

NW MINNESOTA CoC

**Youth Homelessness
Demonstration Grant**

**Information for CoC Member Agencies
&
Potential YHDP Applicants**

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Overview

- The NW Minnesota Continuum of Care Received an award of \$1.4 Million from HUD to **prevent and end youth homelessness**.
- The Award is a for a **two-year Demonstration Project** that includes a planning component and a project submission component.
- After two years, projects may reapply for funding.

***HUD expects projects to be evaluated regularly using a **continuous quality improvement** process and adapted to best meet the needs of youth & young adults.

Intended Population

- **Unaccompanied** homeless youth (UHY) and young adults ages 16 through 24
- **Pregnant and parenting** homeless young people ages 16 through 24
- **Special Subpopulations** of Homeless youth & young adults:
 - LGBTQ Youth
 - Sexually Exploited/Trafficked Youth
 - Foster Care Youth

What about Students Who Are Homeless with their Families?

- HUD funds are not intended to be used for homeless families with children that are headed by adults ages 25+
- Instead, through the planning and cross-systems collaboration work, the service and housing referral process for homeless families with children will be clarified

US Interagency Council on Homelessness: 4 Core Outcomes for Youth

- Housing Stability
- Education and Employment
- Permanent Connections to Adults
- Social and Emotional Well-being

Goals

The goal is to support services that prevent and divert youth homelessness and/or provide housing assistance directly to youth and young adults.

There will be points awarded for projects that work closely with schools for referrals and to coordinate services.

YHDP Process

Coordinated Community Plan – must be submitted and accepted before project funding can be accessed.

***Show cross systems collaboration** - with schools and child welfare and other systems youth and young adults encounter.

***Prioritize Housing Project Types** - based on needs of youth in the region.

***Project Funding** – Approximately \$680,000/annually for youth housing projects.

YHDP Timeline

- ***Feb. 28, 2019** – Final Coordinated Community Plan due to HUD
- ***April 9** – Bidder's Conference to discuss priorities and eligibility for YHDP funding
- ***May 23** - CoC Ranking & Scoring Meeting for YHDP Project Selections
- ***June & July 2019** – Project Applicants Submit Projects to HUD (all applications must be submitted by **July 1st, 2019**)
- ***Sept. 30, 2019** – All Projects Must Be Under Contract with HUD

Equity of YHDP Project Funding in the Region

- There are not sufficient resources in this grant to fund all the services we'd like
- There are funds to make additional housing services available that are targeted to the needs of homeless youth in specific communities
- We need geographical equity in our plan so that we target the most resources to those communities with the highest need, while making some funding available for smaller communities that also need housing options for their homeless youth