

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notification of Awards FY20

In July 2018, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the San Diego Continuum of Care (CoC) a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant in the amount of \$7.94 million to prevent and end youth homelessness in the San Diego region. At the time, it was the largest award made in the country. Through the YHDP program, the CoC created the [San Diego County Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness](#) (CCP), which outlined a vision and actions needed to quickly identify youth experiencing homelessness and link them to youth-specific housing and services. The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH), as the grant recipient, sub-awarded funds to eight providers to implement the actions in the plan.

The two-year demonstration program ended on November 30, 2021, and HUD renewed funding to RTFH for one year in the amount of \$3,990,942 to continue the work of ending youth homelessness. Affirming the community-wide commitment outlined in the CCP, RTFH renewed all previously awarded projects – awarding 18 subrecipient agreements to eight providers totaling \$3,588,596. The grant term for these projects extends from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. In addition, RTFH received \$236,316 to support HMIS and Coordinated Entry and was allocated \$166,030 for project administrative costs.

RTFH remains committed to the vision of ending youth homelessness outlined in the CCP: by 2024, all youth experiencing homelessness will have safe and stable homes where their journey to independence is supported through an accessible, youth-driven ecosystem of care. For more information about YHDP funding, please contact Lahela Mattox, Chief Operations Officer at 916-968-8443 or lahela.mattox@rtfhsd.org.

In Partnership,



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Youth System Navigators: \$650,000

Youth dedicated housing system navigators who will support identification of youth, navigation of coordinated entry and access to existing housing, connection to non-housing resources and mainstream benefits, and connection to other supports such as education and employment.

AGENCY	SERVICE AREA	AWARD
Home Start, Inc.	East County	\$103,409
San Diego County Office of Education	Countywide	\$103,409
San Diego Youth Services (SDYS)	Countywide	\$103,409
SBCS	South	\$103,409
The San Diego LGBT Community Center (The Center)	Central & South	\$103,409
YMCA of San Diego County	North	\$103,409
RTFH (Admin)	Countywide	\$29,546

Prevention and Diversion: \$630,000

This program is aimed at connecting youth to safe, stable, and inclusive housing; permanent connections; employment, education and entrepreneurialism; and promoting social and emotional well-being.

AGENCY	SERVICE AREA	AWARD
North County Lifeline	North	\$100,000
San Diego Youth Services (SDYS)	Countywide	\$192,198
The San Diego LGBT Community Center (The Center)	Central & South	\$135,944
YMCA of San Diego County	Countywide	\$173,222
RTFH (Admin)	Countywide	\$28,636

Host Homes: \$167,582

Host homes may serve either youth under age 18 who need a “cooling off” period with their family of origin in order to safely remain at home; or may serve youth who enrolled in post-secondary education and need somewhere to stay during school breaks.

AGENCY	SERVICE AREA	AWARD
Home Start, Inc.	East & Central	\$60,946
The San Diego LGBT Community Center (The Center)	Central	\$99,019
RTFH (Admin)	Countywide	\$7,617

Flexible Non-Time Limited Housing: \$2,307,044

A program aimed at connecting youth to safe, permanent, and inclusive housing; permanent connections; employment, education and entrepreneurialism; and promoting social and emotional well-being.

AGENCY	SERVICE AREA	AWARD
Home Start, Inc. – Joint TH/RRH	East	\$156,306
San Diego Youth Services (SDYS) – Joint TH/RRH	East, Central & North	\$992,775
SBCS – Joint TH/RRH	South	\$238,920
Urban Street Angels, Inc. – Joint TH/RRH	Central	\$456,608
YMCA of San Diego County – Joint TH/RRH	North	\$199,200
YMCA of San Diego County – RRH	Countywide	\$163,005
RTFH (Admin)	Countywide	\$100,231

Enhanced Data System: \$236,316

Expanded HMIS and CES system to include additional youth programs.

AGENCY	SERVICE AREA	AWARD
RTFH – HMIS	CoC	\$153,816
RTFH – CES	CoC	\$82,500