A Way Home for Tulsa YHDP Introduction & Funding Information Session

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Welcome & Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns (if you would like to share)
- Identities (if you would like to share)
- Agency
- Icebreaker Question

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Goals for Today!

Understand what the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project is & why is it important for Tulsa

Learn about the Youth Action Board and why we center youth voice

Overview of A Way Home for Tulsa & HUD YHDP Funding

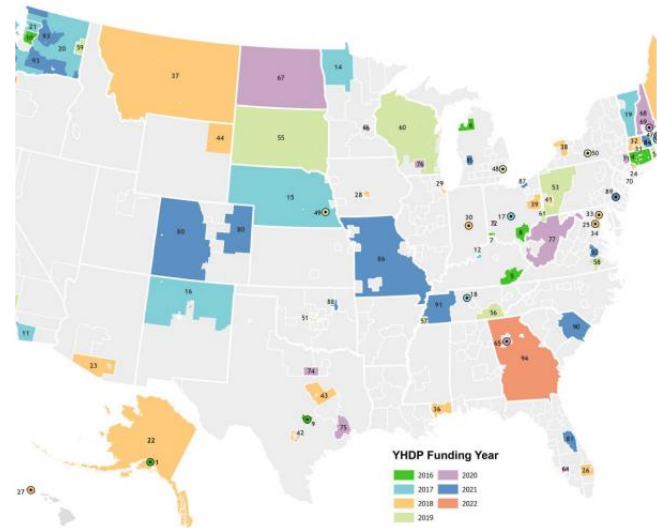Generate excitement and motivate you to develop projects for this funding

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Common Acronyms

AWH4T	A Way Home for Tulsa
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, and people of color
CoC	Continuum of Care
CCP	Coordinated Community Plan
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HUD	Department of Housing & Urban Development
2SLGBTQ+	Two-Spirit, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or gender expansive, queer and/or questioning, intersex, asexual
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
TA	Technical Assistance
YAB	Youth Action Board
YHDP	Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
YYA	Youth & Young Adults

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What is the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)?

Background

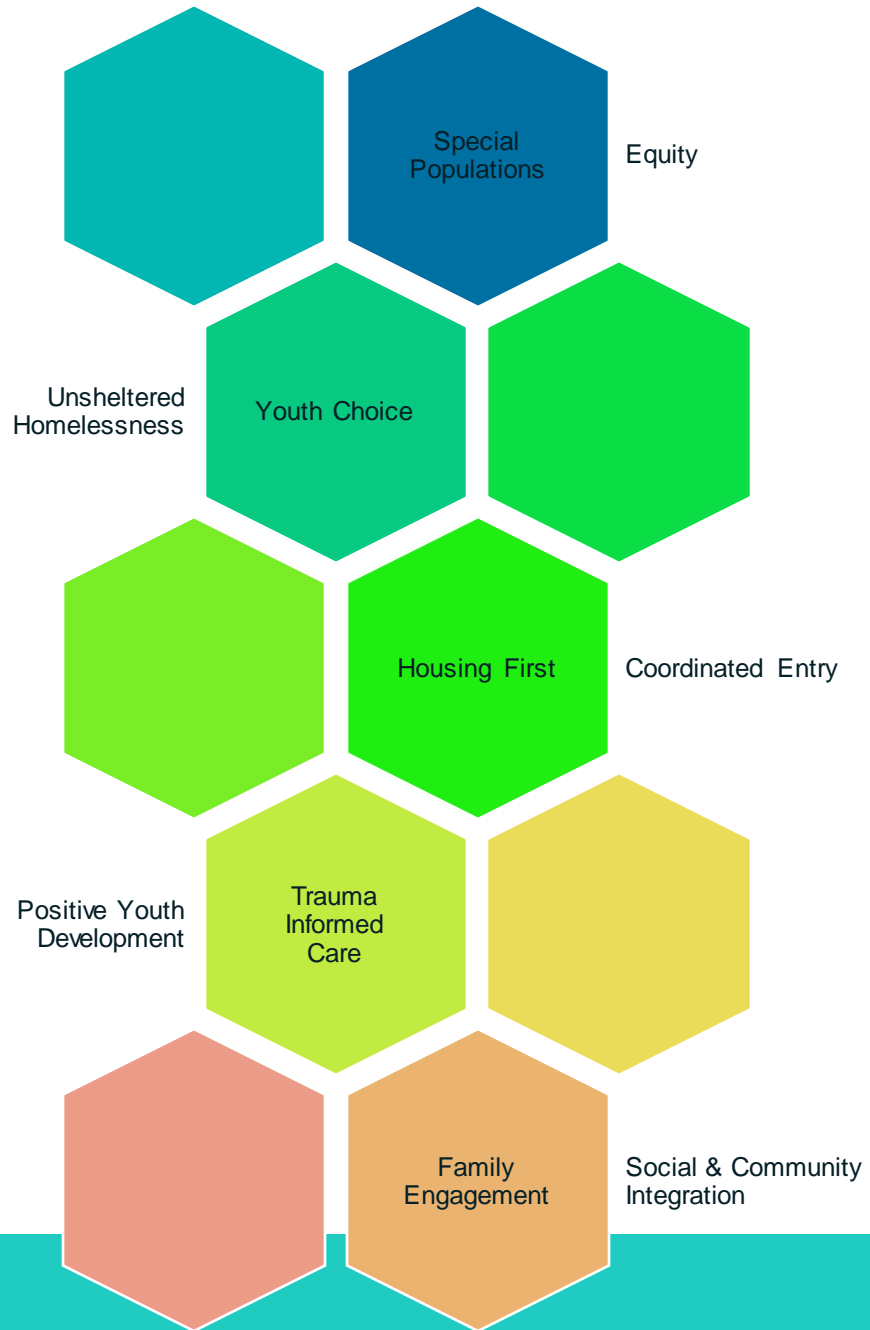Tulsa County was awarded $5.3 million in YHDP funding

Joining 17 other communities awarded in Round 6 YHDP Funding

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HUD Definition of Youth Homelessness

- Unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under, including pregnant and parenting youth, who meet Category 1, 2, OR 4 of homelessness in HUD's Final Definition of Homeless

  1) Individuals/ families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (literal homelessness),

  2) Individuals/ families that are at imminent risk of becoming homeless, or

  4) Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence

See 24 CFR Part 578.3, Determining Homeless Status of Youth

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YHDP Principles

Special Populations

Equity

Unsheltered Homelessness

Youth Choice

Housing First

Coordinated Entry

Positive Youth Development

Trauma Informed Care

Family Engagement

Social & Community Integration

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What is the Youth Action Board? (YAB)

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What is a Youth Action Board? (YAB)

A group of young leaders with lived experience of homelessness that are actively working to change the homelessness response system to become more effective, equitable, and person-centered.
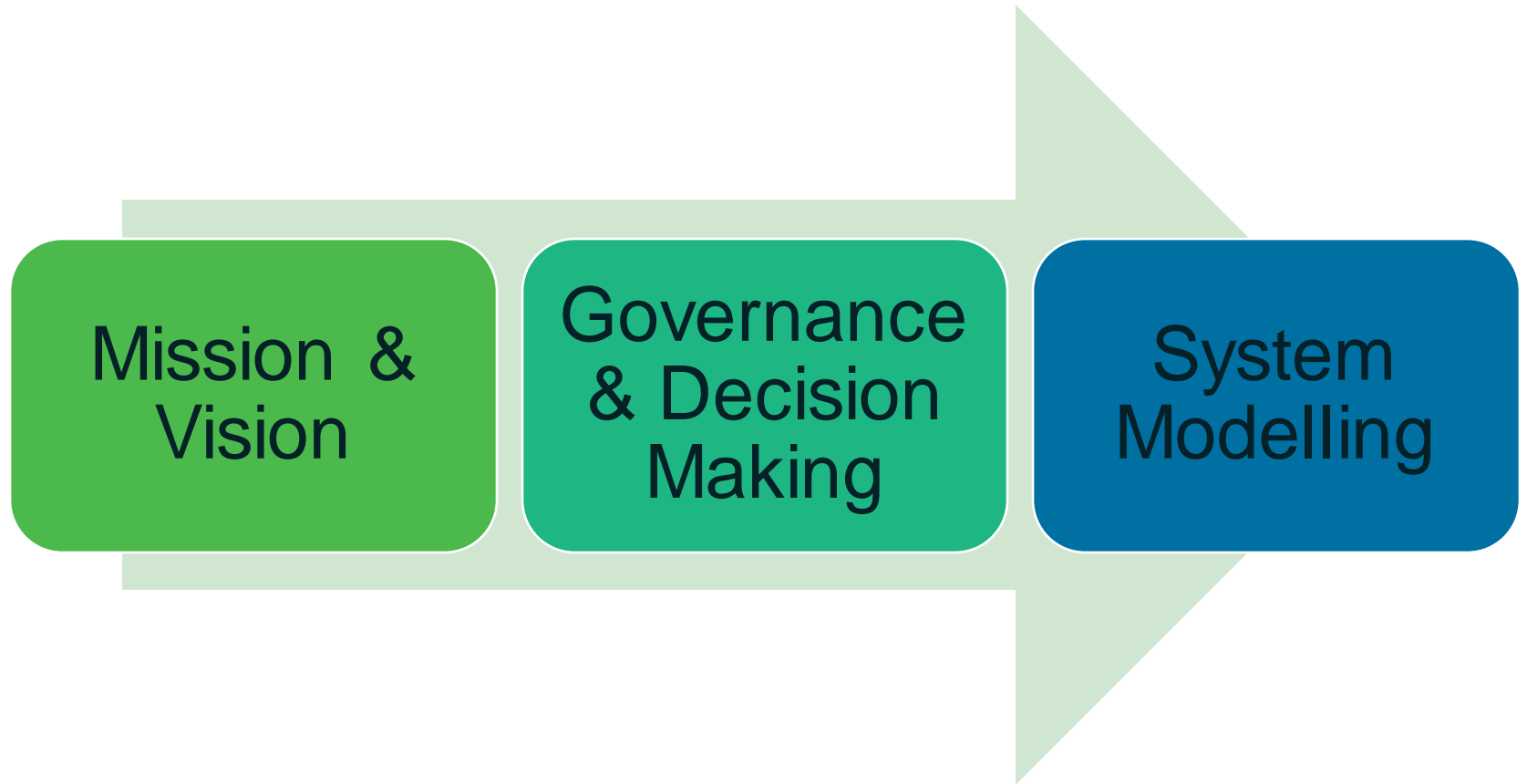
The YAB drives YHDP priority-setting, decision-making, and will be core to the accountability process once programs are funded.

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Tulsa YAB's Mission

The Tulsa YAB strives to build our community through heart (work), integrity, & visionary leadership. We create innovative & mutually respectful spaces for Tulsa's youth and young adults to have transparent, open, and honest communication that reimagines solutions to challenge the status quo & enact change.

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What's been happening so far…

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Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)

Mission & Vision → Governance & Decision Making → System Modelling

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YHDP Community Vision

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, all youth have a home and a voice. Youth are empowered, exceptional, respected & prosperous.

Our vision is to prevent and end homelessness for all youth and young adults in the city and county of Tulsa, OK. Through this Coordinated Community Plan, we strive to address what the current system lacks and develop an innovative, unified response to homelessness that acknowledges the unique needs of Tulsa youth. We believe that all youth deserve safety, care, a place to call home and have access to the resources they need to thrive. Through strong collaborations and community partnerships, we will provide culturally responsive services and support that are equitably distributed and easily accessible to Tulsa youth.
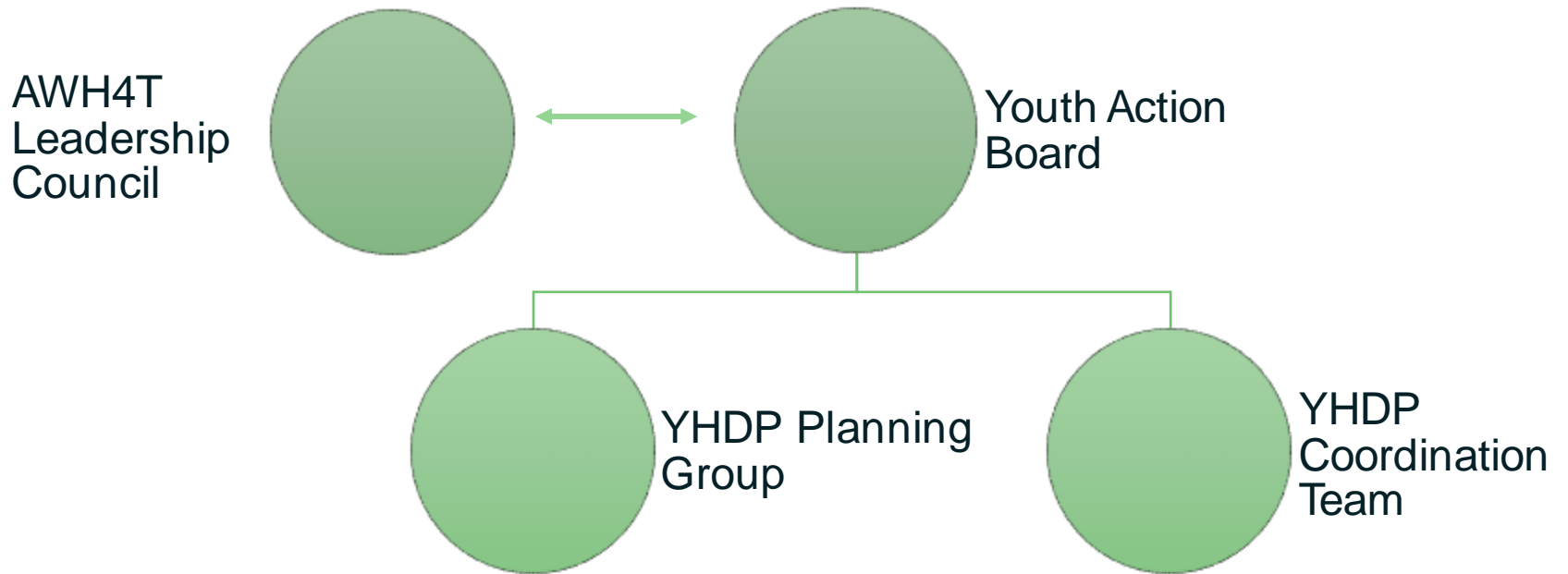
Key Tenets / Values:

- Youth Voice

- Addressing what the System Lacks / Addressing the Current Reality

- Respect, Equity & Belonging

- Responsive Services & Permanent Housing/Permanency
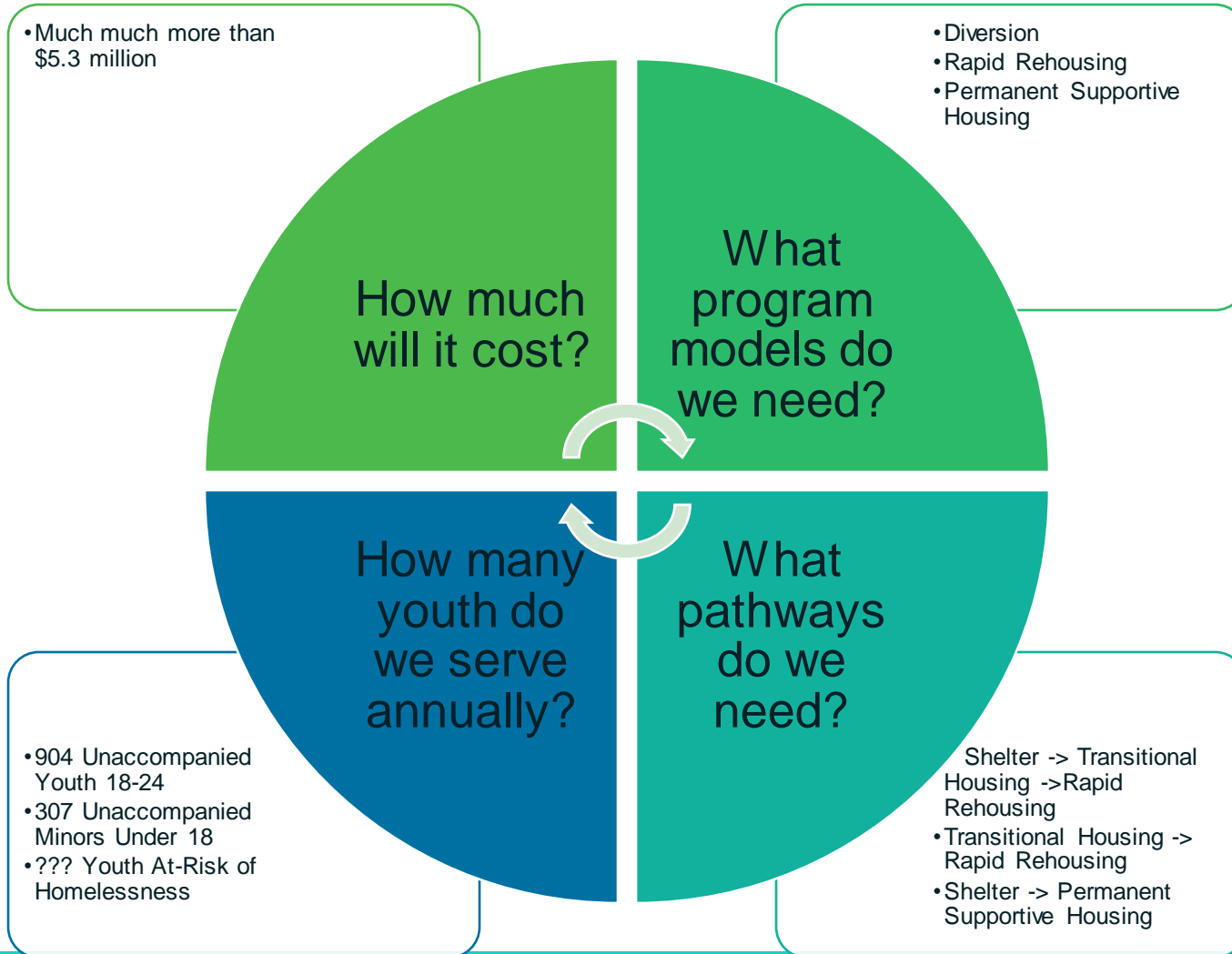
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Governance & Decision-Making

AWH4T Leadership Council

Youth Action Board

YHDP Planning Group

YHDP Coordination Team

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System Modelling

- Much much more than $5.3 million

- Diversion
- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing

How much will it cost?

What program models do we need?

How many youth do we serve annually?

What pathways do we need?

- 904 Unaccompanied Youth 18-24
- 307 Unaccompanied Minors Under 18
- ??? Youth At-Risk of Homelessness

- Shelter -> Transitional Housing ->Rapid Rehousing
- Transitional Housing -> Rapid Rehousing
- Shelter -> Permanent Supportive Housing

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What is A Way Home for Tulsa & The Continuum of Care?

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What is AWH4T?

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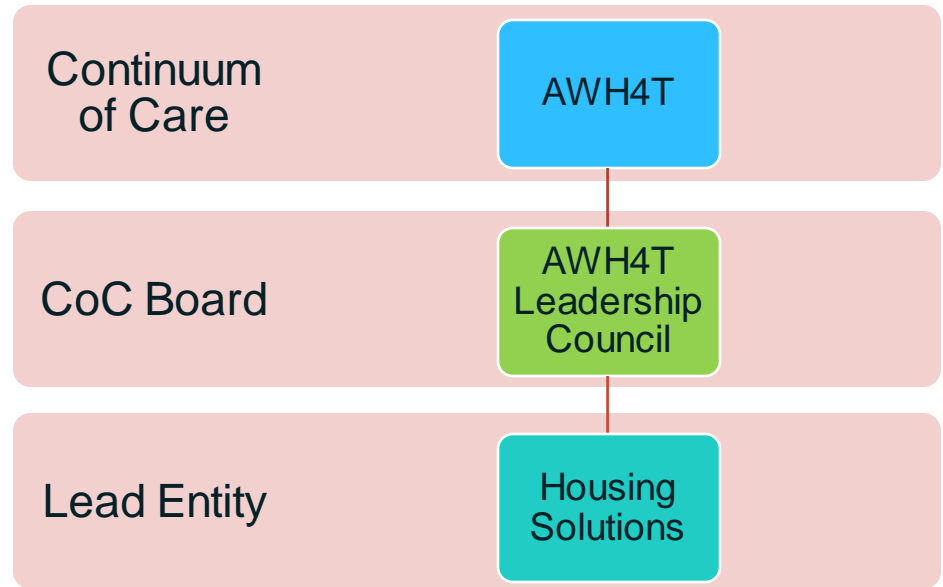
AWH4T is a collective impact of over 30 voting organizations that exists to plan and implement strategies that support a system of outreach, engagement, assessment, prevention and evaluation for those experiencing homelessness, or those persons at risk of homelessness, within Tulsa City/County.

Leadership Council is the governing body for AWH4T and is representative of the geography and the composition of the CoC.

Continuum of Care is a group organized to address homelessness in a defined geographic area. It has a Board and Lead Entity

Continuum of Care	AWH4T
CoC Board	AWH4T Leadership Council
Lead Entity	Housing Solutions

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2024
Making Homelessness Rare, Brief, and Non–Recurring

GOAL 1: Stop Homelessness Before it Begins

GOAL 2: Transform the Homeless Systems of Care to be more Effective, Equitable and Person-Centered

GOAL 3: Increase Access to Housing

GOAL 4: Partner Across Tulsa to Build Solutions and Access Resources

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Alignment with Community Goals & Principles

YHDP Local Priorities & Principles

- Local Priorities Outlined in the CCP
- Special Populations
- Equity
- Youth Choice
- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Housing First
- Coordinated Entry
- Trauma Informed Care
- Positive Youth Development
- Family Engagement
- Social & Community Integration

AWH4T Vision & Service Standards

- Improve the quality of life for all people living in Tulsa by creating a community where homelessness – if it occurs – is rare, brief and non-recurring
- Housing First
- Client Choice
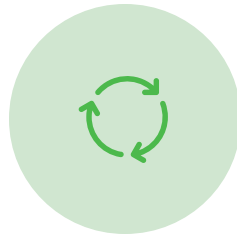- Equity
- Centering Lived Experience Voice
- Coordinated Entry
- Trauma Informed Care

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What is this funding & who can apply?

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What is HUD / YHDP Funding

FEDERAL

RENEWABLE

ELIGIBLE PEOPLE
& COSTS

MATCHING
FUNDS

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AWH4T will receive a total funding allocation amount of $5,380,192

- All YHDP grants are for **2 years**, except planning grants which are for 1 year
- There is no limit to the number of projects a community can submit; the only limit is that funding across all projects cannot exceed total YHDP award
- YHDP funds are renewable and will become a part of the larger CoC portfolio after the initial 2 year award
- Planning grants are non-refundable

YHDP communities can implement several special YHDP activities outside of the regular CoC regulations.

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YHDP Requirements

Eligible applicants:

- Nonprofits;
- States, local governments, or instrumentalities of state or local governments
- Tribal nations and tribally designated housing entities

Target population:

- Unaccompanied youth and young adults (YYA), including pregnant or parenting YYA, who meet HUD's definition of "homeless"

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Compliance Requirements

HUD CoC Program Interim Rule, YHDP NOFA, HUD-approved waivers, and AWH4T Service Standards;

HUD CoC and YHDP program reporting and evaluation requirements;

Other federal grant requirements

E.g. Fair Housing, Equal Access, Uniform Guidance (financial management requirements & cost principles)

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Example HUD Requirements

Documentation of "Homelessness" under HUD definition

Documentation of calculation of client rent

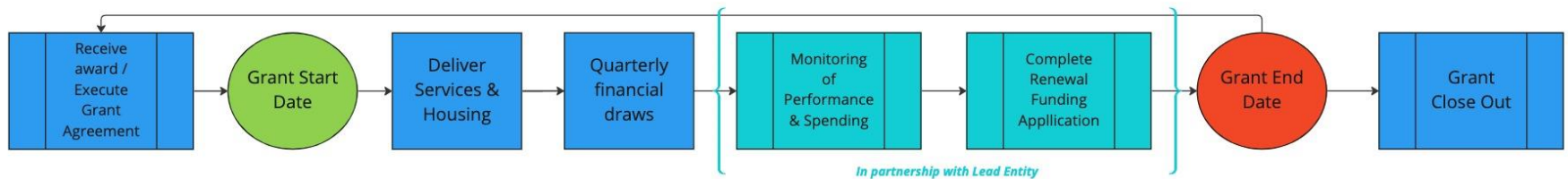- (NO other program fees allowed)

Documentation of housing requirements

- FMR and Rent Reasonableness
- Housing Quality Standards or Habitability Standards; Lead-Based Paint
- Environmental Review
- Lease requirements, including VAWA terms

HMIS Participation

Annual Performance Reports (APR)

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HUD / YHDP Grant Cycle

What types of projects?

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What can we fund with YHDP?

Communities can create projects using the following CoC components:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
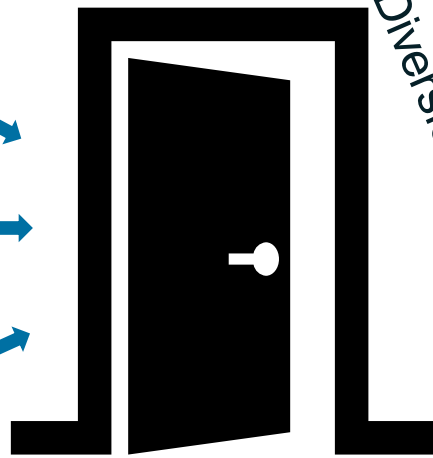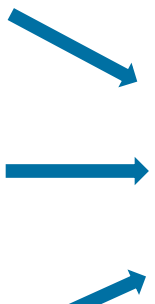- Planning (Note: These are non-renewable.)

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Homeless System of Care

Crisis Response System

Permanent Housing

Prevention

People experiencing homelessness

Diversion

Temporary Housing

Coordinated Entry

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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Service Only Projects "Front Door" Services

Diversion

- Problem solving activities to divert someone from the homeless response system. Can include family unification

Mobile Outreach

- Connecting youth to community resources. Has a housing focus can include prevention and diversion activities

Drop-In Center

- Place where youth can "drop-in" to get services and connect to housing resources.

Youth Navigation

- Works with community partners (schools, colleges, juvenile justice, etc.) to assist in accessing housing through coordinated entry and diverting them from homelessness

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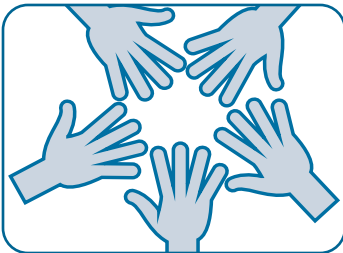# (Permanent) Housing: Components

Housing Assistance

- Housing unit owned or leased by the program
- Money paid to a landlord by the program for rent (financial assistance)

Case Management

- A person or team to help the client identify needs, identify goals, connect with resources to meet those needs & goals
- Intensity varies based on service need

Other Services & Resources

- Medical & behavioral health care; employment training; transportation; child care; parenting classes; education; life skills; credit repair; food; etc

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Crisis & Short-Term Housing

Transitional Housing (TH)

- Goal is to move into permanent housing.
- Site-based OR Scattered Site
- Short or medium term, typically no more than 24 months
- Client moves out when program ends.

Host Homes

- Goal is to move into permanent housing.
- Participant generally moved to another housing intervention after.
- Host receives financial support
- Family-based setting
- Scattered site
- Short-term

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Permanent Housing

Rapid Rehousing

- Household can maintain housing after assistance ends without services.
- Some households may transition to a unit with on-going financial assistance
- Scattered Site
- Medium term, typically no more than 24 months
- Lease between household & landlord
- Household pays part of the rent when able

Joint Component Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing

- Goal is to move into permanent housing.
- Both TH and RRH are available to the household and can move from TH to RRH when ready
- TH is used a crisis housing for stabilization & is immediately available
- Other aspects are the same as RRH.

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Long-term support.
- Household cannot maintain housing without services.
- Scattered Site or site-based
- Household pays part of the rent when they have income

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Developing Partnerships

- Applicants may develop projects apply in partnership with one or more other organizations

- Collaboration is encouraged!

| Supporting YYA | Supporting Underserved Populations | Operating housing projects | Managing federal grants |

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What costs to include?
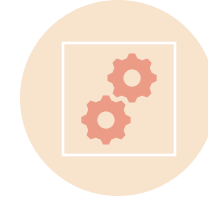
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Categories of Eligible Costs

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

LEASING
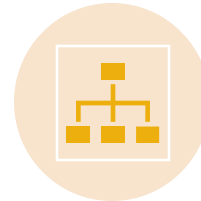
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

OPERATING

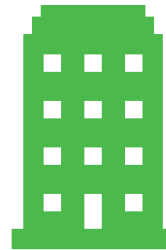HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATIVE

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Rental Assistance & Leasing Costs

Rental Assistance: Funds pay part of the rent for a unit in which a client resides

May also be used for security deposit, first/last month's rent, up to 30 days vacancy, up to one month of rent to pay for damages to property

Leasing: Funds pay for the full rent of a unit in which a client resides

May also be used for security deposit, first/last month's rent, Housing Quality Standards inspections, vacancies

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Supportive Service Costs

Provide services to assist transition from homelessness to supportive housing

- Must be necessary to assist program participants obtain & maintain housing (annual reassessment is required)

- Can include costs of labor (salary & benefits) and supplies/materials directly related to providing the services

Example: Gas for an agency vehicle used to transport clients for the purpose of providing eligible services

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Eligible Supportive Services Costs

Assessing Service Needs	Food	
Moving Costs	Housing Search & Counseling Services	Outreach Services
Case Management	Legal Services	Substance Abuse Treatment Services
Child Care	Life skills training	Transportation
Education services	Mental Health Services	Utility Deposits
Employment Assistance & Job Training	Outpatient Health Services	

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Other Cost Categories

Operating
- Costs associated with the day to day operations of a facility.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- costs directly related to contributing and maintaining data in HMIS or a comparable database

Administrative
- Limit to 10% of the grant amount
- General management, oversight, and coordination
- Training on CoC requirements and attending HUD-sponsored CoC trainings
- Carrying out environmental reviews

Note: Administrative costs do not include staff & overhead costs directly related to carrying out rental, leasing, supportive services, or other eligible costs

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Match

Recipients **must** provide match funding equally **25% of the award** amount.
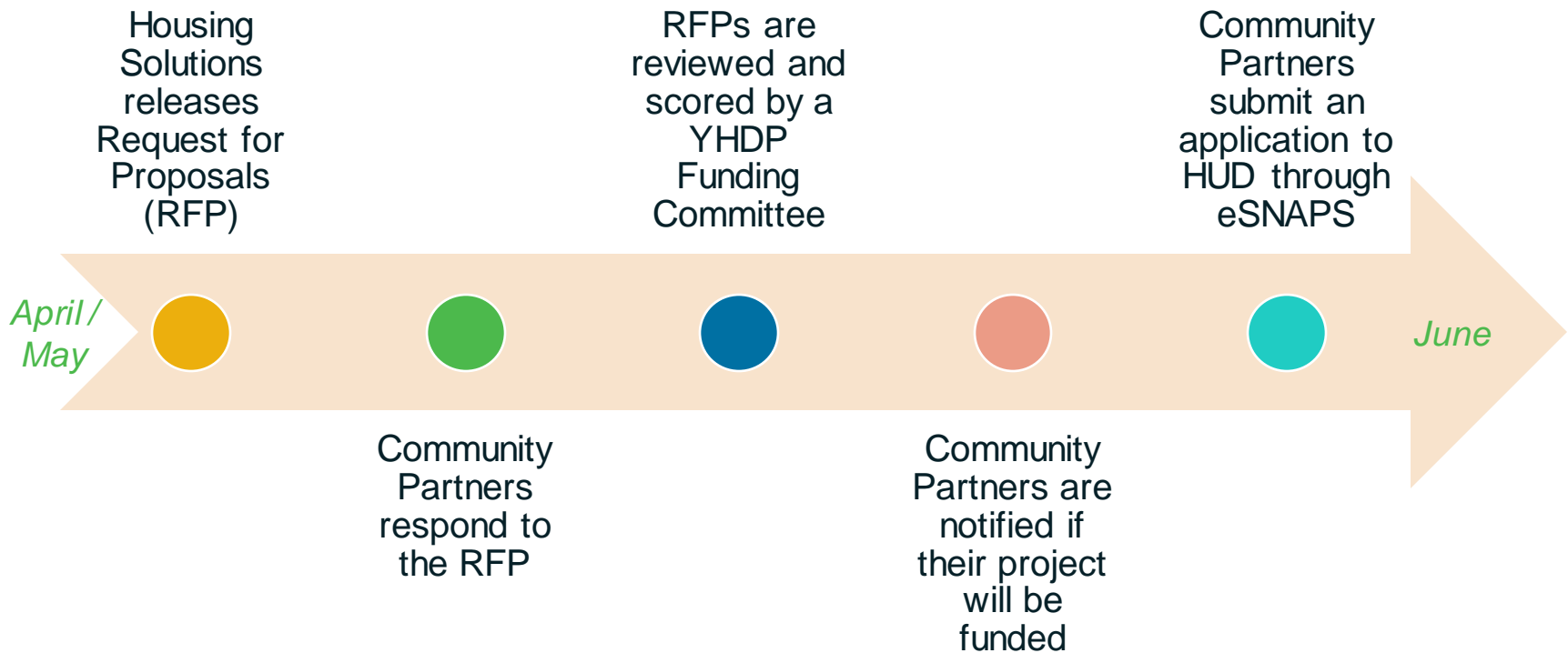
Cash Match Sources	In-Kind Match Sources

If providing 25% matching funds in the first year of the YHDP grant is a barrier to an applicant that is otherwise a strong candidate, the applicant can describe a plan for achieving the 25% match in the second year of the grant.

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How to apply for this funding.

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Overview of Application Process

Housing Solutions releases Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFPs are reviewed and scored by a YHDP Funding Committee

Community Partners submit an application to HUD through eSNAPS

April / May

June

Community Partners respond to the RFP

Community Partners are notified if their project will be funded

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About the RFP process:

What we know:
- Being developed and led by the YAB
- Will include the community's priorities, goals, best practices etc.
- $5.3 Million total
- Waivers and what they are

What we are developing
- Project types and number of units
- Maximum award amount per application
- Details of the process and timeline

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We Need You!
We Need a Community Response!

- Think about what you do well

- Think about where you need support

- Think about who potential partners are

- Develop your ideas on what this project could be.

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Housing Solutions & Homebase are available to help!

Brainstorm about project design

Connect you to potential partners

Clarify requirements, regulations, etc.

Assistance in developing your project and implementing it.

Don't hesitate to reach out!

Contact ldittmeier@housingsolutions.org or AWH4T@homebaseccc.org

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Questions?

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Resources

- [A Way Home for Tulsa Service Standards](#)
- [YHDP Resources](#)
- [HUD CoC Virtual Binder](#)
- [Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule](#)
- [Rapid Rehousing Toolkit – National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)
- [Point Source Youth: Rapid rehousing and Host Home resources](#)
- [Introduction to Housing First for Youth](#)
- [Youth Collaboration Toolkit - True Colors United](#)

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