

## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

# **Overview**

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) will award \$75 million for a two-year grant to support up to 25 communities, at least 8 of which will be rural.

## REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

The FY 2018 YHDP NOFA establishes the process and requirements for the selection of the communities. Recipients of funding under this NOFA will be required to follow the requirements in this NOFA (including Appendix A) and all CoC Program requirements, except the requirements HUD waives as provided in Appendix.

#### **Community Requirement**

- · Collaboration amongst various stakeholders
- Assessment of need
- Create a Coordinated Community Plan
- Propose innovative projects

## **Community Expectation**

- Develop a Youth Action Board (YAB)
- Select a Lead Organization
- Conduct Needs Analysis
- Conduct Systems Mapping
- Identify and Define Program Model

# YHDP UPDATES: ROUND 3

The Round 3 YHDP NOFA has been updated from the Round 2 NOFA in several ways. HUD updated the number of communities selected, including rural communities, and the amount of available funds. Additionally, HUD updated the definition of rural to reflect an area that is more rural than suburban or urban, whereas the previous NOFA looked only at the distinction between urban and rural. HUD updated the award formula to take high cost markets into consideration. Further, HUD updated rating criteria for clarity and to emphasize youth voice and leadership in the YHDP.

## **Funding Factor**

HUD updated the funding formula to take high-rent markets into account.

### **Rural Definition**

Applicants will be considered rural if the county or group of counties designated by the applicant has more people residing in rural areas than either suburban or urban areas, based on data from the US Census Bureau.

If the application covers an entire CoC, refer to this list to determine if your CoC can apply as a rural CoC

• If the application covers an area that is less than the entire CoC, please use the <u>rural calculator</u> to determine whether the geographic area considered in the application is considered rural.

### Youth Collaboration

The most effective solutions to understanding and addressing youth homelessness are developed in partnership with youth with lived experience, where the youth are equal partners and recognized as experts. HUD added a number of questions that address how the community is integrating youth voice and youth leadership into its youth homeless response system.

### Racial Equity

Communities will be required to address how the community is measuring and addressing racial inequities and other disparities for youth at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, consistent with fair housing and civil rights requirements.

### **Partial CoC Applications**

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 or FY2017 YHDP competitions. Any area that was included in a FY2016 or FY2017 award may not be included in the application for such areas.

## **PAST AND CURRENT FUNDING**

Round 1 \$33 Million awarded for 10 communities Round 2 \$43 Million awarded for 11 communities Round 3 \$75 Million awarded for up to 25 communities.

YHDP projects will have 2-year grant terms and may be renewed under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program if they meet program statutory requirements. They may serve youth in households where no one is over the age of 24, including unaccompanied youth, pregnant, and parenting youth. www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/