

## Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Grants

Q&A chat log

December 6, 2023

December 6, 2023 2:44 PM from Event Producer to everyone: Good afternoon today's conference Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grants Q&A will begin in a the top of the hour please continue to stand by.

December 6, 2023 3:02 PM from Micah Snead to everyone:Hello!

December 6, 2023 3:03 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
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December 6, 2023 3:04 PM from Nili Soni to all panelists: We should ask them to select Everyone under TO: so others can see

December 6, 2023 3:04 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: Be sure to select "Everyone" next to To: in the chat box so we all see your questions!

December 6, 2023 3:05 PM from Kelsey Addy to all panelists: Thank you for hosting this session! I'm wondering if YHDP communities will be prioritized to receive this funding?

December 6, 2023 3:06 PM from Katie Durand to all panelists: The NOFO asks applicants to "describe how partners in this application were identified and recruited to partner in the proposed project." Do federal procurement requirements apply? Are applicants expected to conduct RFPs to identify subrecipients before applying to accurately detail all partnerships (funded and unfunded) and budgets?

December 6, 2023 3:06 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Kelsey No. YHDP is specifically to assist youth experiencing homelessness; whereas YHSI is for youth at-risk-of homelessness AND youth experiencing homelessness. We believe this funding is both a great way to prepare for a YHDP award as well as a great way to continue the planning work that YHDP communities started through their Coordinated Community Planning process.

December 6, 2023 3:07 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to all panelists: Hi! There is no option for Everyone to send a message in the Chat. Can you turn that on? Thanks!

December 6, 2023 3:07 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: We are a CoC that covers all counties but one county (91/92). If we wanted to apply for double funding in a category would we need to apply with the other CoC in our state in those categories?

December 6, 2023 3:07 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: OR use "All Panelists" to submit those chat Qs!

December 6, 2023 3:07 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: The NOFO references \$50 million distributed nationally via approximately 35 grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$2 million. Could there be more than 35 grants if, for example, the average grant is not around \$1.4 million, but perhaps around \$1 million or even less?

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December 6, 2023 3:08 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: Is this grant restricted to communities that are already receiving YHDP funds?

December 6, 2023 3:09 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Lloyd No. No. YHDP is specifically to assist youth experiencing homelessness; whereas YHSI is for youth at-risk-of homelessness AND youth experiencing homelessness. We believe this funding is both a great way to prepare for a YHDP award as well as a great way to continue the planning work that YHDP communities started through their Coordinated Community Planning process.

December 6, 2023 3:09 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to all panelists: HUD is not requiring the Collaborative Applicant or Lead Agency of the CoC to be the applicant. Would be interesting to understand why that is.

December 6, 2023 3:09 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: Thank you, Micah!

December 6, 2023 3:09 PM from Kelsey Addy to all panelists: Thank you @Micah!

December 6, 2023 3:10 PM from Stella Roche to all panelists: Are there any disadvantages of applications including multiple geographic regions?

December 6, 2023 3:10 PM from Michele Byrnes, Homebase to all panelists: Can you repeat the info about applying to multiple funding categories and max award amounts?

December 6, 2023 3:10 PM from Katie Durand to all panelists: Would hiring a liaison to directly work with youth experiencing homelessness to help connect them with resources within the workforce system be an eligible activity under planning and partnership? This would be direct service work but would also be a crucial piece in system planning/cross-collaboration between the workforce and homeless systems for youth. Their data collection and input would be important for better cross-system planning.

December 6, 2023 3:11 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: I should also add that our CoC is a CoC as a result of merged CoC's most recently around 2018

December 6, 2023 3:11 PM from Amy W. to all panelists: The NOFO references a Milestone Tracker. Are you planning to provide a template for that or do we create our own?

December 6, 2023 3:11 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: Will do!

December 6, 2023 3:11 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Rachael we will follow up if you'll submit that question to YHSI@hud.gov

December 6, 2023 3:12 PM from Margret Treuer to all panelists: How long should we expect to receive a response from HUD contacts listed in this NOFO? We've been trying to reach out

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multiple times since early November to answer a specific question for our CoC, and it's taken several weeks and we still haven't heard anything.

December 6, 2023 3:12 PM from Lauren Frederick to all panelists: Would contracting with a data analyst to analyze statewide youth data across systems (juvenile justice, HMIS, child welfare, etc.) be eligible under this funding opportunity?

December 6, 2023 3:12 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Lloyd 35 was our scientific guess, it may be different and depends on all your apps!

December 6, 2023 3:12 PM from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: can we apply for each funding category?

December 6, 2023 3:13 PM from Michele Byrnes, Homebase to all panelists: Can you please speak a little more slowly? It's really hard to track the answers

December 6, 2023 3:13 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Michele thanks for the feedback, we will also share the recording and transcript for you to review later

December 6, 2023 3:15 PM from Marnie Regen to all panelists: can you explain again (sorry) if our CoC applies, does that mean we as a nonprofit in the CoC cannot apply? or do we have to ensure that the CoC does not apply for the same category as we are? sorry for my confusion!

December 6, 2023 3:16 PM from Jeanne Hidalgo to all panelists: How would HUD respond to several applications from the same state?

December 6, 2023 3:16 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: It seems like it may be best for applicants to focus on one or two of the eligible activities rather than on all four activity areas (p. 12 of the NOFO). Would applicants be encouraged to focus on what is most in need in the community and not necessarily all four activity areas?

December 6, 2023 3:16 PM from Margret Treuer to all panelists: What level of approval is required for applicants from their CoCs? Do you require official approval to apply from CoC boards? Does that have to be documented in CoC Board meeting minutes? Are applicants required to have a public comment period before submission?

December 6, 2023 3:18 PM from Shaun Lee to all panelists: Will reviewers have access to performance measures of current YHDP projects?

December 6, 2023 3:19 PM from Jeanne Hidalgo to all panelists: So we have two CoCs in Indiana. Will it hurt our application if we cover 75% of the state, but not the other CoC?

December 6, 2023 3:19 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: Can't hear her

December 6, 2023 3:19 PM from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: the sound went out

December 6, 2023 3:19 PM from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: please repeat answer

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December 6, 2023	3:19 PM	from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: your mic is not working
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Helen Renfrew to all panelists: Could we apply for ALL funding categories?
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: We can hear you
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Emma Famili to everyone: Sorry about that!
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: please repeat
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Rachael Sample to all panelists: No
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Stuart Campbell he/him to all panelists: No
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: please type your answer
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: We are encouraging applicants to apply for EACH funding category. So yes, Helen!
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Tonya Mack to all panelists: no
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Martha to all panelists: nope.
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Kirstin London she/her to all panelists: Can you apply in one application or if applying for each funding category do you have to submit separate applications?
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Adam Bard to all panelists: Could't hear - sorry, don't have "Everyone" option on the chat
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Alejandro Vasquez to all panelists: Thank you so much!
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Marnie Regen to all panelists: what do you mean by "encouraging applicants" -- are you referring to the CoC to apply to all?
December 6, 2023	3:20 PM	from Helen Renfrew to all panelists: Thanks! Wasn
December 6, 2023	3:21 PM	from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: Please explain the "preference points" referenced on p. 32. Are these bonus points added after scoring?
December 6, 2023	3:21 PM	from Star Barden NEKYS to all panelists: will the YHSI help supplement the hard to keep going YAB in the YHDP community?
December 6, 2023	3:21 PM	from Helen Renfrew to all panelists: t sure if each meant all.
December 6, 2023	3:21 PM	from Marnie Regen to all panelists: what about nonprofits within the CoC?

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December 6, 2023 3:21 PM from Corrinne Russell to all panelists: If we apply with partners in mind, should the partner apply as well?

December 6, 2023 3:22 PM from Michael Hart to all panelists: Is it okay for a multi-CoC or statewide cohort to include current YHDP recipients and communities that do not currently receive YHDP? Does that impact how to respond to the NOFO?

December 6, 2023 3:23 PM from Branden Lewis to all panelists: Will HUD look at applications from multiple agencies in 1 CoC?

December 6, 2023 3:23 PM from Amanda Reyes to all panelists: The NOFO says that HUD could fund up to six months for grant start up activities for the project. What kind of start up activities are fundable?

December 6, 2023 3:23 PM from Michael Hart to all panelists: Also, should these funds be used for capacity, consultants, or what?

December 6, 2023 3:23 PM from Margret Treuer to all panelists: If tribal organizations apply, will they be required to participate in Coordinated Entry?

December 6, 2023 3:24 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: If a collaborative applicant receives YHSI funding are they still eligible to receive a YHDP grant in 2024? Would you encourage a YHSI recipient to still apply for YHDP during the grant period?

December 6, 2023 3:25 PM from Margret Treuer to all panelists: Can applicants include subgranting activities? Its listed in the budget narrative portions, but not explicitly listed in the eligible activities portion?

December 6, 2023 3:25 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: Can you clarify the required narrative that was removed from the NOFO? The one on affirmative marketing.

December 6, 2023 3:26 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: @Star YHSI is a great way to continue the planning work that YHDP communities started through their Coordinated Community Planning process.

December 6, 2023 3:26 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: The Preference Pts. says, "Pursuant to Exec. Orders 13985, . . . you may receive up to two (2) preference pts. if you are an applicant designated as a minority-serving institution . . . " That's the preference pts. I was asking about. Thanks.

December 6, 2023 3:26 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: Are the eligible activities listed in the NOFO the only allowable activities or could our proposal include additional aligned activities for consideration?

December 6, 2023 3:27 PM from Margret Treuer to all panelists: Can activities include providing staff salary and benefits relevant to planning needs? This is beyond providing compensation for Youth Action Board Members?

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December 6, 2023 3:29 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: That webinar can be found at the bottom of this page  
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December 6, 2023 3:30 PM from Garett Hedlund to all panelists: Can a non-profit work with more than one state/tribe on different applications if they are not the primary applicant?

December 6, 2023 3:32 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: when Caroline speaks questions slow down... keep em coming!

December 6, 2023 3:34 PM from Tracey Thorne she to all panelists: The slides on this page are cut off - FYI. [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/yhsi](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/yhsi)

December 6, 2023 3:34 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: Our CoC's challenge with a YHDP application is the capacity of our CoC Lead Agency to submit both the CoC Collaborative Application AND the YHDP application. Developing both applications annually has felt like more than we can bite off!

December 6, 2023 3:34 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: Thank you for clarifying. When I read two weeks ago I was confused by that, so I appreciate the update!

December 6, 2023 3:35 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Tracey it looks like you just have to rotate them and there are a couple cut off, we'll see about correcting that

December 6, 2023 3:35 PM from Marnie Regen to all panelists: can these funds be used to pay pre-documented youth participating in a YAB?

December 6, 2023 3:36 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: Could there be a way for HUD to incorporate a YHDP application into the CoC NOFO in the same way that HUD has added a Domestic Violence Bonus into the yearly CoC NOFO?

December 6, 2023 3:36 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Marnie say more about "pre-documented" do you mean documented pre-award costs?

December 6, 2023 3:37 PM from Marnie Regen to all panelists: I mean assylum seeking/immigrant

December 6, 2023 3:37 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Marnie ah sorry! thank you

December 6, 2023 3:37 PM from Marnie Regen to all panelists: we say pre-documented instead of undocumented :)

December 6, 2023 3:37 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Marnie we like it!

December 6, 2023 3:38 PM from jeanne hidalgo to all panelists: Are YHDP grant recipient applications published?

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December 6, 2023 3:38 PM from jeanne hidalgo to all panelists: it is hard to hear Nili

December 6, 2023 3:39 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: The question was could HUD incorporate the YHDP NOFO into the CoC NOFO a la DV Bonus funds

December 6, 2023 3:39 PM from jeanne hidalgo to all panelists: Will the YHDP NoFo be delayed so that YHSI recipients have a chance to respond?

December 6, 2023 3:40 PM from Lloyd Schmeidler to all panelists: Did I understand Caroline correctly to say that the YHDP office at HUD or via yhsi@hud.gov could provide us with youth specific data for our region and/or state if we reach out to you?

December 6, 2023 3:41 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: @Jeanne I have your questions, we're getting there!

December 6, 2023 3:43 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: ChatPT come up with a NOFO application yet?

December 6, 2023 3:44 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/stella-and-system-modeling/>

December 6, 2023 3:44 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/pit-hic/#2024-pit-count-and-hic-guidance-and-training>

December 6, 2023 3:45 PM from Len Dittmeier they/them to all panelists: I apologize if this was already covered, but the NOFO notes that TA will be included; is the provider of that TA public/who would be providing that assistance to selected applicants?

December 6, 2023 3:46 PM from Caroline Crouse to all panelists: Yay! Emma!

December 6, 2023 3:46 PM from Caroline Crouse to all panelists: I think we heard it!

December 6, 2023 3:47 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: Age range for youth to be served = Persons aged 24 and younger (has not reached their 25th birthday), including unaccompanied youth and pregnant or parenting youth.

December 6, 2023 3:50 PM from Emma Famili to everyone: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW.xls>

December 6, 2023 3:51 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud4](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud4)

December 6, 2023 3:51 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: Scroll down to HUD-424 CBW

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December 6, 2023 3:51 PM from Emma Famili to everyone:  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2880.pdf> (PDF)  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2880.docx>

December 6, 2023 3:52 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
@Ryan I have your question, thanks! Anyone else? Our queue is running empty!

December 6, 2023 3:52 PM from Len Dittmeier they/them to all panelists: Got it. Thanks!

December 6, 2023 3:53 PM from Marnie Regen to all panelists: can we offer rental assistance as compensation?

December 6, 2023 3:53 PM from Amy W. to all panelists: Question 1 under Proposed Project Activities seems like it would be answered easier using a logic model-type table (along with some narrative). Can we use tables in the Rating Factor narrative?

December 6, 2023 3:55 PM from Rachael Bertolet to all panelists: what are eligible sources for match? can we use CoC dollars such as CE or planning?

December 6, 2023 3:56 PM from Marnie Regen to all panelists: is there an APR required for this grant?

December 6, 2023 3:57 PM from Rachael Sample to all panelists: If we were awarded funds, what leverage documentation would be required to submit?

December 6, 2023 3:58 PM from Rachael Bertolet to all panelists: for the 10% match that gets us full points, are CoC funds allowable

December 6, 2023 3:58 PM from Amy W. to all panelists: Is there a template for the Milestone tracker?

December 6, 2023 3:58 PM from Katie Durand to all panelists: From the NOFO – “To receive the maximum number of points, an applicant must demonstrate that it will receive 10% of the total budget amount requested from other sources.” Could this include in-kind resources, such as partner time assisting with the project?

December 6, 2023 3:59 PM from jeanne hidalgo to all panelists: When attempting to upload documents for YHDP on grants.gov, i had difficulties uploading. Is there guidance on this process?

December 6, 2023 3:59 PM from kathleen she/her to all panelists: if an applicant can apply for all four project types, what is the NOFO referencing on page 17, Section F #6?

December 6, 2023 3:59 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:  
Grants.gov Support <https://grants.gov/support>

December 6, 2023 4:00 PM from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone: Email [YHSI@HUD.gov](mailto:YHSI@HUD.gov) if you need more info



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December 6, 2023	4:00 PM	from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:	For Caroline's cell phone...
December 6, 2023	4:00 PM	from Renee Pope to all panelists:	Thanks for this amazing opportunity!
December 6, 2023	4:00 PM	from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:	Just kidding!
December 6, 2023	4:00 PM	from jeanne hidalgo to all panelists:	yes that would be better--Caroline's cell.
December 6, 2023	4:00 PM	from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:	Thank you all for playing and good luck!
December 6, 2023	4:00 PM	from Len Dittmeier they/them to all panelists:	Thank you for all the info. Much appreciated!
December 6, 2023	4:01 PM	from Amy W. to all panelists:	In Grants.gov, the disclosure of lobbying activities is a required form. I don't have anything to disclose but I can't leave it blank. Can it be changed to optional?
December 6, 2023	4:01 PM	from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:	Application/NOFO are here <a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/350924">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/350924</a>
December 6, 2023	4:02 PM	from kathleen she/her to all panelists:	thank you, Caroline, for that answering clarifying applications versus project types within an application
December 6, 2023	4:02 PM	from jeanne hidalgo to all panelists:	is there a template for the milestone chart?
December 6, 2023	4:02 PM	from Micah Snead he/him HUD SNAPS to everyone:	@Jeanne no there is not
December 6, 2023	4:03 PM	from Emma Famili to everyone:	YHSI@hud.gov