A Way Home for Tulsa
YHDP Introduction & Funding Information
Session
March 21, 2023
Welcome & Introductions

• Name
• Pronouns (if you would like to share)
• Identities (if you would like to share)
• Agency
• Icebreaker Question
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
## Common Acronyms

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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
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
YHDP Principles

- Special Populations
- Equity
- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Youth Choice
- Housing First
- Coordinated Entry
- Positive Youth Development
- Trauma Informed Care
- Family Engagement
- Social & Community Integration
What is the Youth Action Board? (YAB)
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.
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.
What’s been happening so far...
Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)

- Mission & Vision
- Governance & Decision Making
- System Modelling
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
YHDP Mission = YAB’s Mission

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Governance & Decision-Making

AWH4T Leadership Council

Youth Action Board

YHDP Planning Group

YHDP Coordination Team
System Modelling

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

- Much much more than $5.3 million

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

- How much will it cost?

- What program models do we need?

- What pathways do we need?

- How many youth do we serve annually?
What is A Way Home for Tulsa & The Continuum of Care?
What is AWH4T?

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
## Alignment with Community Goals & Principles

### YHDP Local Priorities & Principles

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<th>AWH4T Vision &amp; Service Standards</th>
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<td>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</td>
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What is this funding & who can apply?
What is HUD / YHDP Funding

FEDERAL

RENEWABLE

ELIGIBLE PEOPLE & COSTS

MATCHING FUNDS
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.
# 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”
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)
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)
HUD / YHDP Grant Cycle

Receive award / Execute Grant Agreement → Grant Start Date → Deliver Services & Housing → Quarterly financial draws → Monitoring of Performance & Spending → Complete Renewal Funding Application → Grant End Date → Grant Close Out
What types of projects?
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.)
Homeless System of Care

- Crisis Response System
- Permanent Housing
- Temporary Housing
- Coordinated Entry
- Diversion
- Prevention
- People experiencing homelessness
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Homebase
Service Only Projects
“Front Door” Services

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<td>• Problem solving activities to divert someone from the homeless response system. Can include family unification.</td>
<td>• Connecting youth to community resources. Has a housing focus can include prevention and diversion activities.</td>
<td>• Place where youth can “drop-in” to get services and connect to housing resources.</td>
<td>• Works with community partners (schools, colleges, juvenile justice, etc.) to assist in accessing housing through coordinated entry and diverting them from homelessness.</td>
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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
### 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
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
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
What costs to include?
Categories of Eligible Costs

- RENTAL ASSISTANCE
- LEASING
- SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- OPERATING
- HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
- ADMINISTRATIVE
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
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
## Eligible Supportive Services Costs

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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.
## Match

Recipients **must** provide match funding equally **25% of the award** amount.

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<th>In-Kind Match Sources</th>
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*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.*
How to apply for this funding.
Overview of Application Process

April / May

- Housing Solutions releases Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Community Partners respond to the RFP

June

- RFPs are reviewed and scored by a YHDP Funding Committee
- Community Partners are notified if their project will be funded
- Community Partners submit an application to HUD through eSNAPS

Homebase
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
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.
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
Questions?
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