.93(b), except for the requirement that housing for specific subpopulations must meet "a need identified by the Continuum of Care for the geographic area . . .").

### C. Authority

The funds announced in this NOFO were provided and authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024) and the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025).

### D. Unallowable Costs

Applicants for YHSI and YHDP community selection must certify that they will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

YHSI funds may not be used to provide housing or direct services to youth. HUD will reject applications that list housing and/or housing services as proposed activities.

### E. Indirect Costs

If you expect to charge [indirect costs](#) to the award, submit the Indirect Cost Information for Award Applicant/Recipient form (HUD-426) with your application.

### F. Program History

This NOFO is combining funding for the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grants and the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). On January 13, 2025, the FY2024 YHDP NOFO was published on grants.gov, and was removed from grants.gov on January 20, 2025, to ensure its consistency with the priorities of the Administration. As noted below HUD has made several changes to both YHDP and YHSI to reflect Administration priorities.

Combining these two funding opportunities into one NOFO emphasizes the comprehensive approach, including YHSI systems change and YHDP funding for housing and services, that is needed to dramatically reduce youth homelessness in communities. Through this NOFO, communities can coordinate YHSI system improvements and YHDP project funding to support their communities. The rating factors in this NOFO are updated to reflect that this NOFO awards both YHSI and YHDP funds. The changes from previous YHSI and YHDP funding opportunities years are outlined by program, below:

## Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI)

- HUD will award approximately \$1 million for each funded YHSI application rather than awarding different amounts based on community requests.
- HUD updated the funding categories and eligible activities to reflect promising practices from current YHSI Recipients and Administration priorities, including data sharing between youth providers and creating partnerships with education and employment services to increase self-sufficiency.

## Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- In order to expand the applicant pool, HUD is broadening eligible applicants for YHDP community selection to include any jurisdiction within a State, including Continuums of Care (CoCs); State, county or city governments; state-wide organizations; multi-jurisdictional entities, provided they are eligible organizations; and metropolitan planning organizations, provided they are eligible applicants.
- In order to advance self-sufficiency, the eligible YHDP project components awarded under this NOFO are Transitional Housing (including crisis residential housing and shared housing), Supportive Services Only, Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry, HMIS, and Planning Grants. See Appendix II for further information.
- In order to streamline requirements on communities and expedite the process for communities to utilize the YHDP funding, HUD is removing the requirement for communities to create a Coordinated Community Plan and to have a Youth Action Board.
- Recipients of YHDP community designations in the FY2016-FY2021 YHDP competitions are eligible to apply for an additional YHDP community designation under this NOFO.
- This NOFO includes an additional Appendix that lists relevant definitions; as a result, the YHDP appendix that outlines YHDP project requirements that was formerly labeled Appendix A is now labeled Appendix II.
- Subject to HUD approval, YHDP designated communities may select project recipients to administer multiple YHDP projects under one grant agreement. These selected project recipients are known as Consolidated YHDP Project Recipients. See [Section II.2](#) of Appendix I and Appendix II for further information.

## G. Other Information

Applicants must select a geographic area the YHSI or the YHDP (or the YHSI and the YHDP if applying for both) will cover. Applicants applying for both YHSI and YHDP may choose different geographic areas for each application; however, the YHSI application must cover at least the entire geographic area requested for the YHDP. HUD requires applicants to select the geography included in the application through the e-snaps registration; see [Section VI](#) for additional information. Eligibility as a YHDP Rural Community will be determined based on the geographic areas designated by the community in the e-snaps registration; number of youth experiencing poverty will be verified using Federal census data.

### Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grant requirements:

1. YHSI community applicants must propose projects that establish and implement or improve an existing response system for youth homelessness. Eligible activities include:
  - Improving the capacity and increasing collaboration with youth in the community: Developing peer support models, including training, project design, and implementation; creating Youth Action Board training, including government rules, leadership, and other skills; community training and outreach on how to work with youth and integrate youth leadership into existing organizational structures.
  - Establishing partnerships: Bringing together youth-serving systems to develop identification and referral processes to prevent at-risk youth from falling into homelessness and quickly resolve homelessness episodes. This could include partnerships with Tribes, K-12 schools, higher education, juvenile justice, child welfare, and employment services.
  - Connecting housing and homelessness services providers to education, job training, and employment skills organizations.
  - Improving the centralized or coordinated assessment system also known as the Coordinated Entry Systems (CES).
  - Improving data collection and use between systems that work with at-risk and homeless youth, including program management, utilization, and evaluation.
2. YHSI grant recipients must complete each project funded under the grant by the end of the 30- month grant period. HUD may extend the grant term of a YHSI grant consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309.
3. YHSI grant recipients must agree to submit biannual updates to the project plan submitted in Section [V.B](#) to ensure the grant is progressing at an acceptable rate. If a recipient fails to submit a biannual project plan update, funding obligated but not yet spent by the community may be rescinded. HUD reserves the right to review and require changes to the proposed updates to the project plan, including proposed dates and deliverables. The project plan must include the following required elements:
  - Activities undertaken in the project, including dates and critical organizations/partners in the work.
  - A list and description of deliverables that will be produced, including the estimated completion date.

### Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) requirements:

Through this NOFO, HUD will select YHDP designated communities and determine award amounts available to each community consistent with the Selection Process found in [Section V.D](#). YHDP community applicants that are also Collaborative Applicants are eligible to apply for YHDP Planning Grants. YHDP community applicants must include as part of their community application a priority listing of project applications.

HUD recognizes Transitional Housing and supportive services as critical components of a truly comprehensive approach to reducing youth homelessness. Homeless youth and young adults have diverse needs, strengths, and levels of readiness for independent living. Transitional Housing offers more than a temporary place to stay; it provides a supportive environment where young people can build stability, reengage in education or employment, address behavioral health needs, and develop independent living skills. Transitional Housing provides pathways to self-sufficiency by pairing time-limited housing assistance with wraparound supportive services. One study found that among youth exiting transitional housing programs across 15 U.S. cities, 73% exited to stable housing and 69% were employed or in school upon exit. When youth stayed in transitional housing for at least one year, these percentages increased to 83% and 75% respectively (Covenant House, 2023.) HUD finds that Transitional Housing for youth is undersupplied relative to Permanent Housing, given that studies have shown that most youth can successfully exit homelessness and gain self-sufficiency with Transitional Housing and robust services.

Requirements to participate in services such as case management and job training as a condition of housing assistance are utilized in other Federal assistance programs and have significant bipartisan support among the public (Cicero National Poll, 2025.) Supportive service agreements should be designed to provide structure and accountability to empower youth in setting and obtaining positive goals for their futures such as recovery, graduation, or employment. Well-designed supportive service agreements further youth choice and self-determination, not detract from them.

Consistent with Appendix II, HUD will only fund the following project types under YHDP:

- a. Transitional Housing (TH), including Crisis Residential Housing and Shared Housing
- b. Supportive Services Only (SSO), including, but not limited to, projects dedicated to coordinated entry; Host Homes and Kinship Care; housing search and placement services; case management; supportive services connected with Foster Youth to Independence vouchers; or street outreach
- c. SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- d. HMIS
- e. Planning

Applicants awarded under this NOFO must protect youth safety by not allowing registered sex offenders or individuals with violent criminal records to live in site-based housing projects with youth under 18, except in justice system re-entry programs.

Planning costs are non-renewable in future CoC competitions, but all other costs may be renewable after the initial grant term. Selected YHDP Communities that are not Collaborative Applicants are not eligible to apply for planning grants; however, they may apply for YHSI funds under the Youth NOFO to fund activities associated with establishing and implementing or improving a youth homelessness response system. See Appendix II for further information about YHDP project requirements and application process.

# IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

## IV. Application Contents and Forms

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Applications must include three main elements: a) standard forms, assurances, and certifications; b) budget; and c) narratives and other attachments. The content, forms, and format for each element are included in this section.

You may use this section as a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application.

If you don't provide the required documents in the correct format, your application is incomplete.

Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

While the Youth Homelessness NOFO is officially posted on Grants.gov, the standard forms, assurances, certifications, budgets, narrative responses, and the ability to include attachments are built into e-snaps, an electronic application system.

HUD does not accept faxed applications or supportive documents.

Instructions on how to submit applications under the Youth Homelessness NOFO are available in [Section VI.b](#).

### A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications identified below. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at [Grants.gov Forms](#). You can also [read more about standard forms](#) on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	Required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	Required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via

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	the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Certification Regarding Lobbying	Required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (HUD-50070)	Required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)	Required with the application. Submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps for YHSI project applications; completed in e-snaps via the information from the Project Applicant Profile for YHDP project applications.
Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points (HUD 2996)	If applicable. The HUD-2996 form is not built into e-snaps and must be submitted as an attachment to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application in e-snaps on the Attachment screen if the community applicant is requesting Opportunity Zone Preference Points.

All forms must be submitted in e-snaps, either in the Project Applicant Profile or on the Attachment Screen. See above for specific instructions.

## B. Budget

You must submit a budget with your application to support your project narrative.

At a minimum, your budget must indicate direct and any indirect costs.

YHDP project applicants must complete project budgets for each project included in the priority listing. The YHDP project application in e-snaps includes the budget forms available under this NOFO. YHDP project applicants will select the appropriate budget form(s) based on the requested activities for the proposed project. Additionally, there is a section to capture indirect cost rate and the HUD-426 form, if applicable.

YHSI project applicants must attach Form HUD-424-CBW to document the proposed budget for the YHSI project. Consistent with 24 CFR 200.308, recipients must request approval from HUD for deviations greater than 10% from a category on the approved Form HUD-424-CBW.

Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement
Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW)	Required with the application for YHSI applicants. Applications that only request YHDP funds are not required to submit this form.  Form HUD-424-CBW is not built into e-snaps but is available at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/424-CBW.xls">https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/424-CBW.xls</a> . Applicants for YHSI funds must upload this form with the Consolidated Application.
Indirect Cost Information Certification (HUD-426)	If applicable, required with the application and included in e-snaps.

### C. Narratives and Other Attachments

If applicable, you must upload narrative and non-form attachments in [e-snaps.hud.gov](https://e-snaps.hud.gov). When adding the attachments to the form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

Document	Submission Requirement
Geographic Area	Applicants to the Youth Homelessness NOFO must submit a modified Youth Homelessness registration for your community in <i>e-snaps</i> . The registration must be completed and submitted within four weeks of the publication of this NOFO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must identify all counties included in the application. If the application covers an entire state, you may list the state instead of individual counties.</li> <li>Applicants requesting YHSI and YHDP funds</li> </ul>

Document	Submission Requirement
	<p>for different geographic areas must list the geographic areas covered under both program applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Applicants of a CoC that is registered for the FY2025 competition are not required to submit a registration so long as the application covers the same geographic area as the FY2025 registration.</li> <li>• YHDP Community Applicants must provide the community name you created during the registration process to your project applicants so they select the correct community in their project applications.</li> </ul>
Tribal Consent	<p>If required under <a href="#">II.B</a>, you must upload a Tribal resolution from the Tribe or a letter from an official or principal of the Indian Tribe or TDHE who is authorized to act on behalf of the Indian Tribe to the Consolidated Application in e-snaps.</p>

## D. Other Application Content

### 1. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors, if corrected, do not affect (positive or negative) your merit rating under this NOFO. Examples of technical errors include, but are not limited to: inconsistencies in funding requests; a missing or incomplete form or certification; failure to submit an otherwise sufficient application under the correct Assistance Listings number or Funding Opportunity Number in Grants.gov; improper signature on a form or certification; and missing or inappropriate eligibility documentation.

HUD will send notice to the [authorized organization representative](#) to fix a technical error. You must respond timely and appropriately to HUD's notice (see [submission requirements](#)).

Your application is not eligible for funding if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction by the due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the due date in HUD's notice.

Responses to technical errors must be submitted to [youthdemo@hud.gov](mailto:youthdemo@hud.gov).

# V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

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**When you apply:** Your application is reviewed to make sure it meets the threshold requirements of this NOFO. If your application has a [technical error](#), HUD will allow you to [correct it](#). If you fail to meet **any** of the threshold requirements, your application is **not** eligible for HUD funding. If you do meet the threshold requirements, your application moves to [Merit Review](#) (the next step).

#### 1. Timely Application Submission

Late applications are not evaluated and not eligible for funding. See deadlines in [Section VI](#).

#### 2. Complete Application

If your application is timely, HUD will confirm completeness. Your application is considered for funding if it is complete and responsive to the requirements in this NOFO. If your application is incomplete, HUD will ask you to fix any [technical errors](#). Otherwise, incomplete and nonresponsive applications are not considered for funding.

#### 3. Eligible Applicant

Upon receipt, HUD will confirm whether you are an [eligible applicant](#). Applications from ineligible applicants do not proceed to [merit review](#) and are not eligible for HUD funding.

4. Applicants applying for YHSI funds in a geography that has already received YHSI must submit a description of how the proposed YHSI activities are different than the activities under the previous YHSI award. A list of previous YHSI awards is available at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY22-23-YHSI-awards.pdf>.

5. Applicants for YHSI and YHDP community selection must certify that they will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

### B. Merit Review

If your application meets the threshold requirements, a panel will review and score its merits. The panel may include HUD employees and non-employees. They will evaluate your application based on the following criteria. The results of the evaluation are shared with senior HUD officials who make the [final decisions about funding](#) consistent with this NOFO.

#### Merit Review Summary

The Rating factors for the Youth Homelessness NOFO are divided into three parts: General, YHSI, and YHDP. Applicants requesting only YHSI funds must respond to all questions in the General and YHSI rating factors but do not need to respond to the YHDP rating factors. Similarly, applicants requesting only YHDP funds must respond to all questions in the General and YHDP rating factors but do not need to respond to the YHSI rating factors. Applicants requesting both YHSI and YHDP funds must respond to all rating factor questions.

#### General Rating Factors

<b>General Rating Factors Criteria</b>	<b>Total number of points = 50</b>
Youth Leadership	15 points
Community Connections	20 points
Building Safe Communities	15 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 points</b>

### Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Rating Factors

<b>YHSI Rating Factors Criteria</b>	<b>Total number of points = 50</b>
Project Proposal	50 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 points</b>

### Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Rating Factors

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Total number of points = 50</b>
Community Coordination	40 points
System Planning and Data	10 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 points</b>
Bonus: Rural Communities	10 points

## 1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

### Rating Factors Details

<b>General Criteria</b>	<b>Max points = 50</b>
<b>Youth Leadership</b>	15 max points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe how the youth with lived experience were involved with the development of this application. To receive full points on this rating factor, applicants must certify that at least two youth with lived experience were consulted and meaningfully participated in the development of this application. (8 points)</li> <li>Describe how young people with lived experience will be involved in the implementation and operation of the funded project. If applying for YHSI funds, describe the anticipated roles for youth in the proposed YHSI project. If applying for YHDP funds, describe the anticipated role in YHDP project design and implementation. If applying</li> </ol>	

<b>General Criteria</b>	<b>Max points = 50</b>
for both YHSI and YHDP funds, please describe the anticipated role for youth in both project types. To receive full points, applicants must demonstrate that youth have a leadership and decision-making role in the YHSI project and/or YHDP project design and implementation process. (7 points)	
<b>Community Connections</b>	20 max points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe how your community will use funds awarded through this NOFO to address the social and emotional well-being of youth, incorporating approaches such as the positive youth development and trauma-informed care models. To receive full points for this rating factor, applicants must include at least one strategy that both acknowledges the impact of difficult life experiences on youth development while emphasizing the development of self-sufficiency, personal responsibility, resilience-building, and character development. (7 points)</li> <li>2. Describe at least two strategies your community will implement with YHDP and/or YHSI funds to promote economic independence and prevent long-term dependency on social services. (7 points)</li> <li>3. Describe how you will use YHSI and/or YHDP funds to help build connections between at-risk youth and school, life skills training, job attainment skills, or employment opportunities. (6 points)</li> </ol>	
<b>Building Safe Communities</b>	15 max points
HUD has a vested interest in ensuring that all grantees are maximizing their potential	

General Criteria	Max points = 50
<p>Federal award to accomplish the purposes of the YHSI or YHDP programs. To that end, HUD will award up to 15 points to YHSI and YHDP community applicants who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate, by providing evidence, that the community applicant cooperates and does not interfere with or impede local efforts to advance the objectives below, and assists first responders in providing services to homeless youth. (3 points)</li> <li>2. Identify local laws, policies, or other practices that help or hinder the community applicant's ability to advance the objectives below. To receive full points, community applicants must provide a plan explaining how they will leverage beneficial policies while overcoming the harmful effects of restrictive ones. If you cannot provide any mitigating steps, please explain why. Include qualitative and quantitative details in your response. (12 points) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Quickly clears tents and encampments on public property and connects youth who are camping in public with appropriate services. In your response, describe the current status of tents and encampments in the geographic area.</li> <li>b. Decrease the public use of illicit drugs and quickly connect homeless youth who are using illicit drugs in public with appropriate services and/or law enforcement. In your responses, describe the current status of overdoses and illicit drug use in public spaces in the geographic</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

General Criteria	Max points = 50
<p>area.</p> <p>c. Utilize standards that address homeless youth who are a danger to themselves or others (e.g., involuntary commitment).</p> <p>d. Comprehensively share information, including location information, in accordance with the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act (SORNA).</p> <p>The community applicant should maintain records reflecting the analysis performed in response to these rating criteria.</p>	
YHSI Criteria	Max points = 50
<b>Project Proposal</b>	50 max points
<p>To receive full points, YHSI community applicants must submit a narrative response to this rating factor that includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A YHSI project plan which includes a description of the proposed project, including a description of all proposed YHSI activities that are consistent with the eligible activities found in <a href="#">Section III.G</a> of this NOFO, what persons or group are involved in implementing these activities, an estimated timeframe for the implementation of YHSI activities, and what deliverables will result from the YHSI activity. Responses should include a general goal statement for the YHSI project as well as specific YHSI activities. Deliverables must be concrete changes, products, or other tangible things that will come out of the proposed YHSI activities. (20 points)</li> <li>2. The identified need(s) in the community that the proposed YHSI activities are seeking to address and how the proposed YHSI activities will address these needs. Identified need should be related to current system deficiencies, inefficiencies, or missed opportunities in the youth homeless response system. Maximum points will be awarded to responses that describe these systemic needs and how they will be addressed by the proposed project activities. (15 Points)</li> <li>3. Submit a project budget on form SF-424 CBW that outlines the anticipated costs of the YHSI project plan. In order to receive full points, the budget must comply with guidance outlined in <a href="#">Section III.G</a>, reflect the YHSI activities outlined in the project plan, and have a reasonable justification for the need. (10 points)</li> <li>4. If one or more project partners have received YHSI or YHDP funds in the past, how will this project build on the progress that was made to the youth homeless response</li> </ol>	

<b>YHSI Criteria</b>	<b>Max points = 50</b>
system? If no partners have received YHSI or YHDP funds, please write n/a. (5 points- responses that indicate n/a will receive the full 5 points).	
<b>YHDP Criteria</b>	<b>Max points = 50</b>
<b>Community Coordination</b>	40 max points
<p>HUD will award up to 40 points to YHDP community applicants that can demonstrate how YHDP will be used as a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth in their community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe how the YHDP community applicant or partner organizations work with Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or other affordable housing providers in the community. To receive full points, applicants must describe at least one initiative that targets PHA housing resources to youth (e.g. developing a Foster Youth to Independence program, being a party to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a PHA and public child welfare agency for the Family Unification Program (FUP)). (3 points)</li> <li>2. Describe how the YHDP community applicant or partner organizations will work with long-term residential care facilities or permanent supportive housing providers to coordinate assistance for homeless youth with a disability that is expected to indefinitely prevent independent living or self-sufficiency. (3 points)</li> <li>3. Describe how the YHDP community applicant or partner organizations work with education providers in the community. To receive full points, this response should include a specific initiative or effort that the community and at least one educational partner</li> </ol>	

YHDP Criteria	Max points = 50
<p>(K-12 schools, local community college or university) has collaborated on regarding youth and young adult homelessness. (4 points)</p> <p>4. Describe what strategies your community implements to identify and assist youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing any form of trafficking, sexual exploitation or similar traumatic experiences. (4 points)</p> <p>5. Describe what resources in your community, either currently operating or being planned under this or the CoC NOFO, are available to assist youth with substance use disorders. To receive full points, the response must include a description of sober living options for young people in the community. (3 points)</p> <p>6. Describe how your community provides services and connects youth to appropriate crisis resources for substance use and mental health conditions, including crisis response services and mental health providers with expertise in treating youth. (3 points)</p> <p>7. Describe a plan to promote participation in supportive services within housing projects. To receive full points on this rating factor, applicants must indicate that all transitional housing projects (excluding crisis residential transitional housing) have supportive service participation agreements with residents (e.g. case management, life skills, education services job training). Indicate that there is at least one project that requires participation in substance abuse treatment services as a condition of continued participation in</p>	

YHDP Criteria	Max points = 50
<p>the program because the purpose of the project is to provide treatment. Supportive service participation agreements must not be disability-related (i.e., mental health treatment, outpatient health services, provision of medication). (3 points)</p> <p>8. Supportive services are critical to optimizing self-sufficiency and ensuring long-term housing stability and positive outcomes for youth. HUD expects YHDP communities to prioritize resources for the provision of supportive services. HUD will award points to communities that show that at least 20% of the total YHDP funds awarded, as indicated by the YHDP project budgets and excluding funds from planning and HMIS grants, are allocated to supportive services costs. (2 points)</p> <p>9. Describe how projects on the YHDP priority listing serve specific youth subpopulations (i.e., pregnant or parenting youth, domestic violence survivors, youth with substance use disorder). To receive full points, demonstrate that at least three projects provide a preference for housing or services to subpopulations who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in the project (e.g., substance abuse treatment, domestic violence services). (4 points)</p> <p>10. Describe your community's system for identifying eligible youth participants and referring them to the appropriate services. To receive full points on this rating factor, applicants must discuss how their screening and assessment tools identify (5 points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnant or parenting youth</li> </ul>	

YHDP Criteria	Max points = 50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth exiting the foster care or justice systems</li> <li>• Labor or sexually exploited or trafficked youth</li> <li>• Youth in need of substance abuse or mental health services.</li> </ul> <p>11. Demonstrate how your community prioritizes family reunification and preservation. To receive full points on this rating factor, applicants must describe at least one strategy the community uses to encourage reunification whenever it is safe and possible, including family counseling and mediation services. (3 points)</p> <p>12. Describe how projects included on the YHDP priority listing were selected for this application. To receive full points, applications must demonstrate that the recruitment and selection of project applications was a fair and open process. (3 points)</p>	
<b>System Planning and Data</b>	10 max points
<p>Please note that this section has two different sets of rating factors depending on whether the applicant is a previously awarded YHDP community recipient. If the geography selected by the YHDP Community Applicant has not been included in a previous YHDP community or if the geography has been included in a previous YHDP award but the YHDP Community Applicant was not involved in the previous YHDP process, please respond to the first set of questions. If the YHDP Community Applicant is a previously awarded YHDP community recipient for the same geographic area included in the previous award, please respond to the second set of questions. HUD will award up to 10 points to applicants that can demonstrate the community is effectively using data for system planning.</p> <p><b>These questions are only for applications that are not from an eligible previously awarded YHDP Community Recipients.</b> The applicant must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe at least one youth-focused intervention that is not currently operating in the community that the community wishes to pursue OR one intervention that could be improved and capacity increased. Include in your response the data (quantitative and/or qualitative) you used to identify this intervention and the barriers that currently prevent you from implementing or improving the intervention. (3 points)</li> </ol>	

YHDP Criteria	Max points = 50
<p>2. Demonstrate how the community has used data to develop a strategy to prevent and end youth homelessness. These data can be related to the composition of the local population of homeless youth or the effectiveness of various interventions for serving homeless youth. (4 points)</p> <p>3. Describe what strategies and data sources your community will use to measure self-sufficiency and stability outcomes including (3 points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Long-term stability/no recidivism and safe and stable housing (may include longer-term residential treatment centers or facilities);</li> <li>b. Education, employment, and income and career growth;</li> <li>c. Permanent social connections; and</li> <li>d. Social and emotional well-being.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>This rating factor is only for applications from an eligible previously awarded YHDP Community Recipients.</b> Eligible previously awarded YHDP recipients must demonstrate positive outcomes from their current YHDP projects and describe additional system needs:</p>	
<p>1. Describe what strategies and data sources your community uses to measure self-sufficiency and stability outcomes including (4 points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Long-term stability/no recidivism and safe and stable housing (may include longer-term residential treatment centers or facilities);</li> <li>b. Education, employment, and income and career growth;</li> <li>c. Permanent social connections; and</li> <li>d. Social and emotional well-being.</li> </ul> <p>2. Based on the most recent year of operation, what percentage of clients that exited YHDP projects (3 points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Had a positive exit destination</li> <li>b. Increased income</li> <li>c. Had a positive school status</li> </ul> <p>3. How will the community build on the progress that was made to the youth homeless response system through the original YHDP? What interventions are still needed? To receive full points, eligible previously awarded YHDP recipients must describe why additional YHDP funds are needed, why they were not implemented in the original YHDP, and how they will be connected to the original YHDP projects. (3 points)</p>	
<b>Bonus: Rural Communities</b>	10 max points
<p>HUD will award 10 points to the sixteen highest ranking applications (using the General Criteria score and the score from the previous three rating factor categories in the YHDP</p>	

**YHDP Criteria****Max points = 50**

criteria) where the YHDP Community Applicant indicates in the application that it is requesting participation as a rural community and the geographic area covered by the application meets the rural definition found in [Appendix 1](#) of this NOFO.

## 2. Policy Initiative Preference Points

Preference points are added to your overall application score. You do not need to address the policy initiatives in this section to receive an award. If you choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you must adhere to the information with any award.

This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives, for which a maximum of fourteen (14) preference points may be awarded.

### a. Opportunity Zones

You may receive up to four (4) points if your proposed activities are within an Opportunity Zone. To receive points, you must complete and submit form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points. If you expect to use less than 50% of the award in Opportunity Zones, you won't receive preference points.

### b. Advancing Recovery by Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement

Apart from the required selection criteria, you may receive up to ten (10) points if you can provide the policy or statement the community applicant has in place to ensure that all housing projects submitted by the YHDP Community Applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct, permit, encourage, or allow any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

None of the above constitute a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement, although those practices may be allowable under 24 CFR 578. Full points will be awarded for a description of a clear policy or statement in addition to affirmative certifications in Section V.A for all housing projects submitted by the community applicant.

To receive full points, the policy or statement must:

1. Prohibit YHDP-funded housing projects from operating drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributing drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, knowingly permitting the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducting any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction;"
2. Describe what remedies will be taken for YHDP-funded housing projects determined to be in violation of the above;
3. Encourage the provision of substance-use disorder treatment and recovery housing; and

4. Not restrict or prohibit YHDP-funded housing projects that require program participants to be sober or to participate in treatment as a condition of assistance in accordance with 24 CFR 578.

### a. Budget

The panel will evaluate but not approve the budget. The panel will assess whether the budget aligns with planned program activities and objectives. Panel members will consider whether the budget and the requested performance period are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed project.

## C. Risk Review

Before making any awards, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully carrying out the project. Here's what HUD looks at:

### Past Performance:

- Government-wide performance data, as noted in [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#)
- Public sources like news reports, Inspector General findings, Government Accountability Office reports, and complaints proven to have merit
- History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements, failing to make significant progress in a timely manner, failing to meet planned activities in a timely manner, conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and, if applicable, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards. HUD will not penalize a renewal applicant who sufficiently complied with the terms and conditions in prior NOFOs that are in direct conflict with those contained herein.
- Reports from past audits, including those performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F—Audit Requirements
- History of finishing activities on time and using any promised matching or leveraged funds
- Debarments or suspensions
- Misuse of federal funds for purposes outside of the program

### Organizational Health:

- Financial stability and capacity, including compliance with cost principles in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E (200.400 et seq.), and where applicable, 200 Part 170
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards in 2

CFR part 200

- Ability to follow all required laws and rules
- The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities
- Capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities

**Results:**

- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Number of people served or targeted for assistance
- History of illegal discrimination, including illegal racial discrimination.
- History of subsidizing or facilitating illicit drug use or other illicit activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO.

HUD in its discretion may use the results of the risk review as a sufficient and independent basis to make adverse funding decisions, including rejecting an award, applying special conditions on an award, or reducing the amount of an award.

## D. Selection Process

When making award funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Threshold review results, including eligibility requirements.
- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may also consider:

- The scope of the overall projected impact on the program and administrative goals and priorities in this NOFO.
- Reasonableness of the estimated costs to the government.
- The applicant's readiness to conduct the proposed work.
- Likelihood that the proposed project will result in the benefits expected.
- Broad range of recipients beyond recurrent recipients.
- Geographic dispersion.
- All else being equal, preference for applicants with lower indirect cost rates.
- Applicants with demonstrated success in implementing Gold Standard Science (applicable to research awards).
- Applicants with potential to produce immediate results and potential for longer-term, breakthrough results, based on the goals of this NOFO (applicable to research awards).

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may exercise its discretion in deciding whether and how to

issue an award based on the above criteria, including decisions to:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Impose special conditions on an award.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met timely.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund an application or fund additional applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if funding is available.
- Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

### **Community selection and funding determination process**

After the application submission deadline, HUD will assess the applications and select communities. HUD will use the following process to select communities and determine the total funding to be made available in each community under this NOFO.

#### **Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Community Selection**

HUD will rank applications in order of responses to the General and YHSI Rating Factors outlined in [Section V.B](#) of this NOFO and award approximately \$1 million in funding to the 49 highest ranking applications. If two or more applicants receive the same score, HUD will rank the applications in order of the lowest Indirect Cost rate.

#### **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Community Selection**

HUD will rank community applications in order of responses to the rating factors outlined in [Section V.B](#) of this NOFO, including awarding 10 bonus points to the sixteen highest ranking applications from communities with a substantial rural population and policy preference points outlined in [Section V.B](#). If two or more communities receive the same score, HUD will rank the applications according to the score on Community Coordination Rating Factor. HUD will not award more than one YHDP community designation to any geographic area except for applications that cover the entire geography of a state, in which case HUD may select the state as a YHDP community and up to two other YHDP communities within the state, provided that those two communities do not have overlapping geography.

For each community selected under this competition, HUD will make a minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$15 million available per project period for projects in the community. HUD will use a formula, outlined below, to determine each selected community's maximum total funding in order to scale awards to estimated community need. The formula uses the following factors:

- Youth in Poverty: Number of people age 12-24 who are in poverty in the geographic area (# of youth in poverty, using data from the American Community Survey);
- FMR: The 2-bedroom Fair Market Rent (FMR) in the geographic area, and if there is more than one FMR for the geographic area, HUD will calculate a population weighted average (FMR).

HUD will use the following process to select communities and determine the total YHDP funding to be made available in each community under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (FY 2024 YHDP Funds) and the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (FY 2025 YHDP Funds).

**FY 2024 YHDP Funds:** HUD will initially select the 12 highest scoring community applications, including Rural Bonus points and Policy Preference points. HUD will then apply the formula described below with these first 12 communities and select further communities and rerun the formula for all selected communities, as explained below.

1. For each selected community HUD will establish a formula factor:
  - a. For counties that were included in a previously awarded YHDP community, the formula factor is the number of Youth in Poverty multiplied by the FMR for the geographic area listed in the community application and divided by two.
  - b. For counties that have not been included in a previously awarded YHDP community, the formula factor is the number of Youth in Poverty multiplied by the FMR for the geographic area listed in the community application.
2. For each selected community, HUD will divide the community's formula factor by the sum of the formula factors for all communities selected. This is called the community ratio.
3. HUD will allocate an initial formula amount of \$500,000 to each selected community.
4. For each selected community, HUD will multiply its community ratio by the total YHDP funding remaining after step 3, then add the resulting amount to the community's initial formula amount in step 3 to come up with the community's new formula amount.
5. HUD will calculate the ratio of the formula amount for each selected community to its formula factor (see step 1) for all selected communities, excluding the formula factor for any community that has reached the \$15 million funding cap.

If, after HUD applies the formula to the initial community applications, no ratio calculated in step 5 is less than 0.14, then HUD will select the next highest-scoring community from the eligible applicant pool and repeat steps 1 through 5 for all selected communities. HUD will repeat this process (selecting the next highest-scoring community, and redoing steps 1 through 5 for all selected communities), until any ratio calculated in step 5 is less than 0.14 or 25 communities are selected. Once a selected community falls below a ratio of 0.14 or 25 communities are selected and receive formula amounts, HUD will stop selecting communities. The purpose of this step is to ensure that each selected community receives enough funding to have a substantial impact on youth homelessness. It does this by setting a

minimum level of funding, adjusted for the level of need and cost of housing in the community. Additionally, to this end, HUD will limit the total amount of funding a community may receive to \$15 million through this competition and, for eligible previously awarded YHDP communities, no more than \$25 million across the previous YHDP award amount and the amount awarded under this YHDP selection process.

**FY 2025 YHDP Funds:** HUD will remove communities awarded funding under the FY 2024 YHDP funding from the ranked application list, select the next 12 highest scoring applications, including Rural Bonus points and Policy Preference points, and apply the formula described above. If no ratio calculated in step 5 is less than 0.12, then HUD will select the next highest-scoring community from the applicant pool and redo steps 1 through 5 for all selected communities. HUD will repeat this process (selecting the next highest scoring community and redoing steps 1 through 5 for all selected communities), until any ratio calculated in step 5 is less than 0.12 or 25 communities are selected and receive formula amounts. This step applies the same process for determining how many communities are selected with FY 2025 funds as for FY 2024 but uses a ratio of .12 rather than .14. As described above, the purpose of this step is to ensure that each selected community receives enough funding to have a substantial impact. It does this by setting a minimum level of funding, adjusted for the size of selected communities and level of need. The minimum ratio calculated in step 5 for selected communities for FY 2024 funding is higher than the minimum ratio calculated in step 5 for selected communities for FY 2025 funding to provide higher levels of funding for communities that scored higher and are selected with FY 2024 funding.

HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting communities for the YHDP. To this end, HUD reserves the right to select lower scoring YHDP community designation applications in order to fund eligible communities with the highest total score in each of the 10 HUD regions.

**Funding Diversity.** HUD reserves the right to reduce the amount of a grant, if necessary, to ensure that no more than 10 percent of assistance made available under this NOFO will be awarded for projects located within any one unit of general local government or within the geographic area covered by any one CoC.

HUD reserves the right to use the earliest available fiscal year funds for projects that are able to meet the FY 2024 YHDP Funds obligation deadline (September 30, 2026), so long as the total amount awarded to each YHDP Selected Community is consistent with the funding process outlined above.

## E. Award Notices

If your application is successful, HUD will email an award notice to the authorized official representative from the SF-424. HUD will also notify unsuccessful applicants.

The award notice communicates the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. The notice may also include HUD-imposed award conditions as provided under [2 CFR 200.208](#).

You agree to the award terms and conditions by either drawing funds from HUD's payment system or signing the agreement with HUD. If you do not agree to the award terms and conditions, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

# VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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## VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

You must apply electronically, unless you qualify to submit a [paper application](#). See [Find the Application Package](#) to make sure you have everything you need to apply online.

Make sure you are current with [SAM.gov](#) and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the [Before You Begin](#) section of this NOFO.

### A. Deadlines

#### 1. Application submission deadline:

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on:

08/10/2026

HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD funding.

If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission.

HUD may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as Presidentially-declared natural disasters. An improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

### B. Submission Methods

#### 1. Electronic Submission

The official documents HUD uses to solicit applications for this NOFO are posted on [Grants.gov](#); however, you must register and submit your application through [esnaps.hud.gov](#). HUD does not accept applications or supportive documents via fax.

##### a. Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application Registration.

To apply to the Youth Homelessness NOFO, community applicants must be registered in the e-snaps application system as an applicant. HUD is using the FY 2025 CoC Program Registration for this NOFO and all CoC Collaborative Applicants with a valid FY 2025 CoC Program Registration will automatically have access to the Youth Homeless Application and Priority Listing. Applicants for YHSI or YHDP Community Designation that are not CoC Collaborative Applicants must complete and submit a modified Youth Homelessness registration for your community in *e-snaps* to gain access to the Consolidated Youth Homelessness. The registration must be completed and submitted within four weeks of the publication of this NOFO.

##### b. Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application Submission Requirements.

Community Applicants must submit the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application by the application submission deadline. HUD will consider the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application properly submitted for review for YHSI funding when the applicant submits the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application in e-snaps. HUD will

consider the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application properly submitted for review for YHDP funding when the applicant submits the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application in e-snaps, the YHDP Project Priority Listing, and all YHDP project applications listed on the YHDP Project Priority Listing.

The Youth Homelessness NOFO Application and the YHDP Project Priority Listing are separate submissions in e-snaps. YHDP Community Applicants must ensure both the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application and the YHDP Project Priority Listing, that includes all YHDP project applications, are submitted in e-snaps prior to the application submission deadline. The "Submit" button will not be available on the Submission Summary of the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application and the YHDP Project Priority Listing until all required sections of the application and all parts of the listings have been completed. Applicants should review the Submission Summary form carefully to ensure no sections state "Please Complete."

Applicants should export a PDF copy of the Submission Summary form from the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application and the YHDP Project Priority Listing after they have been submitted to HUD and before closing their internet browser. This is the applicant's receipt of submission and proof of compliance with the application deadline.

**c. YHDP Project Application Submissions.**

YHDP project applications must include the population(s) and subpopulation(s) they will serve, the type of housing and services they will provide, and the budget activities they are requesting. Project applicants must also provide documentation of applicant and subrecipient eligibility. All nonprofit project applicants must attach eligibility documentation to the Project Applicant Profile. If nonprofit subrecipients are included in a project application, subrecipient eligibility documentation must be attached to the project application. Additionally, all project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended from time to time, and is included on HUD's website. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in e-snaps.

For more information on project applications, see Appendix II of this NOFO.

**d. Timely Submissions.**

HUD will not fund applications that are not received on time.

**e. Resolving Technical Difficulties.**

Applicants experiencing technical difficulty with any part of the Application should notify HUD immediately for assistance and document all attempts to obtain assistance. Notification of technical difficulties are to be sent to [youthdemo@hud.gov](mailto:youthdemo@hud.gov). HUD will not provide assistance directly related to content, only to troubleshoot submission issues.

**Need Help?** See the [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO.

## 2. Electronic Submission Application Waiver

You may request a waiver from the requirement to submit your application electronically. The request must show good cause and detail why you are technologically unable to submit electronically. An example of good cause may include: a valid power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO to submit a written request to HUD. You must **submit your waiver request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline.**

## C. Other Submission Information

### 1. Intergovernmental Review

This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order [12372](#). No action is needed.

### 2. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a [technical error](#) with your timely application after the due date. Use the following submission requirements to respond to HUD's notice.

#### a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

To fix an error in response to a HUD notice, you must email the corrections to HUD at [CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov).

HUD allows 7 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix an error. If the due date to fix an error falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters office in Washington, DC is closed, then the due date is the next business day.

#### b. Fix Errors in Paper Applications

You must fix an error in your paper application, in accordance with HUD's notice. If your paper application includes an incorrect UEI, HUD will request you supply the correct UEI.

## D. False Statements

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information on your application, or during any part of the performance phase of an award, can lead to serious consequences. Those consequences include but are not limited to: fines, repayment, restitution, prison time, termination of any HUD award, and being banned from receiving any future HUD award and doing business with the federal government (18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, 18 USC 287, 31 USC 3729 et seq., 31 USC 3801-3812, FAR Part 9.4, 2 CFR Part 180, other remedies in your HUD award).

# VII. POST - AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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## VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

### A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements, and General Terms and Conditions

You must follow the applicable provisions in the [Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2026](#):

#### Administrative

1. Build America, Buy America (BABA) (Sections 70901-52 of [Public Law 117-58](#); [41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq](#); and [2 CFR Part 184](#))
2. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act ([42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.](#); [49 CFR part 24](#); and applicable program regulations)
3. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 CFR part 200](#))
4. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files consistent with [2 CFR 200.303\(e\)](#)
5. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) ([2 CFR part 170](#))
6. Eminent Domain
7. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation ([12 U.S.C. 1701z-1](#); 12 U.S.C. 1702z-2; [24 CFR part 60](#); and [FR-6278-N-01](#))
8. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ([5 U.S.C. § 552\(b\)](#) and [24 CFR 15.107\(b\)](#))
9. Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs
  - [Executive Order \(EO\) 14332](#) (*Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking*)
  - [EO 14303](#) (*Restoring Gold Standard Science*)
  - [EO 14219](#) (*Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative*);
  - [EO 14218](#) (*Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*);
  - [EO 14202](#) (*Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*);
  - [EO 14205](#) (*Establishment of the White House Faith Office*)
  - [EO 14182](#) (*Enforcing the Hyde Amendment*);
  - [EO 14173](#) (*Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*);
  - [EO 14168](#) (*Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*)
  - [EO 14151](#) (*Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*); and

- [EO 14148](#) (*Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*)

### **Civil Rights and Other Protections**

10. The Fair Housing Act ([42 U.S.C. 3601-3619](#)) and Civil Rights laws (24 CFR 5.105(a))
11. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements ([42 U.S.C. § 3608\(e\)\(5\)](#) and [24 CFR 5.150 et seq](#))
12. Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons ([12 U.S.C. § 1701u](#) and [24 CFR part 75](#))
13. Compliance with Immigration Requirements ([8 U.S.C. § 1601-1646](#); and [Executive Order 14218](#), *Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*)
14. Accessible Technology requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794d](#); [29 U.S.C. 794](#); and [42 U.S.C. 12131-12165](#) and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations), [24 CFR § 8.6](#) (Section 504 effective communication regulations), [28 CFR part 35, subpart H](#) (DOJ Web Access Rule), and [28 CFR part 35, subpart E](#) (DOJ's Title II communications regulations))
15. Ensuring, when possible, the consideration of small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms consistent with [2 CFR 200.321](#)
16. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with [42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.](#); [24 CFR 5.109](#); [Executive Order \(EO\) 14202](#), *Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*; and [EO 14205](#), *Establishment of the White House Faith Office*
17. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794](#) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR parts 8](#) and [100](#); [28 CFR part 35](#))
18. Applicable Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA ([34 U.S.C. § 12491-12496](#)); [24 CFR part 5, subpart L](#); and program-specific regulations
19. Trafficking in persons ([Section 106\(g\) of the Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000 \(TVPA\)](#), as amended [22 U.S.C. § 7104\(g\)](#) and implementing regulations at [2 CFR part 175](#))

### **Environmental**

20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with [24 CFR part 50](#) or [part 58](#); [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.](#)

### **Business Integrity**

21. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards (Code of Conduct), including [2 CFR 200.317](#), [2 CFR 200.318\(c\)](#), and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements
22. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment ([41 U.S.C. § 3901](#) and [2 CFR 200.216](#))
23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections ([41 U.S.C. § 4712](#))
24. Drug-Free Workplace ([2 CFR part 2429](#))

In addition, if any part or provision of the award agreement or terms of this NOFO are enjoined or held to be void or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, they shall be ineffective as to such jurisdiction and only to the extent of such prohibition or enjoinder and shall not invalidate or affect the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications of the Agreement and Notice. In the event the enjoinder of such provisions is stayed, dissolved, or reversed, the full terms of the award agreement and NOFO, including such provisions, will automatically become effective. This clause is self-executing and will become effective, binding, and enforceable automatically upon issuance of this NOFO.

In addition:

1. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to engage in illegal racial discrimination, including racial preferences.
2. Awards made under this NOFO will not be distributed in a way that violates or otherwise is used to interfere with constitutional protections guaranteed for speech and religious beliefs and the free exercise of religion.
3. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to fund any project, service provider, or organization that operates illegal drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 USC 863. This is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.
4. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.332(b)(2), all agreements or contracts made with subrecipients under this NOFO must contain the same terms and conditions as those in the grant agreement issued by HUD. Any conflicting terms and conditions must be approved by HUD.

## B. Environmental Requirements

### 1. Environmental Review

#### [24 CFR part 58](#)

Notwithstanding provisions at 24 CFR 578.31 and 24 CFR 578.99(a) of the CoC Program interim rule, and in accordance with Section 100261(3) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405), activities under the YHPD NOFO are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.

- a. Additionally, HUD has clarified two requirements for projects categorized as Categorically Excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act and not subject to the laws and authorities at 58.5 (CENST):
  - i. All scattered-site projects, where participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre-determined specific project site or sites, are categorized in 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1) as CENST. This includes both tenant-based rental assistance and scattered-site leasing projects where the program participant chooses their unit.

- ii. An exempt or CENST environmental review is only required for each project, not each unit.
- b. For activities under a grant to a Project Grant Recipient other than a responsible entity (a State, Tribe, or unit of general local government) that generally would be subject to review under part 58, under 24 CFR 58.11, if the responsible entity objects to performing an environmental review, HUD may perform the environmental review under the provisions of 24 CFR part 50.
- c. Irrespective of whether the responsible entity, in accordance with 24 CFR part 58, or HUD, in accordance with 24 CFR part 50, performs the environmental review, the Project Grant Recipient must supply all available, relevant information necessary for the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) to perform an environmental review for each activity, including information for each property when applicable. The Project Grant Recipient also must carry out mitigating measures required by the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) or select alternative property.
- d. The Project Grant Recipient, its project partners, and their contractors are prohibited from taking any choice limiting actions under 24 CFR 58.22, such as acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, leasing, repairing, disposing of, demolishing, or constructing property for a project under the YHDP NOFO, or committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds for such eligible activities under this NOFO, until the responsible entity (as defined by 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)) has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved, if applicable, or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the Project Grant Recipient has received HUD approval of the proposed activity. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds (i.e., incurs any costs or expenditures to be paid or reimbursed with such funds) before the recipient submits and HUD approves its RROF, where such submission is required.

In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1), (2), (3), and (9), and 58.34(a)(1), (2), (3), and (9), activities funded by the YHSI program are exempt or categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and not subject to environmental review under the related laws and authorities.

## 2. NOFO Impact Determination Related to the Environment

This NOFO has no significant impact related to the environment. HUD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as required by HUD regulations at [24 CFR part 50](#), which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4332(2)(c)). To learn more about this FONSI, go to [HUD's Funding Opportunities](#) web page.

## 3. Lead-Based Paint Requirements

You must follow the lead-based paint rules below if you fund any work on pre-1978 housing. This includes buying, leasing, support services, operating, or work that disturbs painted surfaces.

- [HUD's rules](#) (Lead Disclosure Rule; and Lead Safe Housing Rule).

- EPA's rules ([Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#), and [Lead Abatement, Inspection and Risk Assessment Rule](#)).

## C. Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343 pursuant to the terms and conditions of your award, including, to the extent authorized by law:

- if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities; or
- in the case of a partial termination, if HUD determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the HUD award was made.

HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

For more information on CoC Program sanctions and remedies for noncompliance that apply to YHDP projects funded under this NOFO, see 24 CFR 578.107.

## D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit performance, financial, and program reports as outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See [Section VII.C.](#) of this NOFO.

Further, the Recipient hereby acknowledges that HUD is in the process of implementing new grants management and reporting tools for all records pertinent to the Federal award. Recipient agrees to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for the Recipient and its Subrecipients) using these new tools when they are released and to satisfy occasional requests for records pertinent to the federal award, consistent with the requirements for recordkeeping, access to records, and reporting laid out in 2 CFR part 200, which may be amended from time to time. HUD will work with the Recipient to support its transition to the new reporting tools. HUD reserves the right to exercise all of its available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include, without limitation, requiring additional or more detailed financial reports, suspension of disbursements, and all other legally available remedies, to the furthest extent permitted by law.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000</li> <li>• Data on executive compensation and first-tier subawards</li> <li>• See <a href="#">Public Law 109-282</a> and <a href="#">2 CFR part</a></li> </ul>	See <a href="#">2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)</a>

Report	Description	When
	<p><a href="#">170</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUD reports initial prime recipient data to <a href="https://usaspending.gov">usaspending.gov</a></li> <li>• Submit via <a href="https://SAM.gov">SAM.gov</a></li> </ul>	
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total value of all current Federal awards exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award</li> <li>• See <a href="#">Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200</a></li> <li>• Submit via <a href="https://SAM.gov">SAM.gov</a></li> </ul>	See <a href="#">2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)</a>
Progress Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of progress status</li> <li>• Work to be performed during the next reporting period</li> <li>• Any anticipated risks and plans to mitigate those risks</li> </ul>	Quarterly performance reports must be submitted quarterly from the YHDP project period of performance start date through the performance end date of new YHDP projects. Annual Performance Reports must be submitted annually from the YHDP project period of performance start date.
Federal Financial Report, SF-425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of key financial data</li> <li>• See <a href="#">2 CFR 200.328</a></li> </ul>	See <a href="#">2 CFR 200.328</a> or award terms
Race, Ethnicity, and Other Data Reporting	Recipients that provide HUD-funded program benefits to individuals or families, report data on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and family characteristics of persons and households funded by this	Recipient shall keep such records and submit as the Department may determine to be necessary.

Report	Description	When
	program	
Audited financial statement	Recipient's organizational structure, any sub-grantees or sub-recipients, and how each disbursement of grant funds was applied to an eligible cost throughout the life of the grant to receive disbursements of Federal funds.	No less than annually

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# VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

## VIII. Contact and Support

### A. Agency Contact

### B. Grants.gov

### C. Sam.gov

### D. Debriefing

### E. Applicant Experience Survey

### F. Other Online Resources

## VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals who have speech or communication disabilities may use a relay service. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the [Federal Communications Commission](#).

### A. Agency Contact

#### 1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: HUD Office of Community Planning and Development

Email: [youthdemo@hud.gov](mailto:youthdemo@hud.gov)

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at [24 CFR 4.26](#).

#### 2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: HUD Office of Community Planning and Development

Email: [youthdemo@hud.gov](mailto:youthdemo@hud.gov)

Phone: (202)708-4300

HUD Organization: Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) Office

Street: 2415 Eisenhower Ave

City: Alexandria

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**HUD Reform Act.** HUD is prohibited from disclosing [covered selection information](#) during the selection process. The selection process includes NOFO development and publication, and concludes with the announcement of selected recipients of financial assistance. HUD will not assist you with completing your application.

### B. [esnaps.hud.gov](http://esnaps.hud.gov)

CoCs, Collaborative Applicants, and project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit an inquiry to [CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov). Starting 2 days prior to the application deadline, this email address will respond only to emergency technical support questions

### C. [SAM.gov](http://SAM.gov)

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the [Federal Service Desk](#).

### D. Debriefing and Appeals

1. After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief the Collaborative Applicant upon your written request. Submit your written request to the [agency contact for program and application requirements](#) in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

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2. You may appeal an application decision or a HUD funding decision. Email your appeal to [snapsappeals@hud.gov](mailto:snapsappeals@hud.gov). The subject line of your email must include the CoC Number, "Appeal Notice," and type of appeal, i.e., Participation, HUD Error, or Consolidated Plan Certification. A sample email Subject Line is, Subject: XX-500 – Appeal Notice–Consolidated Plan Certification.

### E. Applicant Experience Survey

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our [Applicant Experience Survey](#). Your feedback is optional; you are not required to provide personal information. HUD may use your feedback to improve future NOFOs. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

### F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the [online resources](#) to learn background on some of the NOFO requirements.

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### Appendix I. Definitions

#### 1. Standard Definitions

For standard definitions not listed below, refer to [2 CFR 200.1](#).

**Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)** - statutory obligation to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act (see also [24 CFR 5.151](#), as amended by [90 FR 11020](#)).

**Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** is the person with legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application, and enter into agreements with HUD. They also have [special permissions](#) to act on behalf of their organization within the Grants.gov system.

**Consolidated Plan** has the same meaning as defined at [24 CFR part 91](#).

**E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)** is [defined at Grants.gov](#).

**Eligibility requirements** are mandatory requirements for an application to be considered for funding.

**Grants.gov** is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance.

**Opportunity Zone (OZs)** are defined in [26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1](#). In general, OZs are census tracts located in low-income communities where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment.

**Primary Point of Contact (PPOC)** is the person HUD may contact with questions about the application submitted. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

**Small business** is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See [13 CFR part 121](#).

**System for Award Management (SAM)** has the same meaning as in [2 CFR 25.100\(b\)](#).

**Threshold Requirements** are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD rates your application for funding.

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** has the same meaning as in [2 CFR 25.100\(a\)](#).

#### 2. Program Definitions.

##### Definitions from 24 CFR 578.3

- *At-risk of homelessness*
- *Centralized or coordinated assessment system*

- *Collaborative applicant*
- *Continuum of Care*
- *Homeless*
- *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)*
- *Private Nonprofit Organization*
- *Recipient*
- *Subrecipient*
- *Transitional Housing*
- *Unified Funding Agency (UFA)*

**Capacity building activities**-Capacity building activities are activities that maintain or improve the skills of youth involved in youth homelessness planning or project implementation. Eligible capacity building activities for youth include employee education, job training, staff retention activities such as financial incentives to staff, paying for continuing education opportunities, cross-training within an organization, staff training and professional licensing or certification, and other professional development activities.

**Community** - Self-organized network of people with common agenda, cause, or interest in Youth Homelessness, who collaborate by sharing ideas, information, and other resources. A community can include Tribal formula areas, as defined in the Indian Housing Block Grant program at 24 CFR 1000.302, which includes trust lands and reservations, as part of or the entirety of the community.

**Consolidated YHDP Project Recipient**-An eligible applicant for YHDP project funding selected by the YHDP Community Recipient to apply for and administer multiple YHDP projects in the community, subject to HUD's approval. Eligible applicants may apply for any number of projects as long as the total amount of funding does not exceed the total YHDP award for the YHDP community. YHDP communities may have multiple Consolidated YHDP Project Recipients. The rules regarding grant and project changes at 24 CFR 578.105(a) apply to Consolidated YHDP Project Recipients. Because the single grant agreement will cover multiple YHDP projects, shifts of funding may be made across the multiple projects covered under the consolidated YHDP project grant agreement. Furthermore, Consolidated YHDP Project Recipients are required to:

1. Apply to HUD for funding for two or more projects within the YHDP community and enter into a single grant agreement with HUD for these projects.
2. Enter into legally binding agreements with subrecipients, if applicable, and receive and distribute funds to subrecipients for all YHDP projects funded under this NOFO within the YHDP community.
3. Require subrecipients to establish fiscal control and accounting procedures as necessary to assure the proper disbursement of and accounting for federal funds in accordance with the requirements of [2 CFR part 200, subpart D](#).
4. Obtain approval of any proposed grant agreement amendments or funding shifts of

more than 10% between YHDP projects by the YHDP Community Recipient.

**Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application-** All materials required to apply for YHSI or YHDP funds, as outlined in [Section VI.B](#) of this NOFO.

**Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)-** An analytical process that involves routine measurement of project and system outcomes to promote evidence-based decision-making and improvements.

**Crisis Residential Transitional Housing-** a form of transitional housing that is short-term, low-barrier, using a congregate living setting, and provides access to the following supportive services in particular: family engagement and unification, case management, emergency triage services and other supportive services whose purpose is to move youth rapidly into stable housing.

**Formula Area-**This term has the same meaning as in the IHBG Program at 24 CFR 1000.302, as may be amended from time to time.

**Host Home and Kinship Care-** A model in which an individual or family agrees to permit a youth to reside with them. Recognizing that the addition of another person in the home may increase costs to the family, HUD will entertain applications that propose to house youth with families and to subsidize the additional costs attributable to housing the youth, including recruitment of hosts. The residence is in a community-based setting. The family could be related to the youth and the length of stay may be time-limited or without time limits.

**Letter of Commitment-** A written communication from an organization that is not the applicant that commits to specific tasks.

**Non-CoC Entity-** An eligible applicant (as outlined in [Section II](#)) that is not a CoC Collaborative Applicant.

**Positive Youth Development (PYD) Model-** An intentional, pro-social approach that favors leadership and skill-building opportunities under the guidance of caring adults. PYD engages youth in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youths' strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for youth by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths. PYD programs are generally focused on the following six youth outcomes: Confidence; Character; Connection; Competence; Caring; and Contribution.

**Previously awarded YHDP community -** Geographic area that was included in an application that received a YHDP community designation in a previous YHDP competition.

**Previous YHDP Community Recipient -** The organization and geographic area that was awarded a YHDP community designation. Previously Awarded YHPD Community Recipients that were awarded a YHDP community designation in the FY2016-2021 YHDP competitions are eligible to apply under this NOFO.

**Public Child Welfare Agency -** The governmental entity that has care, custody and responsibility for children in foster care and is responsible for the provision of services and support to youth who have left foster care after age 18 to age 21.

**Reservation-** For purposes of this NOFO, reservations are a type of formula area as specifically delineated under HUD's IHBG program at 24 CFR 1000.302.

**Rural** - A geographic area consisting of a county or group of counties, trust land(s), or reservation(s) designated by the applicant in which:

- more people reside in rural areas than either suburban or urban areas, based on data from the Census Bureau. Applicants qualifying under this element of the rural definition must designate the entire CoC's geographic area as the geographic area of the community in IV.B.1 of this NOFO; or
- the population across the designated counties included in the geographic area, which does not encompass the entire CoC, has more people residing in rural areas than either suburban or urban areas, based on data from the Census Bureau; or
- the designated geographical area is located in a state that has a population density of less than 30 persons per square mile (as reported in the most recent decennial census), and at least 1.25 percent of the total acreage of such State is under Federal jurisdiction, provided that no metropolitan city in such State is the sole beneficiary of the grant amounts awarded under this NOFO.

**Shared Housing**- A model of housing assistance where rental assistance is provided for a youth to reside with a family or another unrelated person. The unit may be a house or an apartment. The Fair Market Rent (FMR) will be adjusted to the youth's pro-rata share of the FMR for the shared housing unit size. All CoC requirements that apply to rental assistance would apply to rental assistance provided in shared housing. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- YHDP rental assistance cannot be provided to a youth to reside in a unit occupied by an immediate family member. For this Demonstration "immediate family member" is defined to mean parents, grandparents, and legal guardians.
- YHDP rental assistance cannot be provided to a youth in a shared housing unit if the landlord is an immediate family member of the youth.
- YHDP rental assistance may only be provided to a youth if the youth can enter into a valid, binding, and enforceable lease under applicable state or local law. This includes a legally appointed guardian executing a lease on behalf of a youth or an emancipated youth entering into a lease.
- The rental assistance is provided in accordance with applicable written standards;
- Rental assistance is not provided to a program participant who is receiving rental assistance, leasing, or operating assistance through other public sources; and
- The shared housing must meet the rent reasonableness standards.

**Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Model**- An approach that recognizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery, recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system, responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.

**Tribal Resolution** – For purposes of this Notice, this term has the same meaning as in 24 CFR 1003.4: "...the formal manner in which the Tribal government expresses its legislative

will in accordance with its organic documents. In the absence of such organic documents, a written expression adopted pursuant to Tribal practices will be acceptable."

**Trust Land** - For purposes of this NOFO, trust lands are a type of formula area as delineated under HUD's IHBG program at 24 CFR 1000.302.

**YHDP Community Applicant**- The organization that submits a priority listing of YHDP projects and is selected as a YHDP Selected Community by HUD. If the YHDP Community Recipient is a CoC Collaborative Applicant, they may apply for YHDP planning funds. YHDP Selected Communities must list of counties that will be served by projects included in the priority listing; this listing, which will be confirmed by HUD, is the geographic area covered by a YHDP selected community.

**YHDP Community Recipient**- A YHDP Community Applicant that is selected via the process outlined in section V of this NOFO.

**YHDP Eligible Program Participants** - Youth, as defined below, who initially qualify as homeless under paragraph (1)-(3) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3; or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Notwithstanding the above, youth-serving providers (defined in I.C.3 of Appendix II) funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth who are living in unsafe situations or families headed by youth who are living in unsafe situations (defined in I.C.6 of Appendix II). As explained in I.C.3 of Appendix II, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded with YHDP. YHDP recipients must ensure that they properly document homelessness status; see <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1974/criteria-and-recordkeeping-requirements-for-definition-of-homeless/>.

**YHDP Geographic Area**- The areas served by a YHDP project, as identified in a YHDP community designation application. HUD interprets the YHDP Geographic Areas served by a YHDP project as the county in which one or more physical housing or supportive services buildings are located as well as a reasonable catchment area around those projects where homeless youth can access housing and services.

**YHDP Project Applicant**- An eligible applicant that is designated by the YHDP lead to apply for assistance under the YHDP. Eligible project applicants under Appendix II include

1. State governments
2. County governments
3. City or township governments
4. Special district governments
5. Indian Tribes and Tribally designated housing entities as defined in Section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)
6. Nonprofits, as demonstrated by criteria at 24 CFR 5.109(I)(1) through 24 CFR 5.109(I)(4)

Please see section II.A of Appendix II for additional information on eligible project applicants.

**YHDP Project Priority List**- A list of YHDP projects being submitted by the YHDP Community Applicant for YHDP funding. The YHDP Project Priority List is part of the Consolidated Youth Homelessness Application.

**YHSI Selected Community** - The geographic area designated by an applicant in their application to this NOFO that is awarded YHSI funds.

**Youth** - a person who is age 24 or younger

- Unaccompanied Youth - persons who are age 24 or younger, who is the only member of the household.
- Pregnant or Parenting Youth – Individual heads of households who are age 24 or younger who are pregnant or who are the parents or legal guardians of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent.
- Transition Age Youth- persons between age 18 and 24.

**Youth Homelessness NOFO Application** - An application submitted by an eligible applicant for designation as a Selected YHSI Community and/or a YHDP Community Recipient. YHDP Community Applicants must submit a YHDP Project Priority List and YHDP Project Applications, as outlined in [Section VI.B](#) of this NOFO.

## Appendix II: YHDP Project Selection Process

This Appendix establishes the funding criteria for projects under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). HUD is making available approximately \$72 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funds and \$72 million in FY 2025 funds to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and younger, can dramatically reduce homelessness. YHDP applicants must consider the needs of all at-risk of or homeless youth in their community, including pregnant and parenting youth; victims of sexual trafficking and exploitation; survivors of domestic violence; youth involved with child welfare or the juvenile and adult justice system; and youth in need of substance abuse or mental health services.

### I. Overview

**A. Program Description.** The purpose of YHDP is to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and younger, can dramatically reduce homelessness. This includes a variety of approaches, eligible activities and types of projects including services for physical or mental health conditions, substance use disorder, domestic violence or childhood abuse, and decreasing barriers to employment. This Appendix provides information to YHDP Project Applicants on project requirements and the process for applying for YHDP projects.

While this Appendix is the primary source of information for Project Applicants, Project Applicants should read the Youth Homelessness NOFO in its entirety in conjunction with the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program interim rule (24 CFR part 578). Consistent with the 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act and the 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, communities may implement YHDP activities that are related to the CoC

program but operate outside the CoC statute. To ensure YHDP activities are implemented in an effective, consistent, and proven way, all YHDP projects funded under the Youth NOFO (including this appendix) are subject to certain provisions of 24 CFR part 578 outlined in Section III.B of the Youth Homelessness NOFO.

Project applicants are encouraged to consider the following project designs when applying for YHDP projects if the housing addresses a need identified by the YHDP Community Recipient:

1. *Housing Projects with Service Participation Agreements.* Housing-related projects are encouraged to require program participants to take part in supportive services that are not disability-related services.
2. *Projects that Serve Specific Subpopulations.* Project Applicants may submit projects that exclusively serve a particular homeless subpopulation in transitional housing if the housing meets one of the following:
  - a. Projects may limit admission to or provide a preference for the housing to subpopulations of homeless persons and families who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in the housing (e.g., substance abuse addiction treatment, domestic violence services, or a high intensity package designed to meet the needs of hard-to-reach homeless persons) so long as admission does not discriminate against any protected class under federal nondiscrimination laws in 24 CFR 5.105.
  - b. Projects may limit housing to families with children.
  - c. Projects that promote recovery through sober living are encouraged. Sober housing may exclude youth who refuse to sign an occupancy agreement or lease that prohibits program participants from possessing, using, or being under the influence of illegal substances and/or alcohol on the premises.
  - d. Housing-related projects are encouraged to limit housing to one sex when it consists of a single structure with shared bedrooms or bathing facilities such that it is appropriate to do so for safety and privacy considerations.

## B. Overview of Application Process.

1. *Community Selection Process.* To be awarded projects under the YHDP, the community must have been selected by HUD to participate in the YHDP. See the main text of the Youth Homelessness NOFO for more information about how to apply to be a selected community.
2. *Project Selection Process.* YHDP community applicants must submit a priority listing along with the Community Application. A priority listing of all project applications must be submitted by the YHDP community applicant through *e-snaps* following the process outlined in this Appendix.
3. *Priority Listings.* The YHDP community applicant must review each project application submitted for inclusion on the FY 2024 and FY 2025 YHDP Priority Listing as part of the YHDP community application and either approve and rank or reject project application submissions. All project applications approved by the YHDP community

applicant must be listed on the YHDP Priority Listing in rank order.

### **C. Highlights.**

1. *Program Flexibility.* YHDP projects may choose to take advantage of the special YHDP activities and other options listed at I.C.1 of this Appendix. The following options would not meet CoC program requirements but may be used to carry out YHDP projects. As authorized by the FY 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act and FY2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, projects that use these options (and other YHDP projects) can be renewed with available FY 2024, FY2025 or prior FY funding for the CoC program. If similar authorization appears in future acts, projects that use these options (and other YHDP projects) could also be renewed with CoC program funding provided under those acts. As stated in I.C.5 of this Appendix, however, HUD will not renew any planning projects.
  - a. The following YHDP activities may be exercised by YHDP recipients with notice to the Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs:
    1. Up to 5 percent of the total YHDP funding made available to the community may be used for planning grants. As outlined in I.C.5 of this Appendix, planning grants are nonrenewable.
    2. In addition to the eligible costs listed in 24 CFR 578.59(a), YHDP recipients may use project administrative funds to support costs associated with involving youth with lived experience in project implementation, execution, and improvement.
    3. Recipients of YHDP funds can use project administrative funds to attend conferences and trainings that are not HUD-sponsored or HUD-approved, provided that the subject matter is relevant to youth homelessness.
    4. YHDP recipients may employ youth who are receiving services, including housing, from the recipient organization. Recipients that utilize this special YHDP activity must maintain documentation that discloses the nature of work that the youth does, and that the youth is not in a position that creates a conflict of interest.
    5. YHDP recipients may use housing standards outlined at Section I.C.8 of this appendix for transitional housing projects. Recipients implementing this special YHDP activity must keep documentation of what standards are applied to the units and proof that the units complied with the standards before assistance is provided.
    6. YHDP recipients may provide moving expenses more than one time to a program participant.
    7. YHDP recipients may provide payments of up to \$500 per month for families that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model in order to offset the increased costs associated with having youth housed in the unit.

8. YHDP recipients may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 12 months after the program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance.
9. Projects using grant leasing funds may pay above the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for individual units as long as the amount paid is consistent with the reasonable rent standards at 24 CFR 578.51(g).
10. YHDP grant funds may be used for the following if they are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing. Recipients and subrecipients must maintain records establishing how it was determined paying the costs was necessary for the program participant to obtain and retain housing and must also conduct an annual assessment of the needs of the program participants and adjust costs accordingly.
  - a. Security deposits for units in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent.
  - b. The costs to pay for any damage to housing due to the action of a program participant, which may be paid while the youth continues to reside in the unit. The total costs paid for damage per program participant may not exceed the cost of two months' rent.
  - c. The costs of providing household cleaning supplies to clients.
  - d. Housing start-up expenses for program participants, including furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods, not to exceed \$500 in value per program participant.
  - e. The one-time cost of purchasing a cellular phone and service for program participant use, if necessary for the participant to obtain or maintain housing.
  - f. The cost of internet in a program participant's unit.
  - g. Payment of rental arrears consisting of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.
  - h. Payment of utility arrears of up to 6 months per service.
  - i. Up to three months of utilities for a program participant, based on the utility costs schedule for the unit size and location.
  - j. In addition to transportation costs eligible in 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15), a recipient may pay gas and mileage costs for a program participant's personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under 24 CFR 578.53(e).
  - k. Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment.

- I. Program participant's past driving fines and fees that are preventing a young person from being able to obtain or renew a driver's license and impacting their ability to obtain or maintain housing. Additionally, recipients may pay for program participants' costs for insurance and registration for personal vehicles if the personal vehicle is necessary to reach medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.
11. Recipients may use YHDP funds to pay for owner incentive and retention payments for TH projects before occupancy of the unit, or at any point thereafter, provided that the overall amount paid with program funds per unit does not exceed three times the monthly rent charged for the unit and the incentive and/or retention payment results in the unit being occupied by a program participant. Recipients that utilize this special YHDP activity must maintain documentation that the incentive and/or retention payment resulted in the unit being occupied by a program participant and that incentive and/or retention payment did not create a conflict of interest. These payments may include signing bonuses (a payment offered to an owner as an incentive for leasing a unit to be occupied by a program participant), repairs to bring a unit that failed inspection into compliance with program requirements, or holding fees to reserve a unit for a homeless youth. Owner incentive and retention payments may not be paid for units owned by the project recipient, subrecipient, their parent organization(s), any other related organization(s), or organizations that are members of a partnership, where the partnership owns the structure.
  12. Recipients of Transitional Housing projects may use Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units to house youth. SRO units are subject to regulations at 24 CFR 982.602 and 24 CFR 982.605. Fair Market Rent (FMR) and utility costs for SROs are calculated as 75% of the zero-bedroom FMR and utility costs, respectively.
  13. Rental Assistance may be administered by nonprofit providers, Tribes, and TDHEs, in addition to the organizations listed in 24 CFR 978.51(b).
- b. Under the conditions specified below, YHDP recipients may make use of the following built-in exceptions to this NOFO's requirements:
    1. A recipient may provide up to 36 months of leasing or rental assistance funds in Transitional Housing to a program participant if the recipient describes (1) the method it will use to determine which youth need housing assistance beyond 24 months and (2) the services and resources that will be offered to ensure youth are self-sufficient at the end of the 36 months of assistance.
    2. Recipients may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 24 months after the program participant exits homelessness or transitional housing if the recipient describes: 1) the

proposed length of extended services to be provided; 2) the method it will use to determine whether services are still necessary; and 3) how those services will result in self-sufficiency and ensure stable housing for the YHDP program participant.

3. Recipients may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 36 months after the program participant exits homelessness or transitional housing, if the services are in connection with housing assistance, such as the Foster Youth to Independence initiative, or if the recipient can demonstrate that extended supportive services ensures continuity of case workers for program participants.
4. Recipients will not be required to meet the 25% match requirement provided for in II.B of the Youth Homelessness NOFO and 24 CFR 578.73 if the recipient is able to identify multiple non-YHDP resources in the community that assist homeless youth and can provide a narrative description of 1) how the resources will assist youth who are clients under the YHDP project and 2) how the recipient will facilitate connections to these resources to ensure that youth are aware of them and able to access the resources.
5. Recipients will not be required to meet the 25% match requirement provided for in III.C of the Youth Homelessness NOFO and 24 CFR 578.73 if the recipient does not have other currently active CoC or YHDP grants. If permitted by future Appropriations Acts, HUD will continue the match exemption for the YHDP grant funded under this NOFO under the first and second renewal or replacement of the project under the Continuum of Care competition.
6. Rental assistance may be combined with leasing or operating funds in the same unit, provided that the recipient submits a project plan that includes safeguards to ensure that no unit receives a double-subsidy, defined as rent in excess of the pro-rata reasonable rent for the unit.
7. YHDP recipients may provide payments of up to \$1000 per month for families that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model, provided that the recipient can show that the additional cost is necessary to recruit hosts to the program.
8. In addition to the specific activities authorized above or in 24 CFR part 578, other innovative activities to reduce youth homelessness may be carried out using YHDP funds, provided that the recipient can demonstrate that the activity meets the following criteria:
  - a. The activity is supported by the YHDP lead, as evidenced by a letter of support;
  - b. The activity will be testing or likely to achieve a positive outcome in at least one of the four core outcomes for homeless youth (stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment,

and well-being);

[https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/USICH\\_Youth\\_Framework\\_FINAL\\_02\\_13\\_131.pdf](https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/USICH_Youth_Framework_FINAL_02_13_131.pdf)

- c. The activity is cost effective; and
- d. The activity is not in conflict with fair housing, civil rights, or environmental regulations.

YHDP recipients may carry out the YHDP activities listed in I.C.1.a upon notice to the Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, unless a grant amendment is required by 24 CFR 578.105. If a grant amendment is required, the recipient cannot carry out the activities listed in I.C.1.a until it has provided notice to HUD and HUD has signed a grant amendment. Project Applicants can submit notices to HUD with their project applications, and project applicants (or recipients) can also submit notices to HUD after projects are approved.

2. In order to receive any of the exceptions listed in I.C.1.b, Project Applicants must submit a request to the Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs at the time of or prior to the project application submission. Project Applicants (or recipients) may also request any of the exceptions listed in I.C.1.b after projects are approved; however, the recipient cannot make use of the exception until notified that HUD has received and approved the request. In addition to HUD approval, if a grant amendment is required by 24 CFR 578.105, the recipient cannot make use of any requested exceptions until HUD has signed the grant amendment. Notices and requests for exceptions should be attached to the project application. Project applicants can obtain a copy of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("the Act") and 24 CFR part 578 on HUD.gov.

*Local Project Quality review.* HUD requires each YHDP community applicant to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for project applications submitted with the application for selection as a YHDP community. Youth receiving services or assistance, either previously or currently, from one or more YHDP project applicants may participate in YHDP project selection. HUD requires the YHDP community applicant to closely review information provided in each project application to ensure that:

- a. All proposed program participants will be eligible for the program component type selected;
- b. The proposed activities are eligible under section III of the youth NOFO, except as otherwise stated in this Appendix;
- c. All proposed activities meet the criteria stated in Sections II and III of this Appendix;
- d. Each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all the criteria for that question as required by the Youth Homelessness NOFO;
- e. The data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent and accurate; and

- f. All required attachments correspond to the attachments list in this Appendix, and the attachments contain accurate and complete information.
3. *Serving Households Who Lack 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Documentation or Live in Unsafe Situations.* Youth aged 24 and under are not required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded under the Youth Homelessness NOFO. Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under the Youth Homelessness NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under who are living in unsafe situations. All other documentation requirements apply- see <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1974/criteria-and-recordkeeping-requirements-for-definition-of-homeless/>.
- HUD interprets "youth-serving provider" as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under. HUD interprets "living in unsafe situations" as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under the Youth Homelessness NOFO, this appendix, the Act, or the CoC Program rule.
4. *Project Geography:* Planning grants may only be awarded to Collaborative Applicants or their designee. Non-CoC YHDP community applicants are ineligible to receive planning grants. YHDP funding must only be used to serve homeless youth in the geographic area identified in the YHDP application. Non-CoC YHDP communities recipients or YHDP community recipients that cover multiple CoCs must indicate the geographic area served by the project. This information will be used by HUD to determine which CoC the project may be eligible to renew under in future CoC competitions.
5. *Grant Terms.* All projects awarded under YHDP will have an initial term of 24-30 months unless extended. All grants besides planning may be renewed for a 1-year grant term under the CoC program as outlined in section I.C. of this Appendix.
6. *Fair Market Rent (FMR).* Funds awarded for rental assistance will be awarded using the most recent FMRs published by HUD on the date the project application is submitted to HUD.
7. *Lead-based paint remediation and disclosure.* The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act ([42 U.S.C. 4821-4846](#)), the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 ([42 U.S.C. 4851-4856](#)), and implementing regulations in [24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, H, J, K, M, and R](#) apply to Transitional Housing assisted with YHDP funds.
8. *Housing Standards.* Project recipients who select special activity I.C.1.a(5) may utilize the following housing standards for transitional housing units. The recipient may also establish standards that exceed or add to these minimum standards.
- a. **Structure and materials.** The structures must be structurally sound to protect residents from the elements and not pose any threat to the health and safety of

the residents

- b. **Space and security.** Each resident must be provided adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident must be provided an acceptable place to sleep.
- c. **Interior air quality.** Each room or space must have a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air must be free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.
- d. **Water supply.** The water supply must be free from contamination.
- e. **Sanitary facilities.** Residents must have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
- f. **Thermal environment.** The housing must have any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
- g. **Illumination and electricity.** The structure must have adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There must be sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the structure.
- h. **Food preparation.** All food preparation areas must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
- i. **Sanitary conditions.** The housing must be maintained in a sanitary condition.
- j. **Fire safety.**
  1. There must be a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency.
  2. Each unit must include at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors must be located, to the extent practicable, in a hallway adjacent to a bedroom. If the unit is occupied by hearing impaired persons, smoke detectors must have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons in each bedroom occupied by a hearing-impaired person.
  3. The public areas of all housing must be equipped with a sufficient number, but not less than one for each area, of battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Public areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, community rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and other common areas.

## II. Eligibility Information

**A. Eligible Applicants.** Eligible Applicants for YHDP project funding are outlined in section II.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO. All subrecipients must also meet the eligibility standards for Eligible Applicants in section II.A. of the Youth Homelessness NOFO. HUD will review project subrecipient eligibility as part of the threshold review process. Project

Applicants are required to submit documentation of their subrecipients' eligibility with the application.

For Planning grants, the project applicant must be a Collaborative Applicant or designee. Awarded YHDP Communities that are not associated with a CoC are not eligible to apply for planning grants; however, they may apply for YHSI funds under the Youth Homelessness NOFO to fund activities associated with establishing and implementing or improving a response system for youth homelessness.

For a dedicated HMIS grant, the project applicant must either be a designated HMIS Lead in a CoC in the state to which the YHDP funds are granted or a UFA (for applications that cover one or more CoCs that have a UFA)

UFAs must apply for and be the recipient of all grants for their Community.

**B. Religious protections and accommodations.** HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct, policies, or practices that target an organization for its religious status, affiliation, or exercise. A faith-based organization may apply on the same basis as any other organization, subject to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109, and receive the full protections for religion in Federal law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-1(a), 2000e-2(e), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12113(d)).

An organization may seek a religious accommodation from any requirements of this program or other HUD requirement that substantially burden its religious exercise under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act or other applicable law, consistent with 24 CFR 5.109(c). If such an accommodation is requested, HUD will not deny the organization unless it determines that doing so is necessary to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of achieving that interest.

Consistent with the above legal protections, faith-based organizations may also hire, fire, and make other employment decisions on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs, including requiring employees to adhere to religious tenets, practices, and standards of conduct, without jeopardizing their eligibility to receive HUD funds.

**C. Matching.** Provisions at 24 CFR 578.73 apply to grants unless the recipient receives approval for a built-in exception outlined at I.C.1.b.4 or I.C.1.b.5 of this Appendix.

**D. Program Income.** The recipient may choose to use program income as a source of matching funds. If program income is used as a source of matching funds, the project applicant must describe this in the project application.

**E. Indirect Costs.** Normal indirect cost rules under 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended from time to time, apply. Project applicants that intend to charge indirect costs to the award must clearly state in the project application(s) the rate and distribution base the recipient intends to use, and if applicable, the rate and distribution base to be used by any sub-recipient(s). If the rate is a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, the project application must include the corresponding negotiated indirect cost rate agreement signed by the cognizant agency. A government department or agency unit that receives no more than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year and has developed and maintains an indirect cost rate

proposal and supporting documentation in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, appendix VII, may use the rate and distribution base specified in that indirect cost rate proposal, unless the cognizant agency requires the proposal to be submitted for negotiation.

For each applicant or intended sub-recipient that meets the conditions for the de minimis rate under 2 CFR 200.414(f) and will use that rate to charge indirect costs, the project application must clearly state the intended use of the de minimis rate. As described in 2 CFR 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. Once an organization elects to use the de minimis rate, the organization must apply this methodology consistently for all Federal awards until the organization chooses to negotiate for a rate, which the organization may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

#### **F. Other Project Eligibility Requirements.**

1. *Grant Terms.* All grants for projects will be for an initial 2-year grant term unless the applicant requests an initial grant term of up to 30-months. The grant term may be extended consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309.
2. *Eligible Program Participants and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Documentation of Eligibility.* Funds awarded under the YHDP must only be used to serve youth, as defined in I.A.4 of the NOFO, who initially qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) through (3) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Notwithstanding the above, youth-serving providers (defined in I.C.3 of Appendix A) funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth (defined in I.A.4 of the NOFO) who are living in unsafe situations or families headed by youth who are living in unsafe situations (defined in I.C.3 of this Appendix).

As explained in I.C.3 of this Appendix, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded under the Youth Homelessness NOFO.

3. *Eligible Components and Costs.* Project Applicants may apply for projects that include:
  - a. Eligible costs listed in 24 CFR 578.43 through 578.63 when used to establish and operate projects under the following program components established at 24 CFR 578.37:
    1. *Transitional housing*, including Crisis Residential transitional housing and Shared Housing.
    2. *HMIS*
    3. *Supportive Service Only (SSO)*, including, but not limited to, projects dedicated to coordinated entry; Host Homes and Kinship Care;

housing search and placement services; case management; supportive services connected with Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers; or street outreach;

All CoC requirements that apply to rental assistance would apply to rental assistance provided in shared housing. Eligible uses of supportive service funding for SSO and Transitional Housing projects can be found at 24 CFR 578.53 and include:

- Case management,
  - Life skills training,
  - Outpatient mental health services including the prescription of medications,
  - Outpatient substance use disorder treatment,
  - Outpatient health services including preventative medical care,
  - Childcare,
  - Education including books and school supplies, GED, ESL, and substance abuse prevention,
  - Employment assistance and job training,
  - Outreach services (ie, street outreach),
  - Food,
  - Housing search and counseling services, and
  - Legal services
- b. VAWA Costs - Costs associated with facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with the emergency transfer plan requirement in [\[34 U.S.C. 12491\(e\)\]](#) and monitoring compliance with the confidentiality protections in [\[34 U.S.C. 12491\(c\)\(4\)\]](#) are eligible costs for YHDP projects, subject to the following provisions:
- HUD has determined that eligible activities paid for under the VAWA costs category are not subject to the CoC program's spending caps on administrative costs and may be included in new YHDP project applications.
  - Examples of **eligible costs** for emergency transfer facilitation include the costs of assessing, coordinating, approving, denying and implementing a survivor's emergency transfer.
  - Examples of **eligible costs** for monitoring compliance with the VAWA confidentiality requirements include the costs of ensuring compliance with the VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- c. Rural Costs- Projects in rural areas [as defined in section 2.b.(26) of the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or

Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants FR-6800-N-25] to use up to 10% of funds requested as part of the project to pay for the following eligible activities when they are part of a TH or SSO project, except for SSO projects specifically for coordinated entry:

- Payment of short-term emergency lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly or through vouchers.
  - Repairs to units in which homeless youth will be housed; or are currently not fit for human habitation.
  - Staff training, professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.
4. Environmental Requirements. Notwithstanding provisions at 24 CFR 578.31 and 24 CFR 578.99(a) of the CoC Program interim rule, and in accordance with Section 100261(3) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405), activities under the YHPD NOFO are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.
- a. Additionally, HUD has clarified two requirements for projects categorized as Categorically Excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act and not subject to the laws and authorities at 58.5 (CENST):
    - i. All scattered-site projects, where participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre-determined specific project site or sites, are categorized in 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1) as CENST. This includes both tenant-based rental assistance and scattered-site leasing projects where the program participant chooses their unit.
    - ii. An exempt or CENST environmental review is only required for each project, not each unit.
  - b. For activities under a grant to a Project Grant Recipient other than a responsible entity (a State, Tribe, or unit of general local government) that generally would be subject to review under part 58, under 24 CFR 58.11, if the responsible entity objects to performing an environmental review, HUD may perform the environmental review under the provisions of 24 CFR part 50.
  - c. Irrespective of whether the responsible entity, in accordance with 24 CFR part 58, or HUD, in accordance with 24 CFR part 50, performs the environmental review, the Project Grant Recipient must supply all available, relevant information necessary for the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) to perform an environmental review for each activity, including information for each property when applicable. The Project Grant Recipient also must carry out mitigating measures required by the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) or select alternative property.
  - d. The Project Grant Recipient, its project partners, and their contractors are

prohibited from taking any choice limiting actions under 24 CFR 58.22, such as acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, leasing, repairing, disposing of, demolishing, or constructing property for a project under the Youth Homelessness NOFO, or committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds for such eligible activities under this NOFO, until the responsible entity (as defined by 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)) has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved, if applicable, or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the Project Grant Recipient has received HUD approval of the proposed activity. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds (i.e., incurs any costs or expenditures to be paid or reimbursed with such funds) before the recipient submits and HUD approves its RROF, where such submission is required.

### III. Threshold Criteria.

HUD will only select projects for funding from the priority listing that pass the following threshold criteria. If a project does not originally pass threshold criteria and is rejected by HUD, the Project Applicant may resubmit the project application to HUD; however, the Project Applicant and the selected community should review the project carefully prior to resubmitting and address all deficiencies.

- A. **Ineligible Applicants.** HUD will not consider an application from an ineligible Project Applicant. All project applications for grants, including planning grants, in YHDP communities that cover one CoC with a UFA must be from the UFA. For a dedicated HMIS grant, the application must either be from the UFA (when there is a UFA for the Community) or the HMIS Lead (when there is no UFA for the Community) that will be the grant recipient.
- B. **UEI Requirement.** As of April 4, 2022, entities doing business with the federal government must use the UEI created in SAM.gov. Also, you must provide a valid UEI, registered and active at [www.sam.gov/](http://www.sam.gov/) in the application. HUD will treat an application containing the wrong UEI as having a curable deficiency. Failure to correct the deficiency and meet the requirement to have a UEI and active registration in SAM will render the application ineligible for funding. For more information, see: <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/office-of-systems-management/integrated-award-environment-iae/iae-systems-information-kit/unique-entity-identifier-update>
- C. **Active Registration in SAM.** All Project Applicants seeking funding under the Youth Homelessness NOFO must have an active SAM registration. HUD will not issue a grant agreement for awarded funds to a Project Applicant until it verifies that its SAM registration is active.
- D. **Project Eligibility Threshold.** HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If HUD determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected.

1. Project Applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the criteria for Eligible Applicants outlined in Section II.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO and provide evidence of eligibility required in the project application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
2. Project Applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer Federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the Project Applicant or subrecipients experience with similar projects and with successful administration of CoC Program funds or other Federal funds.
3. Project Applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the population to be served meets the criteria for "Eligible Program Participants" in II.F.2 of this appendix.
4. Project Applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate that the project is cost effective, including costs of operations, and supportive services with such costs not deviating substantially from the norm in that locale for the type of structure or kind of activity.
5. Project Applicants, for any grant other than SSO grants for coordinated entry and for Planning costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database.
6. Project applicants of dedicated HMIS grants must demonstrate that grant funds will only be used for recipient costs of implementing or expanding youth-specific HMIS system components (e.g., adding youth-specific data standards, evaluating this program, or developing YHDP specific reports) or add youth organizations to the HMIS.
7. Project applicants for SSO projects specifically for coordinated entry processes must demonstrate that grant funds will only be used to implement the youth specific component of a community's coordinated entry process.
8. Project Applicants for planning grants must demonstrate that the grant will only be used for the costs of activities that are described in 24 CFR 578.39 and are specific to preventing and ending youth homelessness (e.g., developing youth specific guidance for the next PIT Count).
9. Project Applicants for supportive services or housing assistance to projects must demonstrate that the project incorporates Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) models of housing and service delivery.
10. Project Applicants for housing and SSO projects, except SSO grants for coordinated entry, must demonstrate that the project is likely to achieve a

positive outcome in at least one of the four core outcomes for homeless youth:

- i. **Safe and Stable Housing.** Youth will be provided or transition to safe and stable housing that appropriately matches their level of need. Housing options may include moving in with family, other permanent housing, residential treatment centers, or substance abuse treatment facilities.
- ii. **Social and Emotional Well-being.** Youth will connect to trauma-informed providers for services related to physical health, substance abuse, mental health, personal safety (such as potential trafficking situations), and sexual risk behaviors ([Sexual Risk Avoidance | The Exchange](#)).
- iii. **Education or Employment.** Youth will connect to school or vocational training programs, improve job search skills, or obtain employment.
- iv. **Permanent Connections.** Youth will experience positive ongoing attachments to their families, communities, schools, and other social networks. A positive ongoing attachment may look like youth having at least one adult in their life to whom they can go for advice or emotional support.

**E. Project Quality Threshold.** HUD will review all project applications to determine if they meet the following project quality threshold requirements. As specified below, not all the criteria in paragraphs E.2 through E.6 must be shown for conditional selection of a project. However, if awarded, each project must meet all the criteria that applies to its project type. Project Applicants are required to submit documentation of their subrecipients' eligibility under these threshold requirements. A determination that a project meets the project quality threshold is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is in compliance with applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements. HUD will reject projects that do not meet the minimum point requirements described in this section. If HUD rejects a project that does not meet the minimum point requirements, HUD reserves the right to use FY2025 funds for all projects included in the priority listing for the community with the rejected application, even if the community selection score qualifies the community to be funded with FY2024 funds. HUD reserves this right in order to work with project applicants and YHDP community recipients to submit projects that meet the requirements in the Youth Homelessness NOFO and this Appendix.

1. All projects must meet the following criteria related to project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance:
  - a. Project Applicants and potential subrecipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for any existing grant(s), as applicable, that are funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (as applicable), quarterly drawdowns, and timely resolution of monitoring findings;



- b. There is a strategy for advertising the coordinated entry process that is designed to specifically reach homeless youth with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area (1 point);
        - c. The coordinated entry process has a standardized assessment process that is appropriate for youth (1 point);
        - d. The coordinated entry process ensures that youth are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs (1 point);
        - e. The specific plan for ensuring that program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
5. Dedicated HMIS projects must meet the 4 criteria below if awarded YHDP funds but will pass threshold if they receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for the following criteria:
  - a. The HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC's implementation concerning youth (1 point);
  - b. The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the [HMIS Data Standards](#) (1 point);
  - c. The HMIS un-duplicates client records (1 point); and
  - d. The HMIS produces all HUD required reports, and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and HHS/RHY reporting as applicable (1 point).
6. Projects for Planning funds must meet the 4 criteria below if awarded YHDP funds but will pass threshold if they receive at least 3 out of 4 points using the following criteria:
  - a. The CoC conducts meetings that are inclusive and open to all members, including youth (1 point);
  - b. The CoC has CoC-wide planning committees, subcommittees, or workgroups that are tasked with specifically addressing the needs of homeless youth in the CoC's geographic area and that recommend or set policy priorities for the CoC (1 point);
  - c. The proposed planning activities that will be carried out with grant funds are described at 24 CFR 578.39 and specific to preventing and ending youth homelessness (1 point); and
  - d. The funds requested will improve the ability to evaluate the CoC's success at preventing and ending youth homelessness in the selected community (1 point).

## F. Resolution of Outstanding Civil Rights Matters.

Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission deadline. Project applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application submission deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review, will not be rated and ranked, and will not receive funding.

- a. Project applicants having any of the charges, cause determinations, lawsuits, or letters of findings referenced in subparagraphs (1) – (5) that have not been resolved to HUD's satisfaction before or on the application submission deadline date are ineligible for funding. Such matters include:
  - i. Charges from HUD concerning a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act or receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law proscribing discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or familial status;
  - ii. Status as a defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice alleging a pattern or practice of discrimination or denial of rights to a group of persons raising an issue of general public importance under 42 U.S.C. 3614(a);
  - iii. Status as a defendant in any other lawsuit filed or joined by the Department of Justice, or in which the Department of Justice has intervened, or filed an amicus brief or statement of interest, alleging a pattern or practice or systemic violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Violence Against Women Act, or a claim under the False Claims Act related to fair housing, non-discrimination, or civil rights generally including an alleged failure to affirmatively further fair housing;
  - iv. Receipt of a letter of findings identifying systemic non-compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Violence Against Women Act; or the Americans with Disabilities Act; or
  - v. Receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of provisions of a state or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or lawful source of income.
- b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the charge, cause determination, lawsuit, or letter of findings taken before the application submission deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:

- i. Current compliance with voluntary compliance agreement signed by all parties;
- ii. Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;
- iii. Current compliance with conciliation agreement signed by all parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
- iv. Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree;
- v. Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision; or
- vi. Dismissal of charges.

G. **Obligation Deadlines.** All FY 2024YHDP funds must be obligated by September 30, 2026. All FY2025 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2027.

#### IV. Other Requirements.

**Select Applicable Requirements:** Project recipients must follow the applicable provisions in the [Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2025](#). You must comply with the provisions outlined in Section VII.A of the NOFO.

#### V. Application and Submission Information.

**1. Application Package.** The submission summary in *e-snaps* provides the list of elements required to complete each type of project application. A Project Applicant will not be able to submit a project application to HUD until all required parts are completed. Once available, the project application can be accessed at <https://esnaps.hud.gov/>.

**2. Content and Form of Submission.** Applicants for YHDP Community Designation must approve all project applications included on the priority listing for projects that will be located and operate in the geographic areas of their respective CoCs, as demonstrated through letters of support. Each project application must also include the following parts, all of which must be submitted by the YHDP community applicant as part of the priority listing through *e-snaps* or uploaded attachment:

- Project application charts, narratives, and attachments;
- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance; see Section IV.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO for additional information;
- SF-424(b) Assurances- Non-Construction Programs; see Section IV.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO for additional information;
- A tribal resolution or letter authorizing the applicant to operate the project on the reservation or trust land, if required under Section II.B. of the Youth Homelessness NOFO.
- The SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application

is for private nonprofit organization applicants only and completion/submission of this survey is voluntary;

- Document of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility (including eligibility under threshold requirements) –all Project Applicants must attach documentation of eligibility–subrecipient eligibility must also be attached to the project application;
- The SF-424A Budget Information for Non-construction Programs; see Section IV.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO for additional information
- Applicant Certifications:
  - a. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report. The HUD-2880 must include the correct amount of HUD assistance requested. See Section IV.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO for additional information;
  - b. Certification Regarding Lobbying form;
  - c. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying of Activities (if applicable);
  - d. Applicant Code of Conduct. The Code must be attached in *e-snaps* or on file with HUD at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants). See Section IV.A of the Youth Homelessness NOFO for additional information;
  - e. Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;
- Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:
  - a. The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a)
  - b. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 USC 863. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III of the Youth Homelessness NOFO and is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a). This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.

## VI. Submission Dates and Times.

- A. **Application Period.** The application period begins on the date that HUD opens the *e-snaps* portal for YHDP applications and ends on the due date listed in Section I.A.1 of the Youth Homelessness NOFO. Additional information on application submission is available in Section VI.B of the NOFO.

If a major disaster impacts a selected YHDP community's geographic area, as

declared by the President under the Stafford Act, after the NOFO closing date and the project application due date, the YHDP lead must send written notification to Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAPS) at [youthdemo@hud.gov](mailto:youthdemo@hud.gov). The email must include:

- i. the nature of the disaster, date(s) the major disaster occurred, how the major disaster affected the YHDP community;
- ii. the duration, and the impact on the YHDP community or project applicants to meet the application submission due date; and
- iii. the anticipated amount of time the CoC is requesting for an extension (e.g., number of days, weeks, or months). This does not mean HUD will allow the full amount of time requested.

HUD may extend the application deadline for the affected YHDP selected community based on the timing and the extent of the major disaster. All requests received will be confirmed via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website, <https://www.fema.gov/disaster>.

- B. Exporting Project Application for Applicant Records.** HUD strongly encourages YHDP community applicants and project applicants to use the "Export to PDF" functionality of *e-snaps* to print a hard copy of all submission documents for their records. This can be completed prior to or after submission.

## VII. Other Submission Requirements.

### Waiver of Electronic Submission Requirements.

A. The regulatory framework of HUD's electronic submission requirement is the final rule established in 24 CFR 5.1005. Project Applicants seeking a waiver of the electronic submission requirement must request a waiver in accordance with 24 CFR 5.1005. HUD regulations allow for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement for good cause. Similar to the CoC Program Competition, HUD is defining good cause for the YHDP Competition as follows:

1. there are no computers that could be used by the Project Applicants or the Collaborative Applicant that are newer than 5 years old anywhere within the selected community's geographic area; or
2. there are no computers that could be used by Project Applicants or the Collaborative Applicant anywhere within the selected community's geographic area; or
3. there is no internet access that could be used by Project Applicants or the Collaborative Applicant anywhere within the selected community's geographic area.

B. To request a waiver of HUD's electronic submission requirement, the YHDP community applicant should address written notification to Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPs), and submit the request to [YouthDemo@hud.gov](mailto:YouthDemo@hud.gov).

C. If HUD grants the waiver, its response will include instructions on how and where the

paper project application must be submitted. HUD will not extend the application deadline for Project Applicants that are granted a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. Therefore, Project Applicants seeking a waiver of the electronic submission requirement should submit their waiver request with sufficient time to allow HUD to process and respond to the request. For this reason, HUD strongly recommends that if a YHDP community applicant finds it cannot submit its priority listing electronically and must seek a waiver of the electronic grant submission requirement, it should submit the waiver request to SNAPs at [YouthDemo@hud.gov](mailto:YouthDemo@hud.gov) no later than 30 days after the opening of the project application portion of the competition. If HUD does not have sufficient time to process the waiver request, HUD will not grant a waiver. Finally, HUD will not consider paper applications received without a prior approved waiver or after the established deadline.

## VIII. Award Administration Information

### A. Award Notices.

1. **Conditional Selection.** HUD will notify conditionally selected Project Applicants in writing. HUD may subsequently request conditionally selected applicants to submit additional project information—which may include documentation to show the project is financially feasible; documentation of firm commitments for match; documentation showing community control; information necessary for HUD to perform an environmental review, where HUD determines to conduct the environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR 58.11(d); a copy of the organization's Code of Conduct; and such other documentation as specified by HUD in writing to the Project Applicant, that confirms or clarifies information provided in the project application. HUD will require the submission of the additional project information no later than 30 days after the date of the letter for such information. In the event that a community must withdraw from the demonstration, HUD will reallocate the remaining balance to the other selected communities or to alternative communities if appropriate communities can be identified and sufficient funds are available.

### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

**Participation in a HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation.** As a condition of the receipt of an award funded under the Youth Homelessness NOFO, all recipients will be required to cooperate with all HUD staff, contractors, or selected recipients performing research or evaluation studies funded by HUD.

### C. Reporting

1. In addition to reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Subpart D, YHDP project recipients must collect and report data on its use of YHDP funds in Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs) and an Annual Performance Report (APR).
2. In accordance with program regulations at 24 CFR 578.103, Project Applicants must maintain records and within the time frame required, make any reports that HUD may require, including those pertaining to race, color, national origin, religion, familial status, sex, and disability. Recipients may report this data as part

of their APR submission to HUD. Also, recipients who expend \$1,000,000 or more in 1 year in Federal awards are reminded they must have a single or program-specific audit for that year in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 200, subpart F.

3. **Section 3 Reporting Regulations.** In accordance with 24 CFR 135.3(a)(2), the Section 3 requirements apply to housing and community development assistance that is used for housing rehabilitation, housing construction and other public constructions. Recipients of YHDP project funds must submit Form HUD-60002 to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), if applicable, at the time they submit their Annual Performance Report (APR) to the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. This form must be completed electronically at [www.hud.gov/section3](http://www.hud.gov/section3).
4. Award notices may also include requirements for sub-award reporting in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Financial Assistance Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282) (Transparency Act).
5. Agency Contacts. HUD staff will be available to provide general clarification on the content of the Youth Homelessness NOFO and project applications.

**D. Assigned Technical Assistance Provider.** Each selected community will be assigned technical assistance providers. Communities and Project Applicants should use their assigned technical assistance provider to advise them how to implement and improve projects to dramatically reduce youth homelessness.

**E. Training and Resources.** Project Applicants that need assistance completing the applications or understanding the program requirements under the Youth Homelessness NOFO may access training materials developed by technical assistance providers at [www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/](http://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/). For program resources please visit HUD.gov.

**F. Technical Support.** All potential Project Applicants that require information and technical support concerning the Youth Homelessness NOFO and the project applications may submit questions to HUD at [youthdemo@hud.gov](mailto:youthdemo@hud.gov). Technical support will be made equally available to all potential Project Applicants.