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Overview

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within this NOFO. Prospective applicants should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid sending an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD funding is highly competitive. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete or noncompetitive proposal.

During the selection process HUD is prohibited from disclosing 1) information regarding any applicant's relative standing, 2) the amount of assistance requested by an applicant, and 3) any information contained in the application. Prior to the application deadline, HUD may not disclose the identity of any applicant or the number of applicants that have applied for assistance.

For Further Information Regarding this NOFO: Please direct questions regarding the specific requirements of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to the office contact identified in Section VII.

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION.
A. Program Description.

1. Purpose

The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness, and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by this

demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. The demonstration has six primary objectives:

- ***Build national momentum.*** Motivate state and local homelessness stakeholders and youth services providers, including Runaway and Homeless Youth providers across the country to prevent and end youth homelessness by forming new partnerships, addressing system barriers, conducting needs assessments, testing promising strategies, and evaluating their outcomes;
- ***Promote equity in the delivery and outcomes of homeless assistance.*** Promote equity throughout the community's youth homeless response system for Black, Indigenous, Hispanic (non-white), and LGBTQ youth who are disproportionally more likely to experience homelessness than their white, straight, and gender conforming counterparts. Awarded communities will promote equity throughout their youth homeless response system and all YHDP projects will measure and demonstrate equitable delivery and outcomes.[1]
- ***Evaluate the coordinated community approach.*** Evaluate coordinated community approaches to preventing and ending youth homelessness, including local and state partnerships across sectors and other planning operations;
- ***Expand capacity.*** Expand community capacity to serve youth experiencing homelessness (particularly by using a Housing First approach), pilot new models of assistance, and determine what array of interventions is necessary to serve the target population in their community;
- ***Evaluate performance measures.*** Evaluate the use of performance measurement strategies designed to better measure youth outcomes and the connection between youth program outcomes and youth performance measures on overall system performance for the Continuum of Care (CoC); and
- ***Establish a framework for Federal program and TA collaboration.*** Determine the most effective way for Federal resources to interact within a state or local system to support a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.

To meet these objectives, HUD will award approximately $145,000,000 in YHDP under this NOFO, including funding appropriated for fiscal year (FY) 2019 on February 15, 2019 through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6) ("FY 2019 Appropriations Act"), and funding appropriated for FY 2020 on December 20, 2019 through the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94) ("FY 2020 Appropriations Act"). The FY 2019 Appropriations Act and FY 2020 Appropriations Act appropriated this funding to HUD "to implement projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under ... can dramatically reduce youth homelessness."

The FY 2019 Appropriations Act appropriated up to $80 million for HUD to select up to 25 communities, including at least eight communities with substantial rural populations. The FY 2020 Appropriations Act appropriated up to $80 million for HUD to select up to 25 communities with a priority for communities with substantial rural populations in up to eight locations. This NOFO is for the selection of the communities under both the FY 2019 Appropriations Act and

the FY 2020 Appropriations Act, for a total of up to 50 communities. This NOFO also outlines the methodology HUD will follow to determine award amounts and to alert each community selected of the amount of money available to them through the YHDP. Subject to HUD's right to select lower scoring community selection applications under section III.F.a, HUD will use the community scores under this NOFO along with the formulas in section II.C of this NOFO, to select communities to receive either FY 2019 Appropriations Act funding or FY 2020 Appropriations Act funding and determine the maximum funding to be awarded in each community. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant is responsible for submitting the application for this NOFO.

Once HUD selects the communities, Project Applicants within the selected communities will be able to apply for project funding. Except as otherwise provided in this NOFO or its appendices, all awards and projects funded under this NOFO will be governed by the requirements of 24 CFR part 578, as it may be amended from time to time.

Technical assistance will be available to selected communities to assist them in analyzing community strengths and needs, developing a coordinated community plan (CCP), implementing the plan, and then engaging in a process of continuous quality improvement.

HUD will share outcomes and make resources publicly available as quickly as possible to accelerate efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness nationally. In addition, HUD, and to the extent possible, its Federal partners, will work to accelerate HUD's learning related to youth and the concepts of:

- Housing First;
- Assessment and prioritization;
- Coordinated entry;
- Risk and protective factors for youth homelessness;
- Diversion from child welfare and systems of justice;
- Success in education and employment;
- Serving victims of violence, including trafficking;
- LGBTQ youth, youth under the age of 18, and pregnant and parenting youth; and
- System performance measures

HUD recognizes that there are promising strategies concerning these concepts but limited evidence to support replication of best practices. Given the importance of advancing our understanding in this topic area, HUD is very interested in communities that will commit to focusing attention on these issues.

After the application submission deadline, HUD will take several months to assess the applications and select communities. For each community selected under this competition, HUD will make a minimum of $1 million available for total YHDP funding. HUD will use a formula

calculated as described in II.C to determine each selected community's maximum total funding in order to scale awards to estimated community need. To determine the maximum total funding a selected community will be eligible to receive, HUD will use the following factors:

- 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);
- 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).
- The average for years 2017 and 2019 of the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness up to age 24 plus the number of parenting youth households headed by a youth experiencing homelessness up to age 24 as reported to HUD in HDX. If the community does not have youth homelessness data from 2017 and 2019, HUD will use the most recent two counts submitted to HUD in HDX.

Subject to HUD's right to select lower scoring community selection applications under section III.F.a, HUD will allocate funds according to the steps outlined in section II.C. Additional information is also provided in Appendix A.

Once HUD announces the selected communities, communities will have a total of 6 months to submit a coordinated community plan. Communities that need additional time to form their youth action board or develop community capacity to begin the coordinated community planning phase may request up to a 3-month extension of this deadline by emailing youthdemo@hud.gov. See section III.F.b and Appendix B of this NOFO for further information.

During plan development, Collaborative Applicants or their designee may apply for planning projects to support the selected community's planning efforts. After the CCP is approved, applicants may apply for projects up to the total amount made available to the community under the YHDP. Communities will be expected to fully participate in any evaluation activities conducted by HUD beginning no earlier than the announcement of community selection.

[1] https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/

2. Changes from Previous NOFO.

The FY 2019/FY 2020 YHDP NOFO has been updated from the FY 2018 NOFO in several ways.

- HUD modified the formula for determining a community's maximum total YHDP funding to include data from Point in Time (PIT) counts in addition to the poverty and fair market rent data included in previous NOFOs, and added new weights to those factors.
- HUD updated rating criteria for clarity and to emphasize youth voice and leadership in the YHDP. Additionally, the number of questions in the rating factors is decreased from previous NOFOs in order to decrease burden on applicants

- HUD modified the ranking process for community selection, establishing a minimum score of 65 out of 100 and adding bonus points for up to eight rural applicants seeking FY 2020 funding to ensure adequate representation of rural areas amongst YHDP communities.
- HUD changed the threshold requirements for letters of support from the Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) and Youth Action Board to a rating factor.
- HUD modified the CoC waiver process to provide more flexibility with respect to YHDP projects that do not comply with CoC program requirements. These exceptions are outlined in Appendix A.
- HUD moved the detailed explanation of the CCP requirements to Appendix B for clarity.

3. Definitions.

a. Standard Definitions

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all of a program participant's activities and programs relating to housing and urban development.

Assistance Listings means a unique number assigned to identify a Federal Assistance Listing, formerly known as the CFDA Number.

Federal Financial Assistance means assistance that entities received or administer in the form of:

1) Grant;

2. Cooperative agreements (which does not include a cooperative research and development agreement pursuant to the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, as amended (15 U.S.C. 3710a));
3. Loans;
4. Loan guarantees;
5. Subsidies;
6. Insurance;
7. Food commodities;
8. Direct appropriations;
9. Assessed or voluntary contributions; or
10. Any other financial assistance transaction that authorizes the non-Federal entity's expenditure of Federal funds.

b. Federal Financial Assistancedoes not include:
    1. Technical assistance, which provides services in lieu of money; and

2. A transfer of title to federally owned property provided in lieu of money, even if the award is called a grant.

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is the person authorized to submit applications on behalf of the organization via Grants.gov. The AOR is authorized by the E-Biz point of contact in the System for Award Management. The AOR is listed in item 21 on the SF-424.

Consolidated Plan is a document developed by states and local jurisdictions. This plan is completed by engaging in a participatory process to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions with funding from formula grant programs. (See 24 CFR part 91 HUD's requirements regarding the Consolidated Plan and related Action Plan).

Contract means, for the purpose of Federal financial assistance, a legal instrument by which a recipient or subrecipient purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a Federal award. For additional information on contractor and subrecipient determinations see 2 CFR 200.331.

Contractor means an entity that receives a contract as defined in 2 CFR 200.1.

Deficiency is information missing or omitted within a submitted application. Examples of deficiencies include missing documents, information on a form, or some other type of unsatisfied information requirement (e.g., an unsigned form, unchecked box.). Depending on specific criteria, deficiencies may be either curable or non-curable.

- *Curable Deficiencies* may be corrected by the applicant with timely action. To be curable the deficiency must:
- Not be a threshold requirement, except for documentation of applicant eligibility;
- Not influence how an applicant is ranked or scored versus other applicants; and
- Be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency.
- *Non-Curable Deficiencies* cannot be corrected by an applicant after the submission deadline.

Non-curable deficiencies are deficiencies that, if corrected, would change an applicant's score or rank versus other applicants. Non-curable deficiencies may result in an application being marked ineligible, or otherwise adversely affect an application's score and final determination.

DUNS Number is the nine-digit Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Number

System identification number assigned to a business or organization by Dun & Bradstreet and provides a means of identifying business entities on a location-specific basis. OMB removed duplicate recipients based on recipient Data Universal Number System (DUNS) numbers, from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). At this time all Federal financial assistance recipients are required to register for DUNS numbers.

E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) A user registered as an organization applicant who is responsible for the administration and management of grant activities for his or her organization. The E-Biz POC is likely to be an organization's chief financial officer or authorizing official. The

E-Biz POC authorizes representatives of their organization to apply on behalf of the organization (see Standard AOR and Expanded AOR). There can only be one E-Biz POC per DUNS Number.)

Eligibility requirements are mandatory requirements for an application to be eligible for funding.

Federal award, has the meaning, depending on the context, in either paragraph (1) or (2) of this definition:

(1)(i) The Federal financial assistance that a recipient receives directly from a Federal awarding agency or a subrecipient receives indirectly from a pass-through entity, as described in 2 CFR §200.101; or

ii. The cost-reimbursement contract under the Federal Acquisition Regulations that a non-Federal entity receives directly from a Federal awarding agency or indirectly from a pass-through entity, as described in 2 CFR §200.101.

2. The instrument setting forth the terms and conditions. The instrument is the grant agreement, cooperative agreement, other agreement for assistance covered in paragraph (2) of the definitions of Federal financial assistance in 2 CFR §200.1, or the cost-reimbursement contract awarded under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.
3. Federal award does not include other contracts that a Federal agency uses to buy goods or services from a contractor or a contract to operate Federal Government owned, contractor operated facilities (GOCOs).
4. See also definitions of Federal financial assistance, grant agreement, and cooperative agreement.

Grants.gov is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for Federal financial assistance throughout the Federal government. Registration on Grants.gov is required for submission of applications to prospective agencies unless otherwise specified in this NOFO.

Non-Federal Entity (NFE) means a state, local government, Indian tribe, Institution of Higher Education (IHE), or non-profit organization that carries out a Federal award as a recipient or subrecipient.

Point of Contact (POC) is the person who may be contacted with questions about the application submitted by the AOR. The POC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

Recipient means an entity, usually but not limited to non-Federal entities, that receives a Federal award directly from HUD. The term recipient does not include subrecipients or individuals that are beneficiaries of the award.

Small business is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than a corporation or 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.{e-CFR Title 13-Chapter I – Part 121}

Subaward means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that pass-through entity considers a contract.

Subrecipient means an entity, usually but not limited to non-Federal entities, that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal award but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such award. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly for a Federal awarding agency.

System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal Repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Registration with SAM is required for submission of applications via Grants.gov. You can access the website

athttps://www.sam.gov/SAM/. There is no cost to use SAM.

Threshold Requirements are an eligibility requirement that must be met for an application to be reviewed. Threshold requirements are not curable, except for documentation of applicant eligibility and are listed in Section III.D Threshold Eligibility Requirements. Similarly, there are eligibility requirements under Section III.E, Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

Unique Entity Identifier means the identifier required for SAM registration to uniquely identify business entities.

4. Program Definitions

a. Collaborative Applicant - The eligible entity that has been designated by the CoC during the FY 2020 CoC Program Registration Process to apply for a grant on behalf of the CoC. The Collaborative Applicant must be the "Applicant" for each community applying for participation in the demonstration. In cases where the CoC needed to change the Collaborative Applicant and that change was approved after this NOFO was published but before the deadline for submissions, that approved replacement Collaborative Applicant is the eligible applicant for this NOFO.

b. Community - Self-organized network of people in a defined geographic area with common agenda, cause, or interest, who collaborate by sharing ideas, information, and other resources. The community must be within a geographic boundary of a single CoC.

c. Continuum of Care (CoC) - the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under 24 CFR Part 578 and that is composed of representatives of organizations, including non-profit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing providers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons; to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate.

d. Housing First - a model of assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold). Transitional housing and supportive service only projects can be considered to be using a Housing First model for the purposes of this NOFO if

they operate with low-barriers, work to quickly move people into permanent housing, do not require participation in supportive services, and, for transitional housing projects, do not require any preconditions for moving into the transitional housing (e.g., sobriety or minimum income threshold).

e. Project Applicant - an eligible applicant, as defined in section 24 CFR 578.3 of the CoC Program interim rule, that is designated by the Collaborative Applicant or its designee to apply for assistance under the YHDP and is a private non-profit organization, State, local government, or instrumentality of State or local government. However, if the Collaborative Applicant is a UFA, the Project Applicant must be the UFA. If the Project Applicant is applying for a dedicated HMIS grant, the Project Applicant must be the Collaborative Applicant or the HMIS Lead. All Project Applicants must receive the approval of their Youth Action Board for projects contained in their applications.

f. 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.

g. Rural - a county or group of counties designated by the applicant in which:

- the population in the CoC has more people residing 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.

h. 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. 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.

i. Unified Funding Agency (UFA) - an eligible applicant selected by the CoC to apply for a grant for the entire Continuum, which has the capacity to carry out the duties in 24 CFR 578.11(b), which is approved by HUD and to which HUD awards a grant.

j. Youth - Persons aged 24 and younger (has not reached their 25th birthday).

- Unaccompanied Youth - persons who are age 24 or younger, who are not part of a family with children.

- 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.

k. Youth Action Board (YAB)- A group of at least 3 youth with voting power on policy decisions of the CoC, particularly on policies that relate to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Each YAB member must be age 24 or younger, and at least two-thirds of the YAB members must have lived experience of homelessness and should be representative of the youth and young adult population experiencing homelessness in the community. The Youth Action Board must be a formal committee within the CoC.

B. Authority.

The FY 2019 funds announced in this NOFO were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6), approved February 15, 2019, as amended by section 238 of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260), approved December 27, 2020. The FY 2020 funds announced in this NOFO were authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), approved December 20, 2019.

II. Award Information.

A. Available Funds

Funding of approximately **$ 145,000,000** is available through this NOFO.
Additional funds may become available for award under this NOFO, because of HUD's efforts to recapture funds, use carryover funds, or because of the availability of additional appropriated funds. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the funding restrictions contained in this NOFO.

B. Number of Awards.

HUD expects to make approximately 50 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

A Collaborative Applicant can apply on behalf of more than one community; however, HUD will not select more than one community within a CoC's geographic area. HUD will select at least 8 rural applicants to receive FY 2019 funding under this NOFO, provided that they meet a minimum score of 65 out of 100 points, outlined in section V.A.1. If there are fewer than 8 rural applications that meet a minimum score of 65 points, HUD will select the next most rural applicant who meets this baseline score of 65 points. HUD considers the "next most rural" as the applicant that has the highest percentage of population living in rural areas that scores at or above the baseline score of 65, provided that the designated geographic area in the application does not have less than 25% of the population living in rural areas, which HUD has determined is a substantial rural population.

HUD will consider applications from Collaborative Applicants within CoCs that were awarded for less than the total geographic area of the CoC in the FY 2016, FY 2017, or FY 2018 YHDP competitions. Any area that was included in previous YHDP awards may not be included in the application for such areas.

HUD intends to award approximately $145,000,000.

C. Minimum/Maximum Award Information

For each community selected under this competition, HUD will make a minimum of $1 million available for total YHDP funding. This total funding may be split among any number of projects in the community. For example, YHDP funding within a selected community may be used for one project or split among 10 projects.

The total YHDP funding available to each selected community will be based on a formula that accounts for the number of youth in poverty in each community ages 12 to 24 (using data from the American Community Survey), the average for years 2017 and 2019 of the number of unaccompanied youth up to age 24 plus the number of households headed by a youth up to age 24 who are experiencing homelessness as reported to HUD in HDX (or most recent two counts submitted to HUD in HDX if the community does not have homelessness data from 2017 and 2019), and the 2- bedroom FMR for the geographic area listed in the community application (if there is more than one FMR for the geographic area, HUD will calculate a population weighted average (FMR)). In addition, the formula ensures that the amount of funding communities receive is adjusted for the size and level of need in selected communities.

HUD will rank community applications in order of responses to the rating factors outlined in section V.A.1 of this NOFO; only applications that receive a score of 65 points or higher will be considered for funding. HUD will use the following process to select communities and determine the total funding to be made available in each community under the FY 2019 Act or the FY 2020 Act.

FY 2019 Appropriations: HUD will select the 8 highest scoring rural communities and the top 8 scorers from the remaining communities, apply the formula to those 16 communities, then select further communities and redo the formula for all selected communities as explained below.

1. For each selected community, HUD will multiply the number of youth ages 12-24 who are in poverty in the community by the 2-bedroom FMR for the geographic area listed in the community application. This is called the community's "poverty formula factor."
2. For each selected community, HUD will divide the community's poverty formula factor by the sum of the poverty formula factors for all communities selected. This is called the "poverty community ratio."
3. For each selected community, HUD will calculate the "youth homelessness factor" by taking the average for 2017 and 2019 of the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness up to age 24 plus the number of households headed by a youth experiencing homelessness up to age 24 as reported to HUD in HDX. If the community does not have youth homelessness data from 2017 and 2019, HUD will use the most recent two counts submitted to HUD in HDX.
4. For each selected community, HUD will divide the community's youth homelessness factor by the sum of the youth homelessness factors for all selected communities. This is called the “homelessness community ratio.”
5. HUD will allocate an initial formula amount of $1 million to each selected community.

6. For each selected community, HUD will multiply its poverty community ratio by 0.7 times the total YHDP funding remaining after step 5, and multiply the homelessness community ratio by 0.3 times the total YHDP funding remaining after step 5, and add these two figures to the community's initial formula amount in step 5 to come up with the community's new formula amount.
7. HUD will calculate the ratio of the formula amount for each selected community to the poverty formula factor (see step 1) of that community.

If no ratio calculated in step 7 is less than 0.09, then HUD will select the next highest-scoring community from the applicant pool and redo steps 1 through 7 for all selected communities. HUD will repeat this process (selecting the next highest-scoring community and redoing steps 1 through 7 for all selected communities), until any ratio calculated in step 7 is less than 0.09 or 25 communities are selected and receive formula amounts. 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. If no selected community is below the ratio calculated in Step 7, HUD will select additional communities. Once a selected community falls below a ratio of .09 or 25 communities are selected and receive formula amounts, HUD will stop selecting communities.

FY 2020 Appropriations: HUD will remove communities awarded funding under the FY 2019 funding from the ranked application list, and select the next 16 highest scoring applications, and apply the formula described above. If no ratio calculated in step 7 is less than 0.08, then HUD will select the next highest-scoring community from the applicant pool and redo steps 1 through 7 for all selected communities. HUD will repeat this process (selecting the next highest-scoring community and redoing steps 1 through 7 for all selected communities), until any ratio calculated in step 7 is less than 0.08 or 25 communities are selected and receive formula amounts. This step applies the same process for determining how many communities are selected with FY 2020 funds as for FY 2019, but uses a ratio of .08 rather than .09. 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 7 for selected communities for FY 2019 funding is higher than the minimum ratio calculated in step 7 for selected communities for FY 2020 funding to provide higher levels of funding for communities that scored higher and are selected with FY 2019 funding.

Estimated Total Funding:

$ 145,000,000

Minimum Award Amount:

$ 1,000,000

Per Project Period

Maximum Award Amount:

$ 15,000,000

Per Project Period

D. Period of Performance

Project Applicants within selected communities may apply for projects designed to implement the CCP to prevent and end youth homelessness immediately following the approval of the CCP and up until 11:59:59 PM EDT, July 1, 2022 or until the community ceases to participate or the available funds have been depleted (whichever is earlier). During plan development, Collaborative Applicants for their designee may apply for planning projects to support the selected community's planning efforts. Public Law No: 116-94 and Public Law No: 116-260) requires HUD to obligate YHDP funds by September 30, 2022. The period of performance for each award will be determined as provided below. HUD may amend the grant agreement to extend this period of performance. However, in no case will HUD authorize expenditures or drawdown of FY 2019 funds beyond the date HUD's FY 2019 YHDP account must be closed under applicable law or for administrative purposes (approximately September 15, 2027). Project Applicants must plan accordingly and only submit applications that can start operations in a timely manner with sufficient time to complete the post award process and the awarded grant term.

The period of performance for all grants will begin on the project start date HUD enters into LOCCS after the recipient makes its first drawdown of funds. All grants for projects will be for an initial 2-year grant term, except for CoC planning projects which will be for a 1-year grant term and are non-renewable. Collaborative applicants within selected communities can apply for more than one planning project over the course of the YHDP. All projects, except planning projects may be eligible for 1-year renewal terms after the initial grant term expires beginning with the next CoC Program Competition as further explained in section I.C.1 of Appendix A. If a community cannot successfully complete the development of a CCP or must otherwise withdraw from the demonstration, **the funding HUD has made available but did not obligate to projects in that community will be made available to the other selected communities or other communities HUD selects as provided in section II.C subject to HUD's right to select lower scoring community selection applications under section III.F.a, provided that sufficient funds are available.**

Estimated Project Start Date:
09/01/2021

Estimated Project End Date:
07/01/2024

Length of Project Periods:

24-month project period and budget period

Other

12-month project period and budget period

Length of Periods Explanation of Other:

HUD will award planning projects for a 1-year non-renewable grant term. All other approved projects will be awarded for 2-year grant terms and may be renewed for 1-year grant terms under the CoC Program as explained in section I.C of Appendix A.

E. Type of Funding Instrument.

Funding Instrument Type:

G (Grant)

III. Eligibility Information.

A. Eligible Applicants.

00 (State governments)

01 (County governments)

02 (City or township governments)

04 (Special district governments)

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

Additional Information on Eligibility

(25) Other -

Nonprofits, as demonstrated by criteria at 24 CFR 5.109(l)(1) through 24 CFR 5.109(l)(5).

Community Selection application:

Available to Collaborative Applicants designated by CoCs registered through the FY 2020 CoC Program Registration process. The Collaborative Applicant can apply for any community located within its CoC's geographic area. The Collaborative Applicant can also apply for multiple communities located within its CoC's geographic area; however, HUD will not select more than one community within a CoC's geographic area.

Project application:

Project Applicants that are designated during the application process by the Collaborative Applicant or its designee are eligible to apply for grant funds. The Collaborative Applicant may apply for projects under this Demonstration as well. The Collaborative Applicants that are not Unified Funding Agencies (UFAs) may also designate an eligible applicant to be the recipient of the planning grant. UFAs must apply for and be recipient of all grants for their Community. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

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.

To be considered for funding, Project Applicants must complete the information required by HUD, recieve the approval of the YAB for their project(s) through a letter of support, and receive the approval of the CoC to apply for funding, as signed off on by the Collaborative Applicant or its designee.

This NOFO application is for community selection only. Applications for funding individual projects will occur after communities have been selected. Requirements for applying for projects are detailed in Appendix A.

As required in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 2 CFR 25.200 and 24 CFR Part 5 Subpart K, all applicants for financial assistance must have an active Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.sam.gov) before submitting an application. Getting a DUNS number and completing SAM registration can take up to four weeks. Therefore, applicants should start this process or check their status early. See Section IV.C for information on SAM and the DUNS number requirement.

See also Section IV.B for necessary form and content information.

B. Ineligible Applicants.

Ineligible Applicants. HUD will not consider an application from an ineligible applicant. HUD will only score applications for community selection that are completed by a CoC's Collaborative Applicant.

C. Cost Sharing or Matching.

This Program requires cost sharing or matching as described below.

This NOFO requires a Project Applicant to leverage resources through cost sharing or matching as described in the regulation at 24 CFR 578.73, except as otherwise provided in Appendix A.

D. Threshold Eligibility Requirements.

Applicants who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements will be deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants will not be evaluated.

1. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters. Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application deadline. Applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review, will not be rated and ranked, and they will not receive funding.

a. 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 deadline date are ineligible for funding. Such matters include:
    1. 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, sex, national origin, disability or familial status;
    2. 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);
    3. 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 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;

4. 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; or the Americans with Disabilities Act; or
5. 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 deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:
   1. Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
   2. Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;
   3. Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
   4. Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree;
   5. Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision; or
   6. Dismissal of charges.

2. Timely Submission of Applications. Applications submitted after the deadline stated within this NOFO that do not meet the requirements of the grace period policy will be marked late. Late applications are ineligible and will not be considered for funding. See Section IV. D. Application Submission Dates and Times.

E. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Grants Programs

The following requirements affect applicant eligibility. Detailed information on each requirement is posted on HUD's Funding Opportunities Page.

- Active Prime and Sub Recipient registration with SAM.gov
- Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- Debarments and/or Suspensions
- Pre-selection Review of Performance
- Sufficiency of Financial Management System
- False Statements
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities
- Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities

F. Program-Specific Requirements.

a. Identifying a Target Community Area

Applicants have the option of identifying the entire geographic area of the CoC as the demonstration community or designating a smaller area that includes a single community or group of communities within the CoC's geographic area as the YHDP community. In addition, the CoC can designate the application as a rural community application, competing for the 8 reserved rural community selection availabilities for FY 2019 funding and the prioritization of up to 8 rural communities for FY 2020 funding. If an applicant decides to submit two applications, one for the rural communities within the CoC and one for the non-rural areas or the entire CoC, HUD will consider both applications independently but will only select one community per CoC. In general, HUD will select the higher scoring application of the two; however, HUD reserves the right to select the lower scoring application if there are no other qualifying applications in the competition group (rural or non-rural) or if the next qualifying application in that group is lower in quality by a significant degree.

HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting communities for the YHDP. To this end, HUD reserves the right to fund eligible communities with the highest total score in each of the 10 HUD regions. In addition, HUD will also consider the size of the overall population to ensure that urban, suburban, and rural communities are selected and balanced across the FY 2019 and FY 2020 awards, to ensure that one round of funding does not contain an imbalanced number of very large cities.

Applicants are required to respond to the questions listed in Section V.A.1 regarding their proposed geographic area for the YHDP. Eligibility as a ***Rural Community*** will be determined based on the geographic areas selected in the SF-424; number of youth experiencing poverty will be verified using Federal census data. If not enough Rural Communities score high enough to qualify for selection for the FY 2019 funding, HUD will select the "next most rural" communities that do meet the scoring threshold as outlined insection II.B. HUD will consider applications from CoCs that were awarded for less than the total area of the CoC in the FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 competitions, provided that none of the geographic area was covered in the previously awarded application.

b. Develop a coordinated community plan

Selected communities are required to develop a CCP to prevent and end youth homelessness. Communities selected for funding under this Notice will have a total of 6 months to submit a CCP. Communities that need additional time to form their youth action board or develop community capacity to begin the coordinated community planning phase may request up to a 3 month extension of this deadline by sending an email to youthdemo@hud.gov. The planning process is expected to lay the groundwork for implementation and provide a framework for the various projects that the Project Applicants will apply for. The plan submission will also impact the availability of funding for selected communities, as HUD will only allow planning project applications until a CCP has been approved by HUD.

HUD will only approve of a CCP that meets threshold criteria, including whether the plan addresses the mandatory structural components below:

Mandatory Structural Components of a CCP
A CCP must include the following structural components:

- A statement of need concerning at-risk and homeless unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth in the geographic area;
- A list of partners, and a description of their involvement in the development of the CCP;
- A shared vision, list of goals, objectives, and action steps;
- A list of new projects;
- A governance structure;
- A signature page that includes signatures of official representatives of ***at least*** the following systems:
    - The Continuum of Care
    - Public Child Welfare Agencies
    - Local Government Agency
    - Youth Action Board
    - Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers (if any)

More information on the required components of the CCP can be found in Appendix B.

Plan Submission and HUD Review

The CCP must be submitted electronically to YouthDemo@hud.gov no later than 6 months after announcement of the selected communities, unless an extension is granted, in which case the CCP must be submitted electronically no later than the deadline as extended. HUD will review each plan and provide feedback within 2 weeks of submission. All community plans must be compliant with all relevant Federal requirements, including fair housing and civil rights requirements. HUD reserves the right to reject a plan and require resubmission if the plan does not meet the requirements described above. HUD reserves the right to extend up to a 3 month extension of the due date for the CCP submission if the community requests additional time to form their youth action board or develop community capacity to begin the coordinated community planning phase.

Release of Full Funding

Prior to HUD approval of the CCP, HUD will only consider project applications for planning projects using their awarded YHDP funds. Once a plan is approved by HUD, Project Applicants within the selected communities may submit project applications for all projects listed under their CCP. See Appendix A for further details on project applications for planning and non-planning projects.

Communities must submit a plan to HUD by deadlines discussed above. If HUD does not receive the CCP in that timeframe, the selected community will lose access to all its remaining funding. Funding that has already been obligated for projects will continue to be available for those projects only.

c. Displacement, relocation and acquisition

Applicants are reminded that the CoC program regulations at 24 CFR 578.83 include unique requirements addressing displacement, relocation, and acquisition. In addition to these program specific requirements, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (URA) may apply. The URA generally applies when there is acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition for a Federally-funded program or project.

This program requires a certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan under 24 CFR 91.2. This certification means the proposed activities in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's strategic plan, and the location of the proposed activities is consistent with the geographic areas specified in the Consolidated Plan.

G. Criteria for Beneficiaries.

NA

IV. Application and Submission Information.
A. Obtaining an Application Package.

Instructions for Applicants.
You must download both the Application Instructions and the Application Package from Grants.gov. You must verify that the Assistance Listing Number and Assistance Listing Description on the first page of the Application Package, and the Funding Opportunity Title and the Funding Opportunity Number match the Program and NOFO to which you are applying.

The Application Package contains the portable document forms (PDFs) available on Grants.gov, such as the SF-424 Family. The Instruction Download contains official copies of the NOFO and forms necessary for a complete application. The Instruction Download may include Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and additional documents.

An applicant demonstrating good cause may request a waiver from the requirement for electronic submission, for example, a lack of available Internet access in the geographic area in which your business offices are located. Lack of SAM registration or valid DUNS Number is not good cause. If you cannot submit your application electronically, you must ask in writing for a waiver of the electronic grant submission requirements. HUD will not grant a waiver if HUD does not receive your written mailed, shipped, or emailed request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline and if you do not demonstrate good cause. If HUD waives the requirement, HUD must receive your paper application before the deadline of this NOFO. To request a waiver, you must contact:

Name:

Caroline Crouse

Email:

YouthDemo@hud.gov

HUD Organization:

SNAPS

Street:
451 7th Street SW
City:
Washington DC
State:
Zip:
20410
Applicants requesting a waiver should submit their waiver requests via e-mail to Youthdemo@hud.gov.
The subject line should contain the name of the applicant and 'Request for Waiver of Electronic Submission for Youth Demo'.

B. Content and Form of Application Submission.

You must verify that boxes 11, 12, and 13 on the SF-424 match the NOFO for which you are applying. If they do not match, you have downloaded the wrong Application Instruction and Application Package.

Submission of an application that is otherwise sufficient, under the wrong Assistance Listing and Funding Opportunity Number is non curable unless otherwise stated in Threshold requirements.

1. Content.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF424)	Submission is required for all applicants by the application due date.	
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SFLLL), if applicable	HUD will provide instructions to grantees on how the form is to be submitted.	If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or

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		guarantee a loan, the applicant shall complete and submit the SF-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Applicants must furnish an executed copy of the Certification Regarding Lobbying prior to award.
HUD Applicant Recipient Disclosure Report (HUD) 2880 Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report	HUD will provide instructions to grantees on how the form is to be submitted.	HUD instructions to grantees are provided by webcast, To view the webcast, click here.
Acknowledgment of Application Receipt (HUD2993), if applicable	This form is applicable only to applications submitted on paper, following receipt of a waiver of electronic submission	This form is not required but is available for applicants who want confirmation that their hard-copy application was received by HUD. The form must be submitted with the application, in accordance with the application submission instructions included in the waiver of electronic submission.

Additionally, your complete application must include the following narratives and non-form attachments.

- Applicants are required to respond to the following questions regarding their proposed geographic area for the YHDP. Applicants must indicate:
  - Whether you are requesting participation as a rural community in the YHDP through this application.
  - The geographic area that the application covers. If the application covers a geographic area smaller than an entire CoC, the application must list all counties covered by the application and a justification for the decision to apply for a geographic area smaller than an entire CoC.
- Narrative: Responses to the rating factors in Section V.A.1

- Agreement: Youth Action Board agreement as described in Section V.A.1 under Collaboration - please name the attachment "Youth Action Board Agreement"
- Agreement: PCWA agreement as described in Section V.A.1 under Collaboration - please name the attachment "PCWA Agreement"
- The HUD Applicant Recipient Disclosure Report (HUD 2880) can be found here: http://portal .hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2880.pdf. The form should be completed and sent with the application via grants.gov.

2. Format and Form.
Narratives and other attachments to your application must follow the following format guidelines.
25 Pages maximum length of narratives

Other

The application will be comprised of narrative exhibits and required attachments. The narratives will respond to thresholds, rating factors, and other criteria in the NOFO as indicated below. **Applicants should number their narrative responses to correspond to the numbering in Section V.A.1.** The narrative will be a maximum of 25 pages and needs to comply with the following format:

- Double-space your narrative exhibit pages. Single-spaced pages will be counted as two pages;
- Use 8-1/2 x 11-inch paper;
- All margins should be approximately one inch. If any margin is smaller than 1/2 inch, the page will be counted as two pages;
- Use 12-point, Times New Roman font;
- Any pages marked as sub-pages (e.g., with numbers and letters such as 25A, 25B, 25C), will be treated as separate pages;
- If a section is not applicable, indicate "N/A" so that there is a clear indication to HUD (do not just leave the section blank);
- No more than one page of text may be placed on one sheet of paper; i.e., you may not shrink pages to get two or more on a page. Shrunken pages, or pages where a minimized/reduced font are used, will be counted as multiple pages;
- Do not format your narrative exhibits in columns. Pages with text in columns will be counted as two pages;
- Any tables included in the narrative exhibits of the application must also be double spaced or they will be counted twice; and
- All pages should be numbered. HUD recommends that applicants consecutively number the pages of the Attachments section to ensure proper assembly of their application if printed.

Attachments will not count toward the 25-page maximum.
There is no minimum length required for narratives. However, HUD will review only the first 25 pages of narrative (not including required attachments). **Any responses after 25 pages will not be considered for scoring for this competition.**

C. System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.

1. SAM Registration Requirement.
Applicants must be registered with https://www.sam.gov/ before submitting their application. Applicants must maintain current information in SAM on immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded a Federal contract or grant within the last three years, if applicable. Information in SAM must be current for all times during which the applicant has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by HUD.

2. DUNS Number Requirement.
Applicants must provide a valid DUNS number, registered and active at https://www.sam.gov/ in the application. DUNS numbers may be obtained for free from Dun & Bradstreet.

3. Requirement to Register with Grants.gov.
Anyone planning to submit applications on behalf of an organization must register at grants.gov and be approved by the E-Biz POC in SAM to submit applications for the organization. Registration for SAM and grants.gov is a multi-step process and can take four (4) weeks or longer to complete if data issues arise. Applicants without a valid registration cannot apply through grants.gov. Complete registration instructions and guidance are provided on grants.gov.

D. Application Submission Dates and Times.

Application Due Date Explanation
The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern Standard time on

07/27/2021
Applications must be received no later than the deadline, or, if HUD has issued you a waiver allowing you to submit your application in paper form, by HUD no later than the deadline.

Submit your application to Grants.gov unless a waiver has been issued allowing you to submit your application in paper form. Instructions for submitting your paper application will be contained in the waiver of electronic submission.

"Received by Grants.gov" means the applicant received a confirmation of receipt and an application tracking number from Grants.gov. Grants.gov then assigns an application tracking number and date-and timestamps each application upon successful receipt by the Grants.gov system. A submission attempt not resulting in confirmation of receipt and an application tracking number is not considered received by Grants.gov.

Applications received by Grants.gov must be validated by Grants.gov to be received by HUD.

"Validated by Grants.gov" means the application has been accepted and was not rejected with errors. You can track the status of your application by logging into Grants.gov, selecting "Applicants" from the top navigation, and selecting “Track my application” from the dropdown list. If the application status is "rejected with errors,” you must correct the error(s) and resubmit the application before the 24-hour grace period ends. Applications in “rejected with errors” status after the 24-hour grace period expires will not be received by HUD. Visit Grants.gov for a

complete description of processing steps after applying.

HUD strongly recommends you submit your applications at least **48 hours before the deadline** and during regular business hours to allow enough time to correct errors or overcome other problems.

Grants.gov Customer Support. Grants.gov provides customer support information on its website at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html . Applicants having difficulty accessing the application and instructions or having technical problems can receive customer support from Grants.gov by calling (800) 518-GRANTS (this is a toll-free number) or by sending an email to support@grants.gov. The customer support center is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week, except Federal holidays. The phone number above may also be reached by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech disabilities, through the Federal Relay Service's teletype service at 800-877-8339.
You can verify the contents of your submitted application to confirm Grants.gov received everything you intended to submit. To verify the contents of your submitted application:

- Log in to Grants.gov.
- Click the Check Application Status link, which appears under the Grant Applications heading in the Applicant Center page. This will take you to the Check Application Status page.
- Enter search criteria and a date range to narrow your search results.
- Click the Search button. To review your search results in Microsoft Excel, click the Export Data button.
- Review the Status column, to view more detailed submission information, click the Details link in the Actions column.
- To download the submitted application, click the Download link in the Actions column.

Please make note of the Grants.gov tracking number as it will be needed by the Grants.gov Help Desk if you seek their assistance.

HUD may extend the application deadline for any program if Grants.gov is offline or not available to applicants for at least 24 hours immediately prior to the deadline date, or the system is down for 24 hours or longer and impacts the ability of applicants to cure a submission deficiency within the grace period.

HUD may also extend the application deadline upon request if there is a presidentially declared disaster in the applicant's area.

If these events occur, HUD will post a notice on its website establishing the new, extended deadline for the affected applicants. HUD will also include the fact of the extension in the program's Notice of Funding Awards required to be published in the Federal Register.

In determining whether to grant a request for an extension based on a presidentially-declared disaster, HUD will consider the totality of the circumstances including the date of an applicant's extension request (how closely it followed the basis for the extension), whether other applicants in the geographic area are similarly affected by the disaster, and how quickly power or services

are restored to enable the applicant to submit its application.

PLEASE NOTE: Busy servers, slow processing, large file sizes, improper registration or password issues are not valid circumstances to extend the deadline dates or the grace period.

1. Amending or Resubmitting an Application.
Before the submission deadline, you may amend a validated application through Grants.gov by resubmitting a revised application containing the new or changed material. The resubmitted application must be received and validated by Grants.gov by the applicable deadline.

If HUD receives an original and a revised application for a single proposal, HUD will evaluate only the last submission received by Grants.gov before the deadline.

2. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions.
If your application is received by Grants.gov before the deadline, but is rejected with errors, you have a grace period of 24 hours after the application deadline to submit a corrected, received, and validated application through Grants.gov. The date and time stamp on the Grants.gov system determines the application receipt time. Any application submitted during the grace period not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

3. Late Applications.
An application received after the NOFO deadline date that does not meet the Grace Period requirements will be marked late and will not be received by HUD for funding consideration. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes that allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline.

4. Corrections to Deficient Applications.
HUD will not consider information from applicants after the application deadline.

HUD will uniformly notify applicants of each curable deficiency. See curable deficiency in the definitions section (Section I.A.3). Examples of curable (correctable) deficiencies include inconsistencies in the funding request and failure to submit required certifications. These examples are non-exhaustive.

When HUD identifies a curable deficiency, HUD will notify the authorized organization representative identified on the SF 424 Application for Federal Assistance via email. This email is the official notification of a curable deficiency.

Applicants must email corrections of curable deficiencies to applicationsupport@hud.gov within the time limits specified in the notification. The time allowed to correct deficiencies will be no less than 48 hours and no more than 14 calendar days from the date of the email notification. The start of the cure period will be the date stamp on the email sent from HUD. If the deficiency cure deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters are closed, then the applicant's correction must be received on the next business day HUD Headquarters offices in Washington, DC are open.

The subject line of the email sent to applicationsupport@hud.gov must state: Technical Cure and include the Grants.gov application tracking number or the GrantSolutions application number (e.g., Subject: Technical Cure - GRANT123456 or Technical Cure - XXXXXXXXXXX). If this information is not included, HUD cannot match the response with the application under review and the application may be rejected due to the deficiency.

Corrections to a paper application must be sent in accordance with and to the address indicated in the notification of deficiency. HUD will treat a paper application submitted in accordance with a waiver of electronic application containing the wrong DUNS number as having a curable deficiency. Failure to correct the deficiency and meet the requirement to have a DUNS number and active registration in SAM will render the application ineligible for funding.

5. Authoritative Versions of HUD NOFOs. The version of these NOFOs as posted on Grants.gov are the official documents HUD uses to solicit applications.

6. Exemptions. Parties that believe the requirements of the NOFO would impose a substantial burden on the exercise of their religion should seek an exemption under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

E. Intergovernmental Review.

This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

F. Funding Restrictions.

NA

Indirect Cost Rate.

Normal indirect cost rules under 2 CFR part 200, subpart E apply. If you intend to charge indirect costs to your award, your application must clearly state the rate and distribution base you intend to use. If you have a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must also include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate. Successful applicants whose rate changes after the application deadline must submit new rate and documentation.

Applicants other than state and local governments. If you have a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must clearly state the approved rate and distribution base and must include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate. If your agency does not have a current negotiated rate (including provisional) rate and elects to use the de minimis rate, your application must clearly state you intend to use the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). 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 elected, the de minimis rate must be applied consistently for all Federal awards until you choose to negotiate for a rate, which you may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

State and local governments. If your department or agency unit has a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must include that rate, the applicable distribution base, and a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the negotiated rate. If your department or agency unit receives more than $35 million in direct Federal funding per year, you may not claim indirect costs until you receive a negotiated rate from your cognizant agency for indirect costs as provided in Appendix VII to 2 CFR Part 200.

If your department or agency unit receives no more than $35 million in direct Federal funding per year and your department or agency unit has developed and maintains an indirect cost rate proposal and supporting documentation for audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix VII, you may use the rate and distribution base specified in that indirect cost rate proposal. Alternatively, if your department or agency unit receives no more than $35 million in direct Federal funding per year and does not have a current negotiated rate (including provisional) rate, you may elect to use the de minimis rate of 10% of MTDC. 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 elected, the de minimis rate must be applied consistently for all Federal awards until you choose to negotiate for a rate, which you may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

G. Other Submission Requirements.

1. Application, Assurances and Certifications.

Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Application for Federal Assistance Programs is the government-wide form required to apply for Application for Federal Assistance Programs, discretionary Federal grants and other forms of financial assistance programs. Applicants for this Federal assistance program must submit all required forms in the SF-424 Family of forms, including SF-424B (Assurances of Non construction Programs) or SF424D (Assurances for Construction Programs).Applications receiving funds for both non-construction programs and construction programs must submit both the SF-424B and SF-424D.

By signing the forms in the SF-424 either through electronic submission or in paper copy submission (for those granted a waiver), the applicant and the signing authorized organization representative affirm that they have reviewed the certifications and assurances associated with the application for Federal assistance and (1) are aware the submission of the SF-424 is an assertion that the relevant certifications and assurances are established and (2) acknowledge that the truthfulness of the certifications and assurances are material representations upon which HUD will rely when making an award to the applicant. If it is later determined the signing authorized organization representative to the application made a false certification or assurance, caused the submission of a false certification or assurance, or did not have the authority to make a legally binding commitment for the applicant, the applicant and the individual who signed the application may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal action. Additionally, HUD may terminate the award to the applicant organization or pursue other available remedies. Each applicant is responsible for including the correct certifications and assurances with its application submission, including those applicable to all applicants, those applicable only to Federally recognized Indian tribes, or Alaska native villages and those applicable to applicants other than federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska native villages.

Assurances. By submitting your application, you provide assurances that, if selected to receive an award, you will comply with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements, including, but not limited to civil rights requirements. Applicants and recipients are required to submit assurances of compliance with federal civil rights requirements. *See, e.g.,* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; *see also* 24 C.F.R. §§ 1.5; 3.115; 8.50; and 146.25. HUD accepts these assurances in the form of the SF-424B and SF-424D, which also require compliance with all general federal nondiscrimination requirements in the administration of the grant.

V. Application Review Information.
A. Review Criteria.

1. Rating Factors.

1. Rating Factors.
Points are assigned for five rating factors: Leadership Capacity, Community Need, Collaboration, Youth Collaboration, and Data and Evaluation Capacity. Applications will be evaluated based on responses to all narratives. The table below outlines the selection criteria by rating factor with the points that may be awarded for each out of a possible 100 total points.

Rating Factor	Points
Leadership Capacity	15
Community Need	20
Collaboration	20
Youth Collaboration	25
Data and Evaluation Capacity	20
Total	**100**
Rural Bonus for FY 2020 funds	10

Leadership Capacity **Maximum Points:** 15

HUD will award up to 15 points to applicants that demonstrate they have the necessary leadership in place to effectively manage the development of a CCP to prevent and end youth homelessness. Applicants must:

1. Describe how the CoC has addressed a similar systematic challenge related to homelessness. Examples can include the CoC's efforts to prevent and end veteran's homelessness, adoption of a comprehensive coordinated entry process, and other innovative community-wide and cross-sector initiatives.

2. Demonstrate how the CoC structure will support the lead agency. The applicant must clearly identify the names of committees (and approximate number of members) within the CoC that will be involved in the planning and implementation of a coordinated community approach to prevent and end youth homelessness, each current committee objective, and current youth-relevant task(s).

3. Describe the CoC's current written plan or strategy to prevent and end youth homelessness. If a part of a plan to prevent and end all forms of homelessness, to get maximum points under this criterion, there must be a dedicated section or set of youth-specific strategies and objectives. The narrative should include the organizations or agencies that helped to develop, signed or adopted the plan.

4. Describe how the CoC prioritizes authentic youth collaboration through the Youth Action Board or through youth participation in committee meetings or planning and feedback events. Additionally, the applicant must

> 4a. Define what authentic youth collaboration means to your community
> 4b. Describe the extent to which the CoC solicits and receives information from youth regarding youth homelessness; and
> 4c. Describe how youth are prepared, debriefed, and otherwise supported for participation in committee meetings and other planning and feedback events.

Community Need **Maximum Points:** 20

HUD will award up to 20 points to applicants that can demonstrate high need in the community based on the number and needs of the community's youth experiencing homelessness. Applicants must:

1. Describe the most recent youth homelessness needs assessment conducted by the CoC. The narrative must include the following:

> 1a. The name of the lead and partnering agencies or organizations involved in the assessment.
>
> 1b. How youth were involved in designing or executing the needs assessment.
>
> 1c. The scope of the assessment including (1) geography, (2) types of housing units and (3) services covered;
> 1d. A description of disparities identified through the assessment, including race, gender, LBGTQ+ status, and system involvement.
> 1e. An explanation of the key findings from the youth homelessness needs assessment, including the number and types of youth-appropriate housing units and the number of youths experiencing homelessness.

If no needs assessment was conducted in the previous 5 years, write "none".

2. Describe at least one youth-focused intervention that is not currently operating in the community that the community wishes to pursue. Include in your response the barriers that currently prevent you from implementing the intervention.

3. Describe how existing youth-focused interventions could be improved and their capacity increased. Include in your response barriers that prevent you from improving these interventions.

4.The factors that are currently contributing to youth homelessness in the community, including

how your community identified which factors are most prominent. Your response should describe how factors have been identified at the community level and not how individual factors are identified on a case-by-case basis.

5. Has your community assessed your homeless response system for disparities in populations that have a higher incidence of homelessness (e.g. Black people, people of color, former foster youth, justice- involved youth)? If so, how will your community address the identified disparities, consistent with fair housing and civil rights requirements? If not, what are your plans to assess disparate rates of homelessness or different rates of housing placement from the homeless response system?

Collaboration **Maximum Points:** 20

HUD will award 20 points to applicants that can demonstrate strong current community-wide partnerships that are working to prevent and end youth homelessness. Applicants must:

1. Indicate whether the Coordinated Entry Process incorporates youth. If the Coordinated Entry Process incorporates youth, the Collaborative Applicant must answer Questions 1a-1c; if the Coordinated Entry Process does not incorporate youth, the Collaborative Applicant does not answer Questions 1a-1c.

> 1a. Indicate whether there is a separate coordinated entry access point for youth or, if access points are designed for all persons presenting for assistance, describe what youth-specific policies and procedures the CoC has adopted to ensure that access points are appropriate for youth.
>
> 1b. Describe how youth are prioritized within the coordinated entry process, including factors used to prioritize youth or subpopulations of youth.
>
> 1c. Describe the extent to which all other youth homelessness and at-risk providers and other stakeholders providing services to homeless and at-risk youth (including PCWAs and other mainstream resource providers) are integrated into the coordinated entry process.

2. How does the CoC work with each of the following institutions to ensure that participants in the programs are not released into homelessness?

- Child welfare (Foster Care)
- Justice system (juvenile and adult)
- Institutions of mental and physical health

3. Attach a letter of support for the application from the PCWA that indicates a commitment to participate in the creation of the CCP.

Youth Collaboration **Maximum Points:** 25

HUD will award 25 points to applicants that demonstrate how Youth voice is a crucial component to addressing and ending youth homelessness. In order to be successful, responses to this section should clearly be written by Youth Action Board (YAB) members and applicants must consider how youth with lived experience will be integrated into system and program design and implementation. Applicants must:

1. Describe the mission and vision of the YAB.

2. Describe the structure and work of the YAB:

2a. How long has the YAB been in existence?
2b. How many members does the YAB have? If attendance at meetings extends beyond membership, state the attendance at the most recent three meetings.
2c. How often does the YAB meet?
2d. How are youth and young adults with lived experience recruited for membership in the YAB?
2e. Describe the decision-making structure of the YAB.
2f. How is the YAB integrated into CoC-wide work (i.e., beyond issues solely dealing with youth homelessness)?
2g. What training and other preparation are YAB members provided on the CoC structure, CoC rules, housing types, and other issues surrounding homelessness?

3. Is the membership of the YAB reflective of the population of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in the community?

3a. Provide data indicating the prevalence of youth of color, LGBTQ+, and gender non-conforming youth in the general population of youth experiencing homelessness and describe how the YAB works to ensure that its membership is reflective of the population of youth experiencing homelessness in the community

4. How are youth incentivized to participate in the YAB or other aspects of the youth homelessness system? These may include paid positions, professional development opportunities, access to other resources, etc.

5. From a youth perspective, what are the biggest challenges to integrating youth voice into community decision-making structures? To receive full points, this response should clearly be written by a youth or include quotes from youth regarding the challenges to integrating youth voice.

6. From a youth perspective, what are the biggest challenges/barriers to sustaining a Youth Action Board? To receive full points, this response should clearly be written by a youth or include quotes from youth regarding the challenges to sustain a Youth Action Board.

7. From a youth perspective, identify the biggest areas of risk in the current youth homelessness system (for example, aging out of foster care or transitioning from an institution) and how the community is working to address these risks.

8. From a youth perspective, if selected as a YHDP community, how would your community define success?

9. Attach a letter of support for the application from the YAB, signed by all members of the YAB. The letter of support must indicate the age range of all YAB members and certify that the YAB meets the requirements outlined in Section I.A.4.k of this NOFO.

Data and Evaluation Capacity **Maximum Points:** 20

HUD will award 20 points to applicants that can demonstrate the existence of a functioning Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that facilitates in the collection of information on homelessness using residential and other homeless services and effective performance measures. The applicant must:

1. Indicate the percentage of all types of homeless beds, excluding beds provided by victim service providers, that currently participates in HMIS.

2. Indicate the percentage of all types of youth beds, excluding beds provided by victim service providers, that are covered in HMIS, regardless of funding source.

3. Describe how the CoC actively recruits new homeless projects to HMIS for youth-dedicated projects.

4. Describe how the CoC supports the transition of new homeless projects to HMIS, including financial resources, technical resources, and training.

5. In addition to gathering youth data in HMIS, indicate whether the CoC gathers youth data from other sources (i.e., education, juvenile justice, child welfare). If the CoC does gather youth data from other sources, please describe the data collected, the system(s) the data are collected from and the system(s) in which the data are stored.

6. Describe how the CoC monitors the performance of its youth providers. The description should include:

- Monitoring criteria
- Frequency of monitoring
- Process by which the CoC provides feedback regarding monitoring to providers
- How the CoC support providers with identified issues to improve their performance
- How youth are involved in the monitoring of projects

7. Demonstrate how the CoC 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 youth experiencing homelessness or the effectiveness of various interventions for serving homeless youth.

8. Describe how youth are currently brought into evaluation and quality improvement conversations in your community, either at the project or system level.

9. If selected as a YHDP community, how would stakeholders define success?

Rural Bonus for FY 2020 Funding **Maximum Points:** 10

After the selection of communities to receive FY 2019 funds, HUD will award 10 bonus points to the next eight highest ranking applications where the geographic area covered by the

application meets the rural definition found in section I.A.4. of this NOFO. These bonus points will only be awarded when communities are being considered for FY 2020 funding.

2. Other Factors.
This program does not offer points for Section 3.

Preference Points
This program does not offer preference points.

Opportunity Zones.
This program does not offer Opportunity Zone preference points.

HBCU.
This program does not offer HBCU preference points.

Promise Zones
This program does not offer Promise Zone preference points.

B. Review and Selection Process.

1. Past Performance
In evaluating applications for funding, HUD will consider an applicant's past performance in managing funds. Items HUD will consider include, but are not limited to:

HUD may reduce scores based on the past performance review, as specified under V.A. Review Criteria. Whenever possible, HUD will obtain past performance information. If this review results in an adverse finding related to integrity of performance, HUD reserves the right to take any of the remedies provided in Section III E., Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility, "Pre-selection Review of Performance" document link above.

2. Assessing Applicant Risk.
In evaluating risks posed by applicants, HUD may use a risk-based approach and may consider any items such as the following:

- Financial stability;
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in this part;
- 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;
- Reports and findings from audits performed under Subpart F—Audit Requirements of this part or the reports and findings of any other available audits; and
- The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities.

3. Integrity. HUD evaluates the integrity of the applicant as reflected in government-wide websites, information in HUD's files, the Federal Do Not Pay portal, public information and information received during HUD's Name Check Review process.

4. Review Process. HUD staff, who may be assisted by staff from other Federal agencies with experience related to youth experiencing homelessness, coordinated community approaches to preventing and ending youth homelessness, and/or evidence-based interventions, will review applications in two phases:

Phase 1: Threshold Eligibility Requirements. The application will be reviewed to determine whether it meets the threshold eligibility requirements in Section III.D of this NOFO. Applicants who fail to meet all of the threshold eligibility requirements will be deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants will not be evaluated.

Phase 2: Application Scoring. If the applicant meets all threshold requirements, the application will be reviewed and scored using the selection criteria outlined in Section V.A.1 of this NOFO. After individual reviewers assign a score, each application will be paneled with an additional reviewer for a final score. Notwithstanding V.B.1, HUD will not adjust scores based on past performance review or take any remedies in response to adverse findings related to integrity of performance.

5. Selection Process

Ranked Order and Selection of Applicants. Once final scores have been assigned, applications will be listed in ranked order and applicants will be selected in ranked order, except as provided in section III.F.a where HUD reserves the right to select lower scoring community selection applications. The amount awarded to applications will be determined according to the formula described in Section II.C and the factors described in Section V.A.1 of this NOFO.

6. Funding Decisions. Funding decisions will be made on project applications as described in Appendix A. In determining the amount that will be available to a selected community, HUD will take into consideration the amount of funds available; the collaborative applicant's current organizational capacity, where and when required, as presented in the application, including, among other things, the number, quality, and experience of their key personnel; and the final score assigned to the application.

VI. Award Administration Information.

A. Award Notices.

Following the evaluation process, HUD will notify successful applicants of their selection for funding. HUD will also notify other applicants, whose applications were received by the deadline, but have not been chosen for award. Notifications will be sent by email to the person listed as the AOR in item 21 of the SF424.

HUD may impose special conditions on an award as provided under 2 CFR 200.208:

• Based on HUD's review of the applicant's risk under 2 CFR 200.206;

• When the applicant or recipient has a history of failure to comply with the general or specific terms and conditions of a Federal award;
• When the applicant or recipient fails to meet expected performance goals contained in a Federal award; or
• When the applicant or recipient is not otherwise responsible.

Adjustments to Funding. To ensure the fair distribution of funds and enable the purposes or requirements of a specific program to be met, HUD reserves the right to fund less than the amount requested in an application.

a. HUD will fund no portion of an application that:
(1) Is not eligible for funding under applicable statutory or regulatory requirements;
(2) Does not meet the requirements of this notice; or
(3) Duplicates other funded programs or activities from prior year awards or other selected applicants.
b.If funds are available after funding the highest-ranking application, HUD may fund all or part of another eligible fundable application. If an applicant turns down an award offer, or if HUD and an applicant do not successfully complete grant negotiations, HUD may withdraw the award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application.
c. If funds remain after all selections have been made, remaining funds may be made available within the current FY for other competitions within the program area, or be held for future competitions, or be used as otherwise provided by authorizing statute or appropriation.
d. If, after announcement of awards made under the current NOFO, additional funds become available either through the current appropriations, a supplemental appropriation, other appropriations or recapture of funds, HUD may use the additional funds to provide additional funding to an applicant awarded less than the requested amount of funds to make the full award, and/or to fund additional applicants that were eligible to receive an award but for which there were no funds available.

Funding Errors. If HUD commits an error that when corrected would cause selection of an applicant during the funding round of a Program NOFO, HUD may select that applicant for funding, subject to the availability of funds. If funding is not available to award in the current fiscal year, HUD may make an award to this applicant during the next fiscal year, if funding is available then.

B. Statutory and Administrative, National and Department Requirements for HUD Recipients

For this NOFO, the following Administrative, National and Department Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards apply. (Please select the linked text to read the detailed description of each applicable requirement).

1. Unless otherwise specified, these non-discrimination and equal opportunity authorities and other requirements apply to all NOFOs. Please read the following requirements carefully as the requirements are different among HUD's programs.
• Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws, Which Encompass the Fair Housing Act and Related Authorities (cf. 24 CFR 5.105(a)).

• Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.
• Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3). See 24 CFR part 75.
• Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) See https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/limited_english_proficiency.
• Accessible Technology. See https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCIO/documents/s508103017.pdf

2. Equal Access Requirements. See 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2)
3. Ensuring the Participation of Small Disadvantaged Business, and Women-Owned Business.
4. Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities.
5. Uniform Relocation Act – Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Requirements. See 49 CFR part 24.
6. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation.
7. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
8. Drug-Free Workplace.
9. Safeguarding Resident/Client Files.
10. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L.109-282) (Transparency Act), as amended.
11. Eminent Domain.
12. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities. See https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/disability_overview
13. Violence Against Women Act. See 24 CFR part 5, subpart L and applicable program regulations.
14. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct.
15. Environmental Requirements, which include compliance with environmental justice requirements under Executive Order 12898.

Compliance with 24 CFR part 50 or 58 procedures is explained below:

See Appendix A, Section II.C.4. Environmental Requirements, for information on the environmental review procedures required during the project evaluation process.

2 CFR 200.216 *Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment*

Lead Based Paint Requirements.

When providing housing assistance funding for purchase, lease, support services, operation, or work that may be disturb painted surfaces, of pre-1978 housing, you must comply with the lead-based paint evaluation and hazard reduction requirements of HUD's lead-based paint rules (Lead Disclosure; and Lead Safe Housing (24 CFR part 35)), and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

When providing education or counseling on buying or renting housing that may include pre-1978 housing under your grant you must inform clients of their rights under the Lead Disclosure Rule (24 CFR part 35, subpart A), and, if the focus of the education or counseling is on rental or

purchase of HUD-assisted pre-1978 housing, the Lead Safe Housing Rule (subparts B, R, and, as applicable, F - M).

C. Reporting.

HUD requires recipients to submit performance and financial reports under OMB guidance and program instructions.

1. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters. Applicants should be aware that if the total Federal share of your Federal award includes more than $ 500,000 over the period of performance, you may be subject to post award reporting requirements reflected in Appendix XII to Part 200-Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

In addition to the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, the recipient must collect and report data on its use of YHDP funds awarded to Project Applicants in selected communities in an Annual Performance Report (APR), a quarterly report of key project metrics, and any additional reports, as and when required by HUD. This includes all projects awarded to the selected communities under the YHPD.

Please direct questions regarding specific reporting requirements to the point of contact listed in Section VII. Agency Contact(s), below.

2. Race, Ethnicity and Other Data Reporting. HUD requires recipients that provide HUD-funded program benefits to individuals or families to report data on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and family characteristics of persons and households who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries of HUD programs in order to carry out the Department's responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act, Executive Order 11063, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 562 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987.

4. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282) as amended (FFATA). FFATA requires information on Federal awards be made available to the public via a single, searchable website, which is www.USASpending.gov. Accordingly, each award HUD makes under this NOFO will be subject to the requirements provided by the Award Term in Appendix A to 2 CFR Part 170, "REPORTING SUBAWARD AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION INFORMATION," unless the Federal funding for the award (including funding that may be added through amendments) is not expected to equal or exceed $30,000. Requirements under this Award Term include filing subaward information in the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS.gov) by the end of the month following the month in which the recipient awards any sub-grant equal to or greater than $30,000. Each applicant under this NOFO must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with this Award Term, in the event that they receive an award, unless an exception applies under 2 CFR 170.110.

5. Program-Specific Reporting Requirements

D. Debriefing.

For a period of at least 120 days, beginning 30 days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFO, HUD will provide a debriefing related to their application to requesting

applicants. A request for debriefing must be made in writing or by email by the authorized organization representative whose signature appears on the SF-424 or by his or her successor in office and be submitted to the POC in Section VII Agency Contact(s), below. Information provided during a debriefing may include the final score the applicant received for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which funding was approved or denied.

VII. Agency Contact(s).

HUD staff will be available to provide clarification on the content of this NOFO.
Questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFO should be directed to the POC listed below.

Name:

Caroline Crouse

Phone:

612-843-6451

Email:

YouthDemo@hud.gov

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Please note that HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications.

VIII. Other Information.

1. National Environmental Policy Act.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made for this NOFO in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

The FONSI is available for inspection at HUD's Funding Opportunities web page.

2. Web Resources.

- **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**
- **Code of Conduct list**
- **CFDA**
- **Dun & Bradstreet**
- **Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations**
- **Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System**
- **FFATA Subaward Reporting System**
- **Grants.gov**
- **HBCUs**
- **Healthy Homes Strategic Plan**
- **Healthy Housing Reference Manual**
- **HUD's Strategic Plan**
- **HUD Grants**

- **Limited English Proficiency**
- **NOFO Webcasts**
- **Opportunity Zone**
- **Procurement of Recovered Materials**
- **Promise Zones**
- **Section 3 Business Registry**
- **State Point of Contact List**
- **System for Award Management (SAM)**
- **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA)**
- **USA Spending**

3. Program Relevant Web Resources

APPENDIX
Appendix A - Program Project Requirements Appendix B- Coordinated Community Plan Requirements

Synopsis

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Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

General Information

Summary

Submit Initial Draft
05/22/2020

Document Type
Initial

Record Status
Active

Fiscal Year
2020

FOA FY Processing Year
2019

Program Funding Type
Discretionary

Funding Activity Category
CD - Community Development

Recovery Act
No

Funding Instrument Type
G (Grant)

Directed Announcement
No

Administrative Policies

Non-Competing

Non-Competing Description

Single Source Justification (4,000 character limit)

Limited Competition
No

Additional Disqualification Factors

FOA History

New Opportunity
No

Previously Published Fiscal Year

2018

Previously Published Funding Opportunity Number

FR-6200-N-35

Information Collection

Expected Number of Applications

150

Award Information

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

Yes

Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

25

Expected Number of Awards

50

Estimated Total Funding

$ 145,000,000

Estimated Award Ceiling

$ 15,000,000
Per Project Period

Estimated Award Floor

$ 1,000,000
Per Project Period

Length of Project Periods

24-month project period with two 12-month budget periods

Other

12-month project period and budget period

Length of Project Periods Explanation of Other

HUD will award planning projects for a 1-year non-renewable grant term. All other approved projects will be awarded for 2-year grant terms and may be renewed for 1-year grant terms under the CoC Program as explained in section I.C of Appendix A.

Project Period | Expected Duration in Months

24

Project Type

Demonstration

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Category

00 (State governments)

01 (County governments)

02 (City or township governments)

04 (Special district governments)

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

Additional Information on Eligibility (Grants.gov 4,000/GMM 2,500 character limit)

(25) Other -
Nonprofits, as demonstrated by criteria at 24 CFR 5.109(l)(1) through 24 CFR 5.109(l)(5).

Community Selection application:
Available to Collaborative Applicants designated by CoCs registered through the FY 2020 CoC Program Registration process. The Collaborative Applicant can apply for any community located within its CoC's geographic area. The Collaborative Applicant can also apply for multiple communities located within its CoC's geographic area; however, HUD will not select more than one community within a CoC's geographic area.

Project application:
Project Applicants that are designated during the application process by the Collaborative Applicant or its designee are eligible to apply for grant funds. The Collaborative Applicant may apply for projects under this Demonstration as well. The Collaborative Applicants that are not Unified Funding Agencies (UFAs) may also designate an eligible applicant to be the recipient of the planning grant. UFAs must apply for and be recipient of all grants for their Community. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

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.

To be considered for funding, Project Applicants must complete the information required by HUD, receive the approval of the YAB for their project(s) through a letter of support, and receive the approval of the CoC to apply for funding, as signed off on by the Collaborative Applicant or its designee.

This NOFO application is for community selection only. Applications for funding individual projects will occur after communities have been selected. Requirements for applying for projects are detailed in Appendix A.

As required in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 2 CFR 25.200 and 24 CFR Part 5 Subpart K, all applicants for financial assistance must have an active Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.sam.gov) before submitting an application. Getting a DUNS number and completing SAM registration can take up to four weeks. Therefore, applicants should start this process or check their status early. See Section IV.C for information on SAM and the DUNS number requirement.

See also Section IV.B for necessary form and content information.

Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement.

Key Dates

Submit Initial FOA Draft
05/22/2020

Estimated Post Date
May 18, 2021

Estimated Application Due Date
07/27/2021 11:59 PM

Application Due Date Explanation (250 character limit):
Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.

Estimated Award Date
09/01/2021

Estimated Project Start Date
09/01/2021

Estimated Project End Date
07/01/2024

Additional Information

Authority
The FY 2019 funds for the YHDP were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6), approved February 15, 2019 (“the FY 2019 Appropriations Act”). The FY 2020 funds for the YHDP were authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), approved December 20, 2019 ("the FY 2020 Appropriations Act"). Projects awarded under the YHDP may be eligible for renewal under the CoC Program when the initial grant term expires. The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program regulations are found in 24 CFR part 578 (the CoC Program interim rule).

Description (Grants.gov/Forecast) (18,000 character limit)

1. **NOFO Highlights**

HUD will select up to **50** communities to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.

8 of the **50** selected communities must be rural communities. [*Section I.A.1*]

Only CoC Collaborative Applicants may apply to this NOFO [*Section III.A*]

Applications are submitted through grants.gov, and are due by **July 26 2021**

Communities represented by the CoC Collaborative Applicant must include a youth action board, the local or state public child welfare agency, and a broad array of other partners [*V.A*]

The rating and ranking criteria included in this NOFO will be used to competitively select the communities [*Section V.A*]

The selection of the selected communities will be announced in **September 2021**

Selected Communities will:

- Develop and implement a CCP to prevent and end youth homelessness [*Section III.F.b*]
- Apply for project funding up to an amount between $1 million and $15 million per community, based on each community's youth population size and poverty rate, for a total demonstration amount of approximately $**145** million *[Section II.C]*
- Requests for funding for all project types allowed under the CoC Program to support homeless and at risk youth, as well as innovative project types that may require a waiver or exception of CoC Program or McKinney-Vento Act requirements [*Appendix A]*
- Request funding for a 2-year grant term that will be eligible for renewal under the CoC Program, as long as the project meets statutory CoC Program requirements [*Section II.D*]
- Receive technical assistance to advise the development and implementation of the CCP [*Section 1.A.1*]
- Participate in an evaluation that will inform the federal strategy for preventing and ending youth homelessness *[Section I.A and VI.C.]*

NOFO Priority

The purpose of the YHDP is to implement projects that demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth age 24 and under can dramatically reduce youth homelessness. The population to be served by this demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. In order to effectively implement a system that addresses the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, Continuums of Care (CoCs) must understand the subgroups of unaccompanied youth and incorporate those understandings into the YHDP CCP and awarded projects. This will require CoCs to use innovative practices to design better projects and strong comprehensive plans to prevent and end youth homelessness.

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