



NOFO Info Session YHDP Providers Q&A

Q: When will the application and relevant links be released to the partners?

A: The materials are being finalized and will be sent via email and posted to the CoC website by 5:00 PM on 7/2/2026.

Q: Is the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grant a brand-new opportunity?

A: It is not new; the community has previously used similar funding for HMIS expansion, and there are successful examples of these grants nationwide.

Q: Why is the funding amount for the renewal projects the same as in previous years?

A: The YHDP renewal bucket is designed to sustain existing portfolios; however, the separate YHSI and new YHDP NOFOs provide opportunities to compete for additional, non-renewable dollars.

Q: Should agencies submit individual applications or continue the current sub-grantee structure?

A: Consolidating into a single application is strategically favored to prevent partners from competing against each other for ranking positions, which protects the overall funding bucket.

Q: What specific project elements will make an application more competitive?

A: HUD is prioritizing projects that emphasize self-sufficiency, family supportive services, and required treatment for substance use disorders.

Q: Is there a cap on the amount of funding a community can request?

A: While there is no specific cap on individual project requests, the minimum award is \$500,000, and the maximum total award for the entire community is \$15 million.

Q: Can a new outreach project be created that is not specifically labeled as YHDP?

A: Yes, an organization can apply for a general Supportive Services Only (SSO) project, though it would lack the "protected" status typically afforded to YHDP-specific funds.

Q: What is the difference between "crisis residential" and traditional transitional housing?

A: Crisis residential housing is defined by congregate living settings, low barriers, and on-site services like emergency triage and family engagement.

Q: How will HUD verify that organizations are meeting threshold requirements?

A: HUD may conduct merit reviews that include checking an organization's public persona and social media to ensure their actual practices align with their application attestations.

Q: Will the compliance review be conducted at the CSB level or the project level?

A: Both; while CSB performs initial oversight, HUD will investigate individual project applicants and their parent organizations.

Q: Is transition assistance, such as security deposits, an allowable expense for youth moving out of transitional housing?

A: This is currently under research; if a project is structured for leasing rather than rental assistance, these one-time payments may not be permitted.

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Q: How should the conversion of Rapid Rehousing and Joint projects be managed?

A: These components should likely be collapsed into a single Transitional Housing project renewal to maintain consistency with HUD's current project definitions.

Q: What is the plan for ongoing coordination among youth partners?

A: In addition to weekly technical assistance office hours on Thursdays, a youth-specific follow-up meeting will be held at the end of next week, with recurring meetings every Monday.