



Including Indian Tribes in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

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- Caroline Crouse- YHDP Co-Coordinator, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Overview of programs
 - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
 - Youth Homeless System Improvement Grants
- Goals of Consultation
- Questions on Youth Homelessness and Tribal Youth

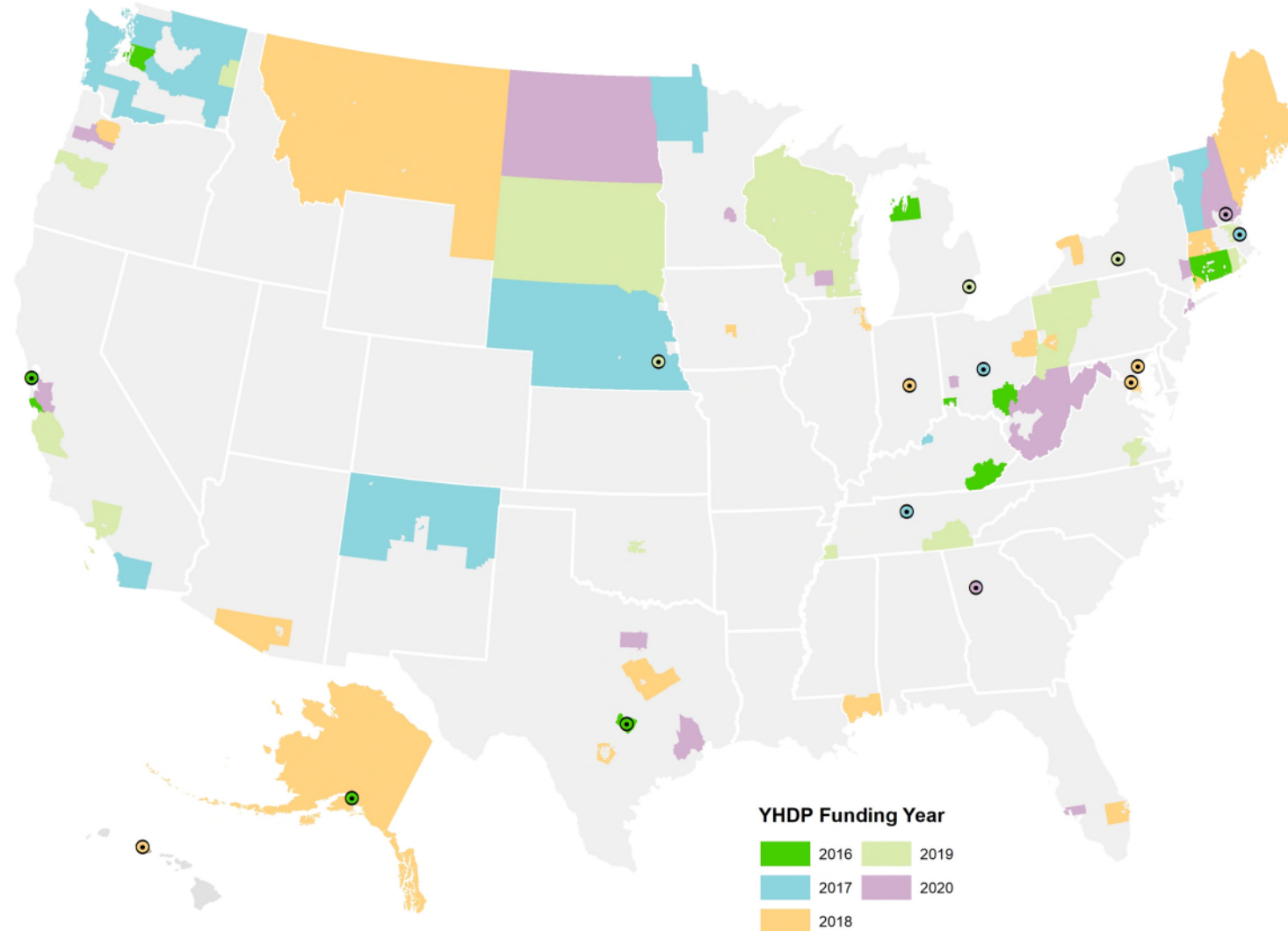
What is YHDP?

- Grant program focused on creating partnerships and learning from youth with lived experience to address youth homelessness
- YHDP includes an intensive community planning process and the creation of housing and services projects to address needs identified through the planning process
- To date, 77 communities have been awarded \$298 million for projects to address youth homelessness
 - HUD will award an additional \$72 million this Fall and will release a Notice of Funding Opportunity for an additional \$72 million in funding in early 2023

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- Concentrated funding to focus on addressing and ending youth homelessness in the community
 - Funding can be renewed as a CoC project at the end of the two-year YHDP projects
 - Minimum community award=\$1 million; maximum award= \$15 million
- Flexibility in project design
- In-depth technical assistance to help develop the Coordinated Community Plan and projects
- HUD hopes to publish this funding opportunity in early 2023

YHDP Communities



YHDP Stages

YHDP Community Designation

- Communities respond to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- NOFO awards announced, including total funding available to community after intensive planning process

Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)

- Communities analyze need and current youth homelessness system
- Communities must establish a planning team, including youth with lived experience, CoC and ESG recipients, child welfare agencies and other stakeholders in youth homelessness

Project Application

- Organizations in community apply for projects that are identified in the CCP.
- SNAPs staff reviews project applications and fund individual projects

Innovative Projects

- System navigators, including youth navigators
- Host Homes
- Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)
- Extended time for time limited rental assistance (RRH+)
- Diversion
- Partnerships with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs), Higher Education, Justice

Youth System Improvement Grants

- NEW funding opportunity
- \$25 million for youth homelessness system improvement grants to support communities in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness, or for improving their existing system
- One-time funds
- Cannot be used for housing and services
- HUD hopes to publish this funding opportunity in Spring 2023

System Improvement Grants (continued)

Examples include:

- Youth collaboration in project design and implementation, including establishment of local youth advisory boards;
- Quality data collection, management, utilization, and evaluation;
- Direct coordination and communication with service providers;
- Cross-system partnerships including juvenile justice, child welfare, and education systems; and
- Prevention and diversion strategies

Background

- Several YHDP communities have had partnerships with Tribes; however, Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) were not able to directly receive YHDP funding
- Beginning with the FY2021 YHDP competition, Tribes or TDHEs can be YHDP grant recipients and could apply as a YHDP community
- HUD conducted one Tribal Consultation session with a focus on YHDP on January 11, 2022. Access materials [here](#).

Recap of Previous Tribal Consultation Session

- Issues raised included:
 - Challenging to make connections with youth experiencing housing instability
 - Lack of housing and funding to build more housing is a huge challenge
 - Self-governance and determining best use of funds is important
 - There is a need for additional support to understand and comply with HUD regulations/YHDP rules

Objectives of this Session

This consultation will help HUD better understand:

- Unique needs of Tribal youth who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness
- How Youth Action Boards can work with Tribal leadership
- Youth homeless response system needs unique to Tribes and Tribal youth

Question 1:

What services and organizations are most critical in Indian Country for assisting youth during a housing crisis?

What services or organizations need to be created or enhanced to better address Tribal youth homelessness?

Question 2:

Are there youth-led organizations in your area or Tribe? How do they interact with Tribal leadership?

Question 3:

Who or what organization do tribal youth experiencing homelessness (on or off a Reservation) turn to for assistance? How can HUD assist these organizations?

Questions?

