



Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Round 8 Notice of Funding Opportunity Request for Projects

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Who may apply: Nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State or local governments are eligible to apply for grants. 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), Nonprofits, as demonstrated by criteria at 24 CFR 5.109(l)(1) through 24 CFR 5.109(l)(5). For-profit entities are **not** eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

Context

Please review this document in full, with particular attention to the appendices, before completing the application. There is a lot of additional information that will support your submission in the appendices.

Overview of YHDP Round 8

The YHDP is funded by Congress and aims to showcase how a holistic approach to serving homeless youth can significantly reduce homelessness. According to HUD, “The goal of the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. This community planning approach supports the foundations outlined and will guide communities in designing solutions that match the needs in their community and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end.

The demonstration has seven primary objectives: Prevent and End Youth Homelessness, Build national momentum, Promote inclusivity in the delivery and outcomes of homeless assistance, Highlight the importance of youth leadership, Evaluate the coordinated community approach, Expand capacity, Evaluate performance measures, Establish a framework for Federal program and Technical Assistance (TA) provider collaboration.”

The population to be served by this demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, aged 24 and under, including unaccompanied youth and pregnant or parenting youth who are experiencing homelessness.

San Diego YHDP Round 8

The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) is the recipient of YHDP funds and will hold the contract directly with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Organizations selected to implement eligible activities will enter into a subrecipient agreement with the RTFH. Funding will be reimbursed to the contracted organizations on a monthly basis upon submission of the required documentation of eligible expenses.

Subrecipients of the RTFH (awarded applicants of this RFP) cannot enter into subrecipient agreements with other entities using YHDP funds. However, applicants may have contractor relationships or pay landlords for rental assistance on behalf of program participants. Subrecipients have the authority to make program decisions and implement activities, whereas contractors do not. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and program regulations place specific restrictions and responsibilities on subrecipients, with which each subrecipient must comply as part of their subaward terms.

Local Planning & Priorities

In San Diego, the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (**YHDP**) is guided by the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (**RTFH**) in collaboration with the Youth Action Board (**YAB**) - a group of youth and young adults ages 14–24 with lived expertise of homelessness or housing instability.

Together, they work in partnership with a broader coalition of stakeholders representing the San Diego Continuum of Care (**CoC**), including youth-serving organizations, system partners, and individuals with expertise in education, mental health, housing, justice, employment, and child welfare.

In 2025 the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH), the Youth Action Board (YAB), and community partners convened to:

- Develop a shared mission and vision for a more cohesive, youth-centered response system,
- Assess and map the existing system of youth homelessness across San Diego, and
- Collaboratively determine project types and models for this RFP in a manner that honors youth voice and addresses the needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

Commitment to Ongoing Partnership

Community partners are committed to youth-centered planning, implementation, and continuous quality improvement. All organizations awarded funding through this RFP will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) that outlines shared values and commitments, including:

- Regular participation in YHDP planning, training, and implementation meetings, including developing cross-provider policies for using flexibilities and making sure young people are getting similar amounts and types of assistance across providers
- Engagement in continuous quality improvement alongside the YAB
- Collaborative evaluation of project impact and accountability

This partnership model aims to ensure that youth leadership isn't just represented — it's embedded in every decision that shapes the future of San Diego's response to youth homelessness.

RFP Overview

Target Population

Funds awarded under YHDP must only be used to serve youth aged 24 or younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth, including as necessary to reunite youth aged 24 or younger with family members; and all youth must initially qualify as homeless under paragraph (1), (2), or (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3, except as stated in I.C.5 and I.C.6 of Appendix A. YHDP projects must serve new youth program participants in new projects. Applicants must be able to serve all eligible youth regardless of household make-up or background, including parenting youth and young adults.

All awarded projects will serve youth throughout the CoC geography. Youth will be prioritized for project admission by coordinated entry and matched to the most locally available service provider to optimize client stability and service delivery.

Priority Project Types

Based on local system data and discussion, the community opted to prioritize 75.45% of the awarded funds (after the initial 3% planning grant) for housing through two project types to further expand

permanent housing availability for young people in the CoC:

- 1) Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing Joint Component (TH-RRH) project type and
- 2) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) project type

Brief descriptions of each project can be found in [Appendix 2](#) of this RFP. Agencies should submit a separate application for each project type they wish to apply for. One or more applicants may be awarded for each project type.

All applicants must read [Appendix A](#) of the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program FR-6400-N-37 to ensure that their application meets all of the required HUD Guidelines. [Appendix A](#) is specific to the Project Selection Process and is most applicable to this phase of the work. Applicants are encouraged to read [the complete FY23 NOFO](#) in conjunction with the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule (24 CFR part 579).

A list of federal resources that will help you understand this funding opportunity and complete this RFP is included in [Appendix 1](#).

Pertinent details regarding this funding opportunity:

- The projects listed in this RFP have been conditionally approved by HUD for the YHDP 25% Match Exemption.
- New project applications must adhere to 24 CFR 578.51(f) and must request the full FMR amount per unit.
- New projects will include supportive services costs and must adhere to 24 CFR 578.53 with flexibilities detailed in section 1.C.1. of the YHDP NOFO [Appendix A](#)
- New projects must use HMIS unless statutorily prevented from doing so and they are required to use an HMIS comparable database.
- Project Applicant must be in good standing with HUD and RTFH – defined as no open findings or history of slow expenditure of grant funds.
- Project Applicant must demonstrate a connection to mainstream service systems.
- Project Applicant must demonstrate a plan for rapid implementation of the program.
- Activities under the YHPD NOFO are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58

Funding Available

RFP responses should include a detailed project budget outlining expenses for one full operating year. However, projects selected through this process will have an initial 30-month operating period. Budgets for the initial operating period will be determined by doubling the annual project budget, meaning projects will have 30 months to spend down 24 months of funding. This extended operating period has been offered by HUD to address the time it takes to effectively start and ramp up a new project. Projects should be at full capacity no later than six months into the original operating period.

Total *annual* amount available: **\$4,731,061**

Total two-year award amount available (for expenditure over as many as 30 months): **\$9,462,122.00**

Available Funding by Project Type

Project Type*	Annual Amount Available
Rapid Rehousing	\$824,884
Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing	\$3,906,177

*Brief descriptions of each project can be found in [Appendix 2](#) of this RFP.

The total available funds, by budget-line item, are reflected in Table 4.1. This is the maximum amount available for any single application under each project and component type. The table also indicates the number of households, units, and service staff FTEs for each project and component type. The joint component project includes supportive service dollars for [kinship care](#), budgeted for an estimated 4 households at any given time.

Table 4.1

Large TH-RRH, Small RRH (Includes kinship in TH)					
Project	Total 2-Year Budget	Total 1-Year Budget	#At Any Given Time	#Per Year	# FTE Staff
1) TH-RRH Project	\$7,812,353.00	\$3,906,176.50	88 HH	98HH	5.5 FTE
Combined Leasing	\$2,371,408.00	\$1,185,704.00	35 Units		
Combined Rental Asst	\$3,130,192.00	\$1,565,096.00	49 Units		
Combined Operating	\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00			
Combined Services	\$1,257,644.00	\$628,822.00	(4 HH kinship)		
Combined Admin	\$351,554.50	\$175,777.25			
TH Component	\$2,137,985.00	\$1,068,992.50	21 HH	31 HH	1.5 FTE
Leasing	\$1,149,226.00	\$574,613.00	17 Units		
Rental Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Operating	\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00			
Supportive Services	\$447,092.00	\$223,546.00	(4 HH kinship)		
Administration	\$95,833.50	\$47,916.75			
RRH Component	\$5,674,368.00	\$2,837,184.00	67 HH	67 HH	4 FTE
Leasing	\$1,222,182.00	\$611,091.00	18 Units		
Rental Assistance	\$3,130,192.00	\$1,565,096.00	49 Units		
Operating	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Supportive Services	\$810,552.00	\$405,276.00			
Administration	\$255,721.00	\$127,860.50			
2) RRH Project	\$1,649,768.00	\$824,884.00	20 HH	20 HH	1 FTE
Leasing	\$239,330.00	\$119,665.00	4 Units		
Rental Assistance	\$1,047,982.00	\$523,991.00	16 Units		
Operating	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Supportive Services	\$213,926.00	\$106,963.00			
Administration	\$74,265.00	\$37,132.50			

Supportive Service Budgets & YHDP Special Activities

YHDP Round 8 budgets have been estimated to ensure participant success. The higher-than-community-average amount of supportive service dollars per household allows applicants to take advantage of YHDP special activities that are available now, but were not available in prior rounds of YHDP. Applications should describe how they will use the YHDP special activities to serve young people in this project. The use of special activities have been conditionally approved by HUD; the RTFH has requested approval for use of all special activities and will communicate approval decisions to awarded projects as they are communicated to RTFH. The full list of special activities can be found in I.C.1 of the YHDP NOFO [Appendix A](#). Applicants may also wish to refer to the TA-created [San Diego YHDP Services and Program Models Handout](#) that has been shared in community meetings.

Staffing Ratios

Services are a vital part of supporting youth experiencing homelessness to obtain and maintain housing, and communities need to find the right balance between adequately funding supportive services staff and providing housing opportunities for youth. HUD considers the following staffing levels to be reasonable, based on the history of YHDP and other youth serving projects. Applicants will be expected to apply these case loads to their services plan and budget.

Table 4.2

Staffing Ratios by Project Type & Component	
TH-RRH Joint Component	Ratio
Scattered-site TH	1:12
Site-based TH	1:15
RRH	1:18
RRH	1:20

Additional Local Criteria by Project Type

TH-RRH Joint Component Projects

Amenities

TH units must include the following amenities:

- Stove (an electric burner is insufficient)
- Oven
- Refrigerator and
- Microwave
- Access to transportation (either public transportation or essential transportation provided by project funds)

Unit Type/Selection

Per locally agreed upon criteria, reviewers will be looking for a variety of unit types available within and across the awarded TH-RHH projects to maximize youth choice. In particular, youth have identified the need for: the option to have both shared and solo units for unaccompanied youth and young adults, solo units with the option to facilitate shared units for parenting youth, and the ability for all youth and young adults in the program to have access to their own bedroom. TH units may be located in a site-based single site, site-based with multiple/clustered sites, or site-based scattered sites setting. Per HUD requirement, and as outlined in table 4.1 above, the ratio of RRH to TH must be sufficient to easily move a participant from transitional to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid re-housing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.

The San Diego YAB wishes to work collaboratively with awarded projects to help select TH units that feel both safe and decent from the perspective of youth with lived experience.

RRH Projects

Pending HUDs approval of the special activity, RRH project providers will be expected to provide leasing (rather than rental assistance) in situations where it would be beneficial to program participants.

RFP Timeline

Date	Activity
August 4	RFP Released
September 2	Applications Due
September 15	Projects Notified of Decisions
November 17	All Contracts Executed

Review Process

Each application will be reviewed by an independent review committee according to the scoring rubric for this application. The highest-scoring project(s) will be selected. The application scoring rubric is included in [Appendix 3](#).

New Project Application (available to download [here](#))

Please note: This application was designed according to our interpretation and understanding of the complete NOFO for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). Completion of this form in no way absolves agencies from reading the complete NOFO themselves. If applicants wish to supply additional material they believe is in line with the NOFO, they should feel free to do so.

Response to Part C, Question 1, Project Description, is limited to 4,500 characters. Responses to questions in applications are limited to 3,500 characters, which is approximately 500-600 words. The questions in this application align with the questions and requirements outlined in the YHDP eSnaps application and the questions and requirements outlined by the YAB and other community partners as part of the local planning process described in this RFP.

The completed application and required attachments will be submitted through an assigned Dropbox folder. Please contact Kat Durrant, kathryn.durant@rtfhsd.org, to request Dropbox folder creation.

Part A. APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Applicant Organization Name: _____
2. New Project Name: _____
3. Service Area(s) covered by the project: _____
4. Total Funding Request: _____
5. Approximate Grant Period: 10/1/2025-4/1/2027

Part B. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE

1. Describe the applicant's experience implementing homelessness and housing programs with youth and young adults.
2. Does your agency employ staff who have experienced homelessness? If so, what percentage of staff (it's okay to estimate) have lived experience? How do you support staff with lived experience?
3. Describe the experience of the applicant in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, given funding and time limitations.
 - a. Describe why the applicant is the appropriate entity to receive funding.
4. Describe your organization's financial management structure. Include how your organization has a functioning accounting system that is operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or has designated a fiscal agent that will maintain a functioning accounting system. Include fiscal control and accounting procedures to assure proper dispersal of and accounting for federal funds in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200.
5. Are there any unresolved monitoring or audit findings for any HUD or RTFH grants:
Select Y/N

*You must select "yes" if there are any unresolved RTFH, HUD Monitoring or OIG Audit findings,

regardless of the funding year of the project for which they were originally identified. The HUD monitoring or OIG Audit findings are not limited to just CoC Program funds, but to any funds that are in use from other HUD programs (e.g. HOPWA, ESG).

- a. If applicable, describe the unresolved monitoring or audit findings and what plans or strategies have been implemented to resolve the findings.

Part C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Provide a description of the project. The narrative is expected to describe the project at full operational capacity. The description should be consistent with and make reference to other parts of this application. This response MUST include the following (see application instructions for increased word count allowance):
 - entire scope,
 - who the project will serve,
 - activities offered, and
 - staffing (staff/client ratio)
2. How many households will be active in the project at maximum capacity? _____
Of the total households at any given time, how many will be (please note: successful applicants should plan to serve households with and without parenting youth):

Adult Households with at least one Child and One Adult	Add #
Adult Households without Children	Add #
Households with Only Children	Add #

3. Please describe your proposed staffing structure for this program, indicate which roles will be funded (e.g. case management, program management, specialized service provision, building staff, etc.)
4. What training opportunities would you like your staff to have access to if you are awarded funding to implement this program?
5. Specify how this project will incorporate the principles of [Positive Youth Development](#).
6. Specify how this project will incorporate the principles of [Trauma Informed Care](#).
7. For each primary project location or structure in the project, will the project be able to meet all of the following milestones within the designated number of days from the execution of the grant agreement (October 1). Select Y/N
 - If the project will not be able to meet these milestones within the designated number of days, please explain.

Project Milestone	Days from Execution of Grant Agreement
(a) Begin hiring staff or expending funds	45
(b) Begin enrollment of youth & young adults program participants	90

(c) Youth & young adult participants occupy rental assistance/leased units and/or supportive services begin	120
(d) Leased or rental assistance units or structures, and supportive services near 100% capacity	180

8. **Coordinated Entry** is a requirement for all CoC & YHDP-funded projects. All YHDP projects are required to be connected to the Coordinated Entry System.
- Do you understand that this is a requirement for all newly funded YHDP projects?
Select Y/N
9. **Housing First** is required for all YHDP-funded projects in San Diego County. Will the project follow a “Housing First” model: Select Y/N
10. Please describe how the project will follow housing first with clients at entry and while enrolled.

Housing Type and Location

10. Identify the type of housing, the total number of units and the total number of beds for each type of housing. Numbers should represent the project at full capacity.

Type of Housing	# of Units	# of Beds
Shared Housing: two or more unrelated people share a house or an apartment. Each unit must contain private space for each household, plus common space for shared use by residents of the unit. Zero or 1 bedroom units cannot be used for shared housing.		
Single Room Occupancy (SRO): households have a private sleeping or living room which may contain a private kitchen and bath.		
Clustered apartments: households have a self-contained housing unit located within a building or complex that houses both persons with special needs (e.g. persons formerly experiencing homelessness, persons with substance abuse problems, persons with mental illness, or persons with AIDS/HIV) and those without special needs.		
Scattered Site apartments (including efficiencies): households have a self-contained apartment scattered throughout the community.		
Single-family homes/townhouses/duplexes: households have a self-contained single-family home, townhouse, or duplex that is located throughout the community.		

11. How will you identify units for youth to live in?
- Please describe how you will go about selecting the units and where you think they will be located?

12. How will you work to remove barriers such as landlord’s unwillingness to accept CoC assistance or provide housing to people experiencing homelessness. Additionally describe your landlord engagement to ensure there are RRH units available for persons enrolled in your project.
13. Will participants be required to live in a particular structure, unit or locality at some point during the period of participation: **Select Y/N**
 - If yes, explain how and why the project will implement this requirement, the reason for the program design, and why this is necessary for providing supportive services:
14. Will more than 16 persons live in one structure: **Select Y/N**
 - i. If yes, describe the local market conditions that necessitate a project of this size.
 - ii. If yes, describe how the project participants will be integrated into the neighborhood.
15. *For TH-RRH Joint Component Project Types Only:* How will you guarantee that all youth served in TH can be seamlessly served in RRH?

Part D. YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB) & YOUTH VOICE

1. What ideas do you have for how your agency could collaborate with the YAB in designing and implementing this project?
2. How will the project work with the Youth Action Board to develop and implement a Continuous Quality Improvement plan?
3. How does your agency currently solicit and implement feedback from participants?

Part E. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Describe how program participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing.
2. Describe how your agency would connect youth in this program to other services not funded by this project. Include information about the types of services you’re able to connect them to.
3. For all supportive services available to program participants, indicate in the table below which will be provided as a part of this project:

Supportive Services	Will this service be provided?
Assessment of Service Needs	Select Y/N
Assistance with Moving Costs	Select Y/N
Case Management	Select Y/N
Child Care	Select Y/N

Conflict Resolution	Select Y/N
Education Services	Select Y/N
Employment Assistance and Job Training	Select Y/N
Family Counseling	Select Y/N
Food	Select Y/N
Housing Search Assistance and Counseling Services	Select Y/N
Landlord-Tenant Mediation	Select Y/N
Legal Services	Select Y/N
Life Skills Training	Select Y/N
Targeted substance abuse and mental health treatment	Select Y/N
One-time Moving Assistance	Select Y/N
Outpatient Health Services	Select Y/N
Outreach Services	Select Y/N
Parenting Supports	Select Y/N
Relative or Kinship Caregiver Resources	Select Y/N
Rental Application Fees	Select Y/N
Transportation	Select Y/N
Utility or Security Arrears	Select Y/N
Utility or Security Deposits	Select Y/N
Other* (please explain)	Select Y/N

4. Describe how your agency would support youth enrolled in this program in building life skills.
5. Will this project dedicate funding under the Supportive Services budget to [kinship care](#)? Select Y/N
6. How will the project allow youth the ability to choose the providers and interventions that fit their needs?
7. How will the project respond to the different needs for service type, intensity, and length of supports for youth?
8. Will the project include transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit

appointments, employment training, or jobs? Select Y/N

9. Will the project include annual follow-ups with program participants to ensure mainstream benefits are received and renewed? Select Y/N
10. Will the project ensure program participants have access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance provided by this project through the applicant, a subrecipient, or partner agency? Select Y/N

YHDP Special Activities

11. Indicate which YHDP special activities (see the full list in section I.C.1 of [YHDP NOFO Appendix A](#)) the project intends to utilize as part of this project with a description of how this special flexibility will be used (please note: the applicant's selections to this question should match selections and allocated dollars within tab two of the summary budget worksheet)

Part F. FUNDING REQUEST

1. Select a Grant Term: All projects will have an initial 30-month grant term.
2. Select the costs for which funding is being requested. Indicate only those activities for which you are requesting funding from HUD through the YHDP Program competition.
 - Leased Units [24 CFR 578.49](#)
 - Leased Structures [24 CFR 578.49](#)
 - Rental Assistance [24 CFR 578.51](#)
 - Supportive services [24 CFR 578.53](#)
 - Operating [24 CFR 578.55](#)
 - HMIS [24 CFR 578.57](#)
3. All applicants are required to complete a detailed project budget using the provided template. For each requested budget line, the Budget Narrative must provide a complete picture of how YHDP Program funds will be used in the project to assist eligible youth & young adults. Applicants are required to identify the use of YHDP Flexibilities and Special Activities in tab 2 of the budget attachment. The project budget template can be accessed [HERE](#) (*in the document menu bar, click on "file" then either "make a copy" or "download" it into your preferred format to create your own editable version*).

Part G. PRINCIPLES IN PRACTICE

1. Please define and describe how your agency would put the following principles into practice for young persons in this program:
 - a. Trauma-informed practices
 - Definition:
 - In practice:
 - b. Uplifting and empowering young people
 - Definition:
 - In practice:
 - c. Professionalism

- Definition:
 - In practice:
- d. Harm reduction
 - Definition:
 - In practice:
 - e. Accountability for staff in the program
 - Definition:
 - In practice:
 - f. Accountability for youth in the program
 - Definition:
 - In practice:
 - g. Individualized, whole-person approach to services
 - Definition:
 - In practice:
2. How do you define adulthood? How do you see it come up in your agency's work and how do you work to combat it?
 3. Is there anything else you want to share about your plans for implementation that has not already been included?

Part H. ATTACHMENTS

In addition to this completed application, the following attachments must be uploaded to the RTFH-assigned agency folder in Dropbox.

- Your project summary budget (using the provided [template](#) - *in the document menu bar, click on "file" then either "make a copy" or "download" it into your preferred format to create your own editable version*)
- A complete and signed copy of the 2025 CoC [General Threshold Requirements Checklist](#) and all attachments required under the General Threshold Requirements Checklist. (*in the document menu bar, click on "file" then either "make a copy" or "download" it into your preferred format to create your own editable version*)

Appendix 1: Resources and Links

Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule	https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/part-578
2 CFR Part 200: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards	https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200
YHDP FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_12q1PULkS57VIS2p18ktp-1jEfuRQU/view?usp=drive_link
YHDP FY23 NOFO Appendix A	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DEDIZfIAqyyu4tybtH48-LH3mb-mHUtu/view?usp=drive_link
Fair Market Rent (FMR) Information	https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2025_code/2025summary.odn?cbsasub=METRO41740M41740&year=2025&fmrtype=Final&dallas_sa_override=TRUE

Appendix 2: Descriptions of Eligible Project Types & Key Terms

Eligible Project Types

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	<p>RRH is a permanent housing program where a youth may receive up to 36 months of rental assistance and supportive services, with up to six months of aftercare once the rental assistance ends. Supportive services often focus on income maximization and stability planning. The participant enters into a lease directly with the landlord.</p>
Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (TH/RRH)	<p>TH/RRH is a combination of two housing models -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TH - Allows youth to enter a crisis housing option that is available immediately. This can include beds/rooms in a site-based building or apartment units contracted with the project provider. ● RRH - see description above. <p>In TH/RRH, youth can choose which program they wish to access, and both TH and RRH portions must be available. Some youth will utilize TH and transition into RRH, while other youth may only use TH or may only use RRH. Projects applying for TH/RRH are required to have 2 RRH beds for every 1 TH bed.</p> <p><i>Learn More Here: YHDP Joint Component Project</i></p>

Key Terms

Kinship Care	<p>A model in which a 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. 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. An example of eligible costs would be additional food or transportation costs, which are eligible supportive services under 24 CFR 578.53(e)(7) or 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15). The project application must describe how the costs will be determined by the project applicant. Projects may submit justification to provide up to \$1000 per month for the “kin” to help absorb extra costs of hosting the client. The project should still provide services to the youth like any other project.</p>
Positive Youth Development	<p>Positive Youth Development (PYD) engages youth along with their families, communities, and/or governments so that youth are empowered to reach their full potential. PYD approaches focus on strengths over deficits; builds skills, assets, and competencies; foster healthy relationships; strengthen the environment; and transform systems (YouthPower2).</p>
Trauma-Informed Practices	<p>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</p>

	<p>integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization. TIC models generally include a focus on the following: Safety; Trustworthiness and Transparency; Peer Support; Collaboration and Mutuality; Empowerment; Voice and Choice; and Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues.</p> <p>Measures of Trauma-Informed Care for YHDP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Getting kicked out of a program does not mean youth and young adults are no longer eligible for housing and/or agency services ● Participation in trauma-informed care training ● Peer mentoring for youth and young adults who have experienced trauma
<p>Youth Choice</p>	<p>The capacity for self-determination is a critical factor in obtaining positive outcomes for young adults experiencing homelessness. Allowing young adults to exercise self-determination is a youth-centered approach that values their expressed needs and self-awareness (HUD).</p> <p>Measures of Youth Choice for YHDP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a strong, engaged Youth Action Board, actively involved in decision-making in the CoC ● Young people’s agency is respected ● A customized plan for success is driven by each young person and supported by providers
<p>HUD’s Homeless Definitions</p>	<p>Projects funded through YHDP may serve the following “categories” of young people currently experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Category 1 – Literally Experiencing Homelessness: Youth and young adults who are in shelter, transitional housing, hotels or motels paid for by the government or charitable organizations (sheltered), or sleeping on the streets, in parks, or other places not meant for human habitation (unsheltered). ● Category 2 – Imminently at Risk of Experiencing Homelessness: Individual or family who will lose housing (including doubled-up situations) within the next 14 days with no other safe place to stay and no money or other resources for housing. Youth who have been couch surfing with multiple moves in the last two months and can be expected to have continued housing instability. ● Category 4 – Fleeing Dangerous or Life-Threatening Situations: Youth fleeing or attempting to flee their housing or the place they are staying because of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions related to violence that has taken place in the house or has made them afraid to return to the house, including: trading sex for housing, trafficking, physical abuse, violence (or perceived threat of violence) because of the youth’s sexual orientation. Additionally, the youth must have no safe, alternative housing, resources or support networks to maintain or obtain permanent housing.

Appendix 3: Scoring Rubric

New Project Application Scoring Rubric

Section Subtotal	Points Possible	Points Received
<u>Threshold Review (RTFH staff)</u> <i>The complete application (with all required attachments) was submitted on time and satisfactorily meets general threshold requirements</i>	Y/N	
Part B. Applicant Experience	9	
Part C. Project Description	22	
Part D. Youth Action Board	10	
Part E. Supportive Services for Participants	23	
Special Activities	3	
Part F. Summary Budget	5	
Part G. Principles in Practice	28	
RRH Total	100	
Additional Question for Joint TH-RRH Applications	9	
Joint TH/RRH Total	109	