

ROUND 8

SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

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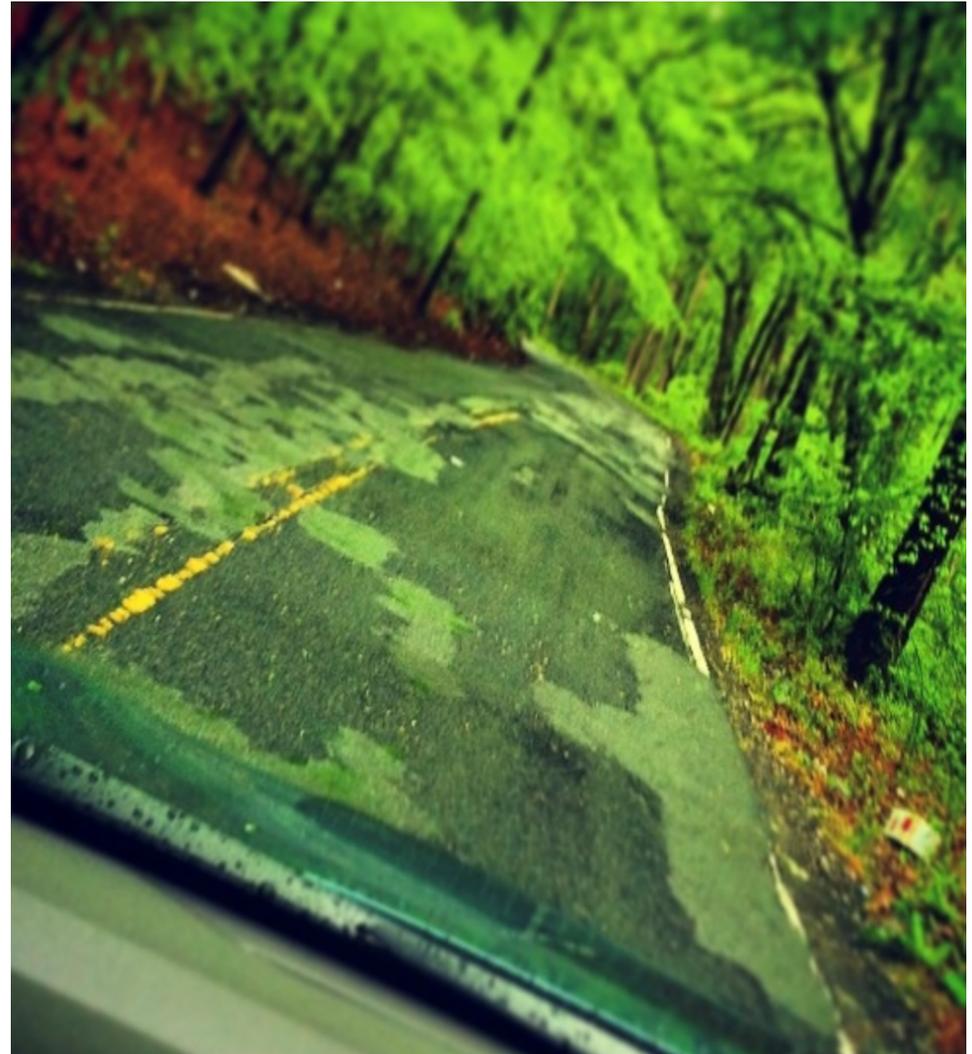
WHAT ARE SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES?

Regulatory flexibilities that allow YHDP recipients to implement activities that are not allowed under CoC regulations.

Special YHDP activities are divided into two categories:

Special YHDP activities that require notification to HUD. Communities do not need to wait for approval from HUD.

Special YHDP activities that must meet certain criteria and require approval by HUD.





I.C.1.A
SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

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- Leases for a minimum term of 1 month under rental assistance budget line items.
- Leasing, sponsor-based rental assistance, and project-based rental assistance in Rapid Rehousing projects.
- Habitability standards in 24 CFR 576.403(c) rather than Housing Quality Standards in 24 CFR 578.75 for short or medium term (up to 24 months) housing assistance.
- YHDP recipients may provide moving expenses more than one time to a program participant.
- Payments of up to \$500 per month for families that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model

I.C.1.A SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

- Provide supportive services to program participants for up to 12 months after the program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance.
- Projects using grant leasing funds may pay above the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for individual units as long as the amount paid is consistent with the reasonable rent standards at 24 CFR 578.51(g).
- Pay for owner incentive and retention payments for RRH, TH, TH-RRH, and PSH projects before occupancy of the unit, or at any point thereafter, provided that the overall amount paid with program funds per unit does not exceed three times the monthly rent charged for the unit and the incentive and/or retention payment results in the unit being occupied by a program participant.

I.C.1.A SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

I.C.1.a.(13)(a)-(l):

- Security deposits for units in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent;
- The costs to pay for any damage to housing due to the action of a program participant, which may be paid while the youth continues to reside in the unit. The total costs paid for damage per program participant may not exceed the cost of two-months' rent.
- The costs of providing household cleaning supplies to clients.
- Housing start-up expenses for program participants, including furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods, not to exceed \$300 in value per program participant.
- The one-time cost of purchasing a cellular phone and service for program participant use, if necessary for the participant to obtain or maintain housing
- The cost of internet in a program participant's unit.
- Payment of rental arrears consisting of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

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I.C.1.a.(13) (a)-(l):

- Payment of utility arrears of up to 6 months per service.
- Up to three months of utilities for a program participant, based on the utility costs schedule for the unit size and location.
- Pay gas and mileage costs for a program participant's personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under 24 CFR 578.53(e).
- Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment.
- Program participant's past driving fines and fees that are blocking a young person from being able to obtain or renew a driver's license and impacting their ability to obtain or maintain housing. Additionally, recipients may pay for program participants' costs for insurance and registration for personal vehicles if the personal vehicle is necessary to reach medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES W/SUPPORTIVE SERVICES COSTS

	Assistance w/ Moving Costs	Operating Costs	Life Skills	Housing & Counseling Services	Transportation	Legal Services
I.C.1.a(9) Provide moving <u>expense</u> more than one time to a program participant	X					
I.C.1.a(10) Provide payments for families that provide housing under host homes and kinship care		X				
I.C.1.a(10)(a) Security deposits (not to exceed 2 months of rent) – Only required in the SS budget if there is no RA budget.	X					
I.C.1.a(10)(b) Pay for damage to units (not to exceed 2 months rent) - Only required in the SS budget if there is no RA budget.	X					
I.C.1.a(10)(c) Costs to provide household			X			

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES W/SUPPORTIVE SERVICES COSTS

reasonable and housing related)						
I.C. 1.a(10)(f) Cost of Internet (costs must be reasonable)	X					
I.C. 1.a(10)(g) Payment of rental arrears (up to 6 months)	X					
I.C. 1.a(10)(h) Payment of utility arrears (up to 6 months)	X					
I.C. 1.a(10)(i) Payment of utilities	X					
I.C. 1.a(10)(j) Pay gas a mileage for participant personal vehicle for trips for eligible services					X	
I.C. 1.a(10)(k) Payment of Legal fees						X
I.C. 1.a(10)(l) Payment of insurance, registration and past driving fines					X	
I.C. 1.a(14)		X				

Applicant request special YHDP Activity

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graph TD; A[Applicant request special YHDP Activity] --> B[HUD reviewer assess whether the special YHDP activity is eligible for the project component]; B --> C[If Yes, the special activity will be included in the Grant Agreement]; B --> D[If No, the HUD reviewer will remove the special activity and it will not be included in the Grant Agreement];
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If Yes, the special activity will be included in the Grant Agreement

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I.C.1.A SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES APPROVAL PROCESS



QUESTION: CAN AN APPLICANT REQUEST ALL THE I.C.1.A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR PROJECT?

ANSWER: YHDP APPLICANTS CAN SELECT THOSE APPLICABLE I.C.1.A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THAT PROJECT COMPONENT. HOWEVER, EVEN IF A SPECIAL ACTIVITY IS ELIGIBLE, THE PROJECT DESIGN/SCOPE OF THE PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ANY AND ALL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE REQUESTED.



I.C.1.B
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I.C.1.b(1) A recipient may provide up to 36 months of Rapid Rehousing rental assistance to a program participant if the recipient demonstrates (1) the method it will use to determine which youth need rental assistance beyond 24 months and (2) the services and resources that will be offered to ensure youth are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance. **Eligible Only for PH-RRH & JOINT**

SAMPLE NARRATIVE: I.C.1.B(1) A RECIPIENT MAY PROVIDE UP TO 36 MONTHS OF RAPID REHOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IF THE RECIPIENT DEMONSTRATES (1) THE METHOD IT WILL USE TO DETERMINE WHICH YOUTH NEED RENTAL ASSISTANCE BEYOND 24 MONTHS AND (2) THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT WILL BE OFFERED TO ENSURE YOUTH ARE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEIR HOUSING AT THE END OF THE 36 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE.

Response #1

The ABC organization will use a method to determine which youth are eligible to receive rental assistance beyond the 24 months. We will provide resources to those youth, so they are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance.

Response #2

To determine which program participant is eligible to receive rental assistance beyond the 24 months, in addition to annual income recertifications, we will meet with each participant prior to the end of their assistance if it's determined that the program participant fall under one or more of the following criteria:

1. income results in them paying more than 30% of their income on rent based on income verification 3 months prior to exit
2. If they have lost employment more than 3 times within the past 12 months.
3. If they are two or more months behind on utility payments after receiving the 3- month utility assistance allowed through the program.

Those eligible program participants that will receive rental assistance beyond the 24 months will also be connected with services and resources such as but not limited to, mental health services, childcare vouchers through State partnership program, educational and job placement opportunities through local Labor organizations.

1.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES: MATCH EXEMPTION

I.C.1.b(3) Recipients will not be required to meet the 25% match requirement if the Recipient is able to identify multiple non-YHDP resources in the community that assist youth experiencing homelessness and can provide a narrative description of 1) how the resources will assist youth who are clients under the YHDP project and 2) how the recipient will facilitate connections to these resources to ensure that youth are aware of them and able to access the resources

[Eligible for All Projects](#)

SAMPLE NARRATIVE: I.C.1.B(3) RECIPIENTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE 25% MATCH REQUIREMENT IF THE RECIPIENT IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY MULTIPLE NON-YHDP RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ASSIST YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND CAN PROVIDE A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF 1) HOW THE RESOURCES WILL ASSIST YOUTH WHO ARE CLIENTS UNDER THE YHDP PROJECT AND 2) HOW THE RECIPIENT WILL FACILITATE CONNECTIONS TO THESE RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH ARE AWARE OF THEM AND ABLE TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES

Response #1

The ABC organization has many connections with non-YHDP resources, these include but not limited to:

1. Dept. Of Health and Human Services to provide mental and behavioral health services
2. Local Direct Cash Transfer Fund through the Dept. Of Community Affairs
3. State Dept. Of Labor providing a job coach, and guarantee job placement within 1- month
4. County Community College 2-yr Free Tuition/Books

We will facilitate connections to these resources to ensure that the youth are aware of them and able to access the resources.

Response #2

The ABC organization is requesting the 25% match exemption because we have several partnerships with non-YHDP resources that have committed the following to eligible YHDP participants in this Program that include but not limited to:

1. Dept. Of Health and Human Services to provide mental and behavioral health services
2. Local Direct Cash Transfer Fund through the Dept. Of Community Affairs
3. State Dept. Of Labor providing a job coach, and guarantee job placement within 1-month
4. County Community College 2-yr Free Tuition/Books

These non-YHDP resources as well as food banks, childcare, and life skill resources are other committed partnerships that are guaranteed for all eligible participants. These resources will assist our youth in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing by providing tailored resources that will aide in their success in this Program. To facilitate connections to these resources, once we develop a case management plan (with the youth) we will schedule a meeting with our partner organizations, including the youth to determine what resources are needed. We will follow up with partner organizations, as needed to ensure that all eligible youth have been connected and are accessing available resources.

Applicant request special YHDP Activity and provides a response to the criteria

HUD reviewer assess whether the special YHDP activity is eligible for the project component

HUD reviewer sends the special activity and applicant's response to the criteria to the YHDP Resolution Team

YHDP Resolution Team reviews the response to determine if it meets the criteria. If it meets the criteria, it will be included in the Grant Agreement.

If all or a portion of the response does not meet the criteria, the HUD reviewer will be instructed to place a condition on the project. The condition will need to be satisfied prior to post award.

I.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES APPROVAL PROCESS



QUESTION: IF AN APPLICANT REQUEST AND RECEIVES A HUD-APPROVED I.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITY, WILL THE APPLICANT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THAT SPECIAL ACTIVITY?

ANSWER: No, applicants that receive a HUD-approved I.C.1.B special activity do not receive additional funding above the 24-month funding request, but the participant can continue to be served in with renewal funding.

1.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES: INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES

In addition to the specific activities authorized above or in 24 CFR part 578, other innovative activities to reduce youth homelessness may be carried out using YHDP funds, provided that the recipient can demonstrate that the activity meets the following criteria:

- a) The activity is supported by both the Youth Action Board and the Continuum of Care, as evidenced by letters of support from each organization;
- b) The activity will be testing or likely to achieve a positive outcome in at least one of the four core outcomes for youth experiencing homelessness (stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and well-being);
- c) The activity is cost effective; and
- d) The activity is not in conflict with fair housing, civil rights, or environmental regulations.

Applicant request Innovative Activity and provides a response to the criteria

HUD reviewer send the Innovative Activity response to the YHDP Resolution Team

If no clarification is needed, assigned YHDP DDO will package to brief the DAS for from approval during post award

If clarification is needed, assigned YHDP DDO will follow up with the applicant (condition and/or offline discussions with applicant)

DDO will present the Innovate Activity to the DAS for final approval. If approved it will be included in the Grant Agreement. If not, DDO will follow up with the applicant and it will not be included in the Grant Agreement

I.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES- INNOVATIVE ACTIVITY APPROVAL PROCESS



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QUESTIONS

