



YHDP RFP & Application Info Session

May 3, 2023

Welcome

Agenda

- Introductions
- A Brief History of YHDP*
- Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) Review*
- Request for Proposals (RFP) + Application Overview
- Next Steps + Follow-up
- Office Hours

*As needed

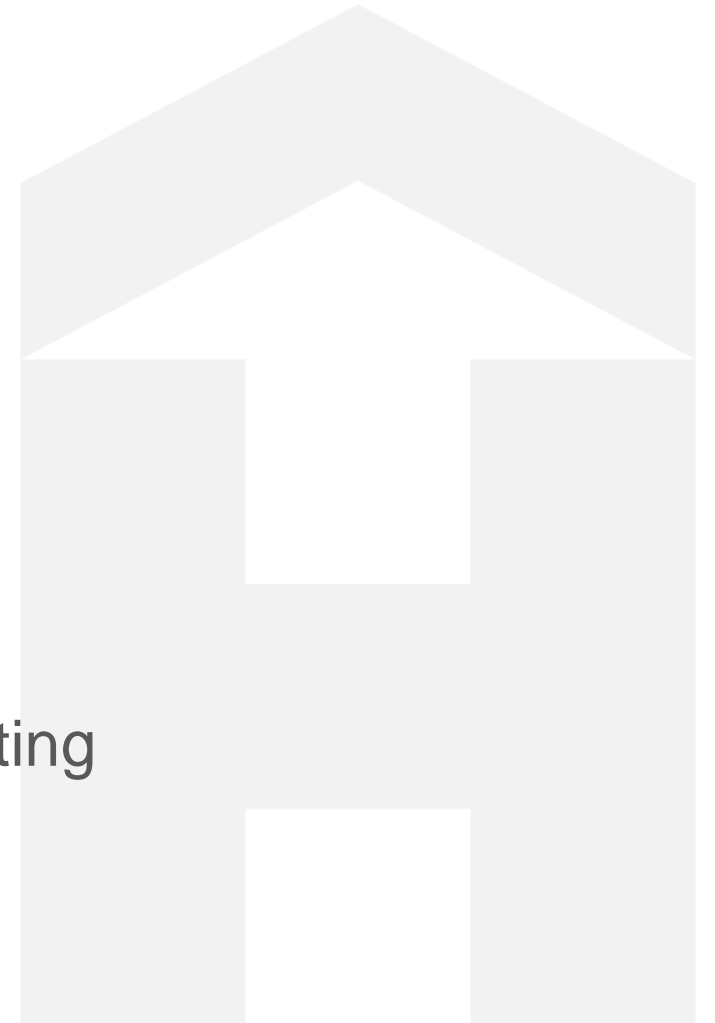


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Introductions

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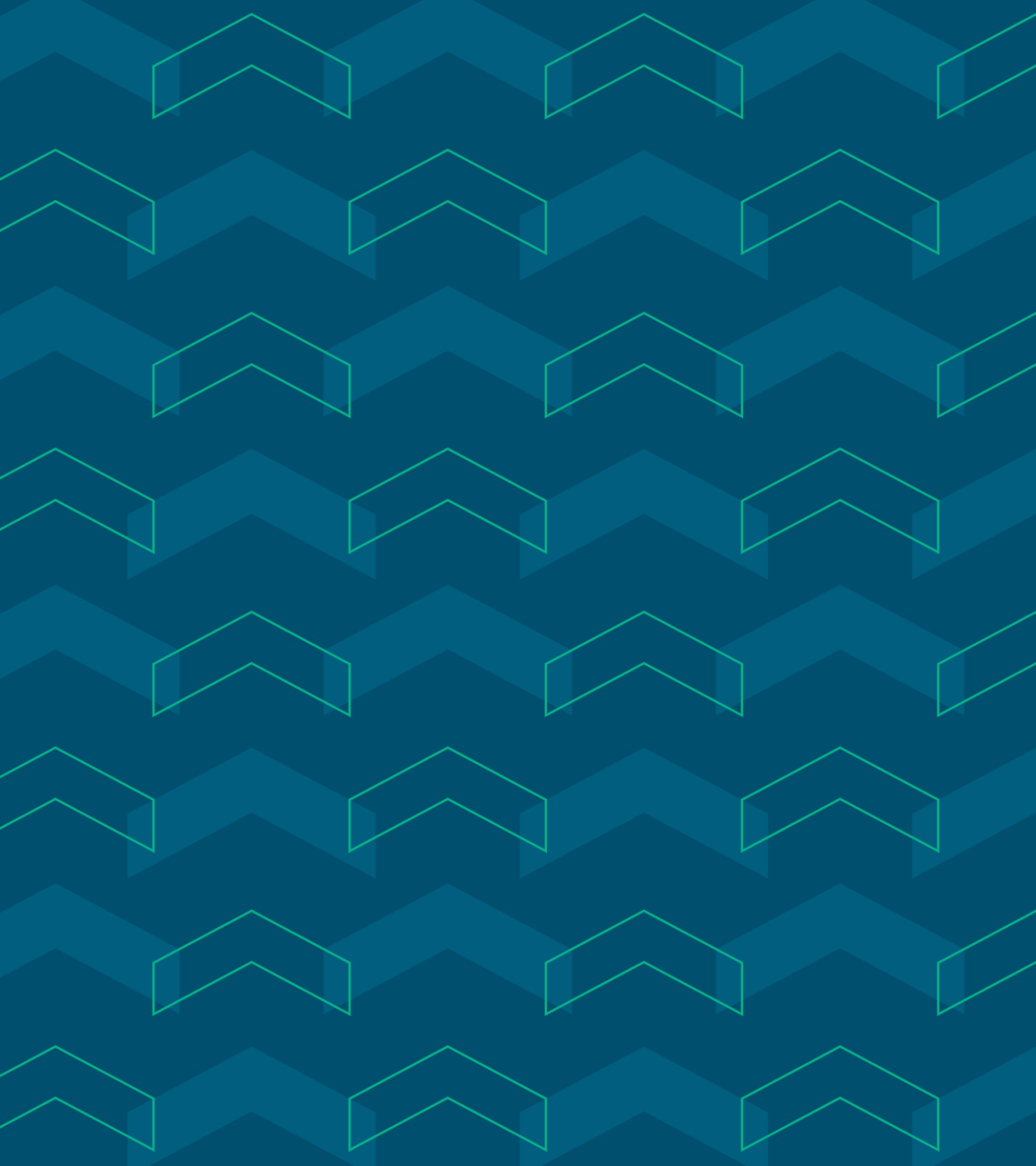
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Common Acronyms

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| 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 |





YHDP Basics

What is YHDP?

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- Project of the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- Began in 2016
- Tulsa was selected in Round 6
 - announced in October 2022
 - One of 16 communities selected
- Includes funding & technical support to:
 - Build a community coalition of partners invested in ending YHA homelessness
 - Draft a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) detailing goals and priorities
 - Fund housing-focused programs to support YHA



Who does YHDP serve?

Services apply to:

- Unaccompanied youth & young adults aged 24 and under
- Includes pregnant and parenting youth
- Must meet HUD homelessness criteria for category 1, 2, or 4:

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

4

Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence



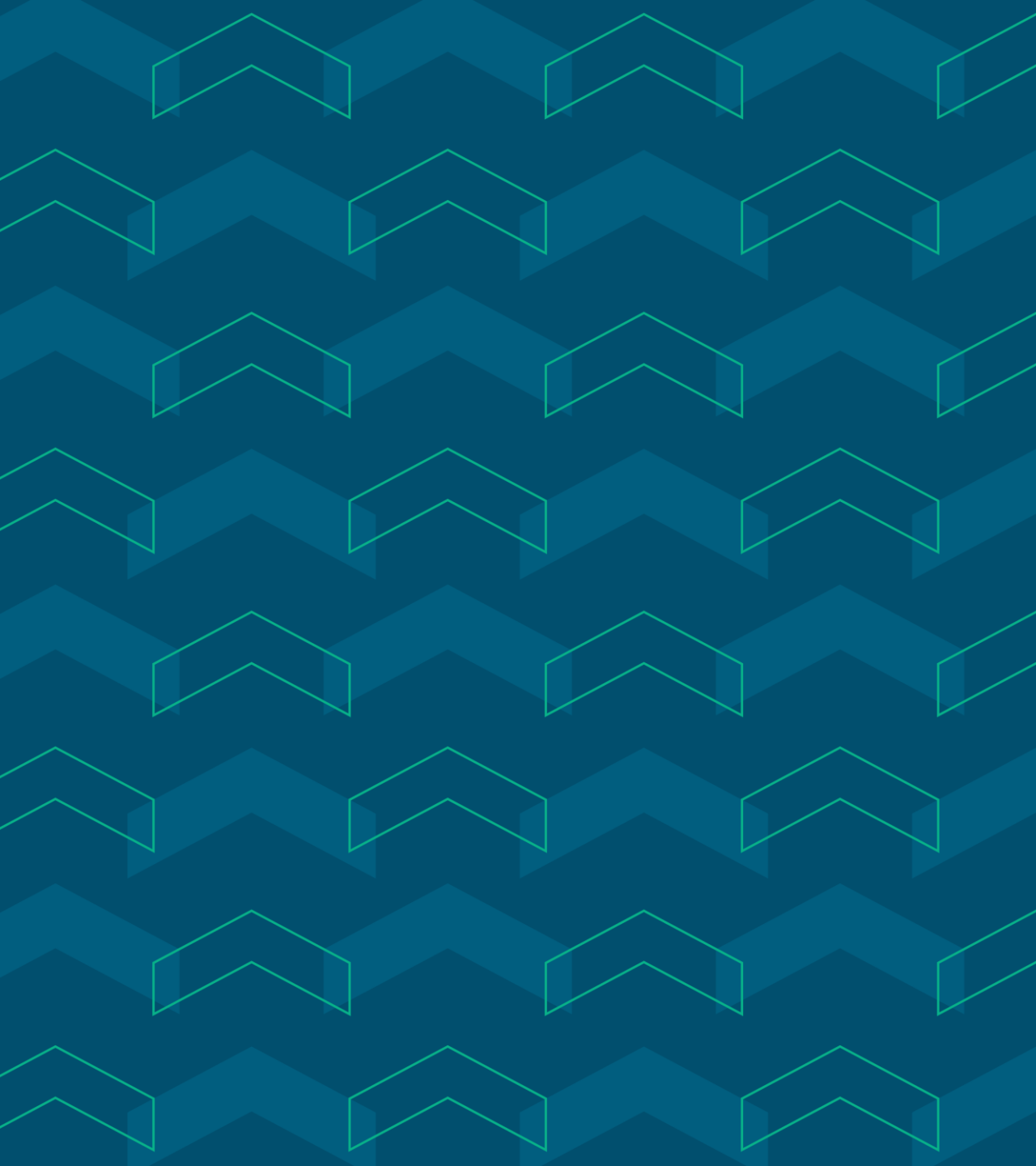
Where are we in the process?



What's been happening so far?



Youth Action Board Development



YHDP Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)

Reviewing the Basics

What is the CCP?



Focused on a specific community concern (in this case: youth homelessness)



Sets a vision for the world the community wants to see

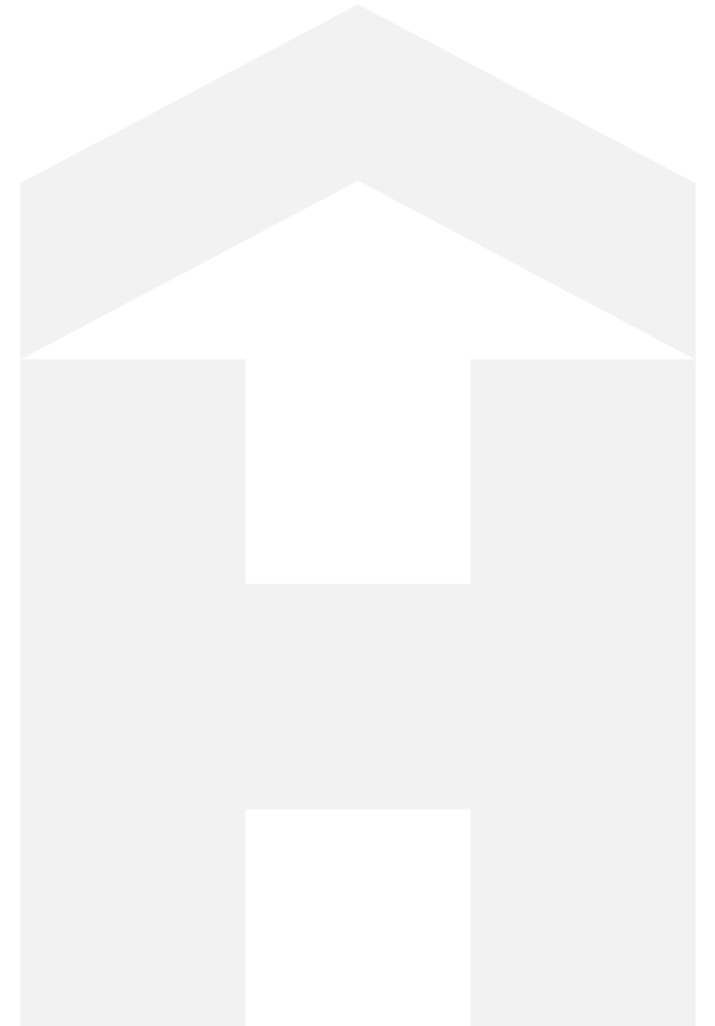


Identifies where/why we're falling short of that vision



Lays out steps that will get us to our vision

How did we develop the CCP?



Why do we need a CCP?

It shows our work:

- Who in the community collaborated on the plan
- What the community agreed on
 - Projects to fund
 - Partnerships to form
- How we value young people and their work in the process

HUD requires it!

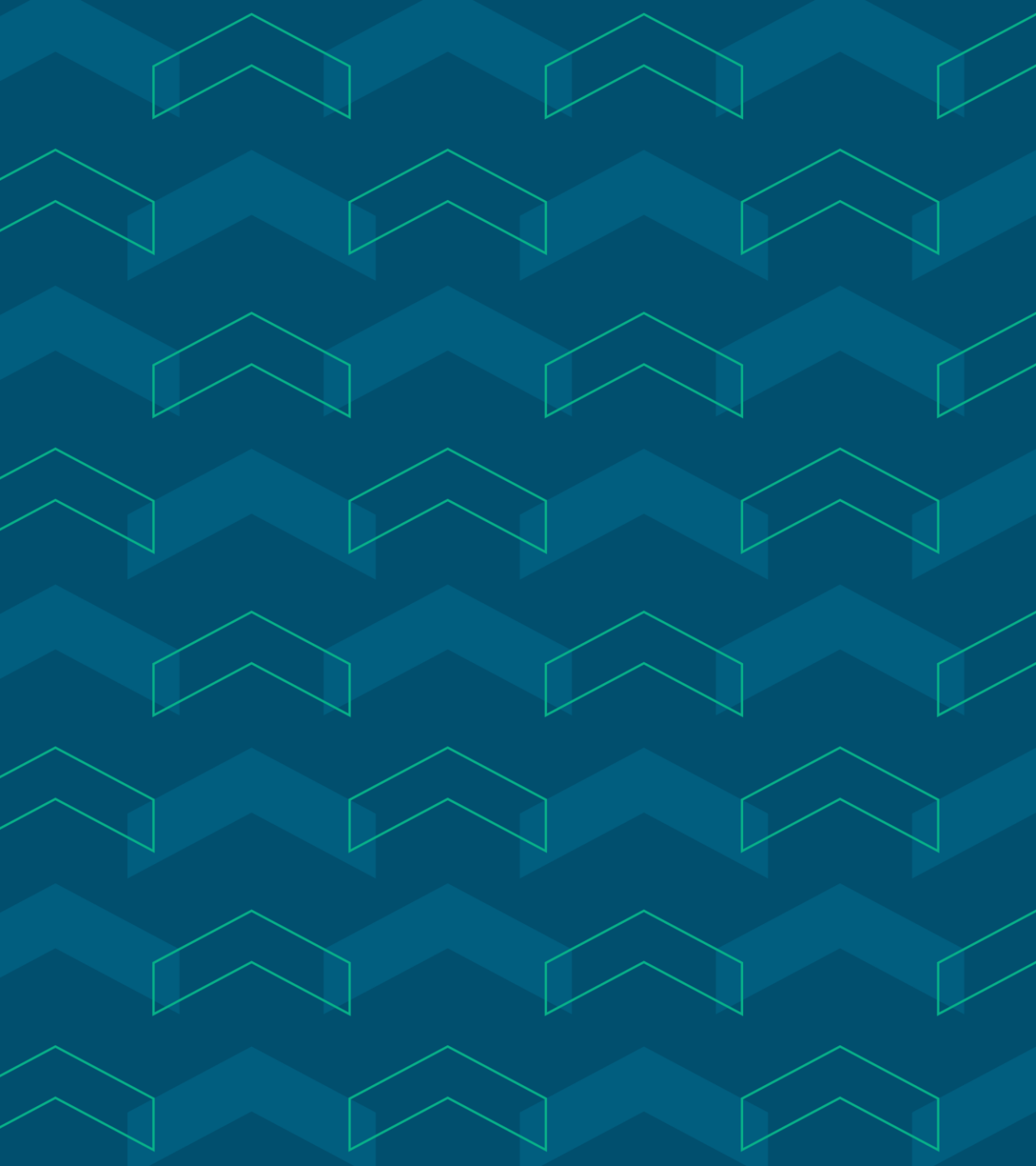
The completed CCP was submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) on April 24th, 2023

There is a 2-week review process, then we'll hear if we need to make any changes or if the CCP was approved!



Sections of the CCP



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CCP Sections

Mission Statement

YAB Mission Statement

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.

As a community, we elected to lift up the Mission Statement of the Youth Action Board (YAB) to that of our collective effort in the YHDP process. Adopting this statement centers the young leadership of the YAB in our community's approach to ending homelessness and endorses the stated vision of a Tulsa in which young people are embedded throughout the decision-making of our community even beyond our current systems of care.



Vision & Values

In Tulsa all young people have a home and a voice; they 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, Oklahoma. 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 and young adults. We believe that all young people deserve safety, care, a place to call home, and access to the resources needed to thrive. Through strong collaborations and community partnerships, we will generate culturally-responsive services and support that are equitably and easily accessible to Tulsa youth.

- Foundational Youth Voice
- Honoring Current Reality
- Respect, Equity & Belonging
- Responsive Services & Permanency
- Flexibility/Adaptability
- Sustainability at Every Level
- Empowerment
- Accessibility
- Open-Mindedness



Governance

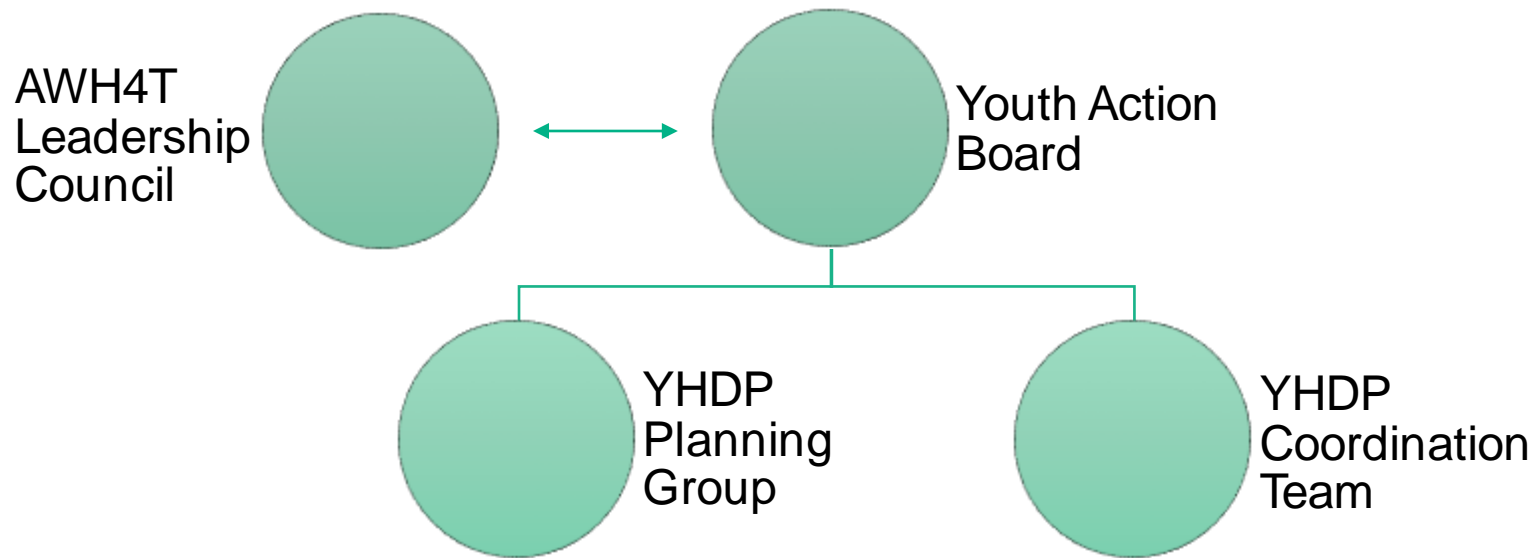
Key Groups:

- A Way Home for Tulsa (AWH4T) Leadership Council
- Youth Action Board (YAB)
- YHDP Coordination Team
- YHDP Planning Group
- AWH4T Youth Homelessness Task Group
- YHDP Independent Review Team (IRT)

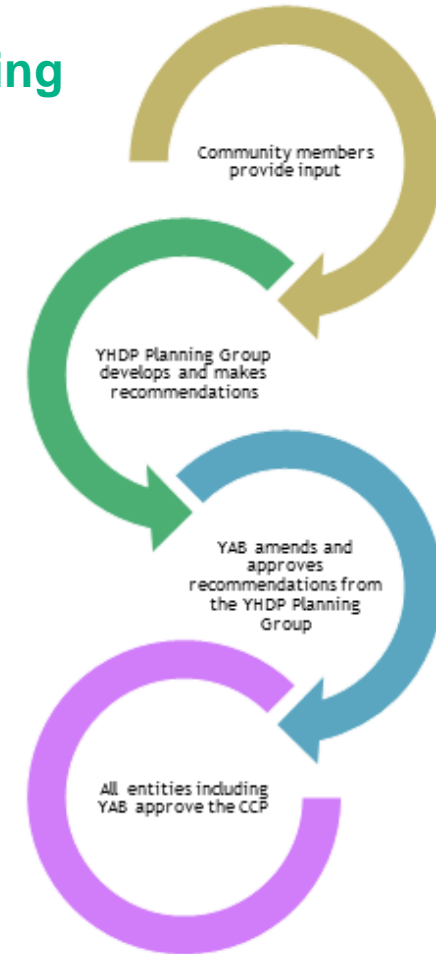


Governance

Governance Structure



Decision-Making Flow



YHDP Principles

- Equity
- Special Populations
- Positive Youth Development
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Family Engagement
- Housing First
- Youth Choice
- Individualized & Client-Driven Supports
- Social & Community integration
- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Coordinated Entry



Statement of Need

- At least **945 YYA** (under 25) are experiencing homelessness
 - **638** are young adults aged 18-24 / **307** are youth under 18
 - YYA are 13% of the population seeking homeless services, but only 9% of the general population of Tulsa
 - BIPOC YYA are disproportionately represented in the homeless response system
- YYA in Tulsa have a high levels of system involvement:
 - **55%** have experience with the child welfare system
 - **30%** have been involved in the justice system
 - **20%** have co-occurring diagnosis including mental health, substance abuse, or communicable diseases



Goals, Objectives, & Action Steps

Rapid Identification & Seamless Access

- Create a simple, streamlined connection to providers

Safe & Sustainable Housing

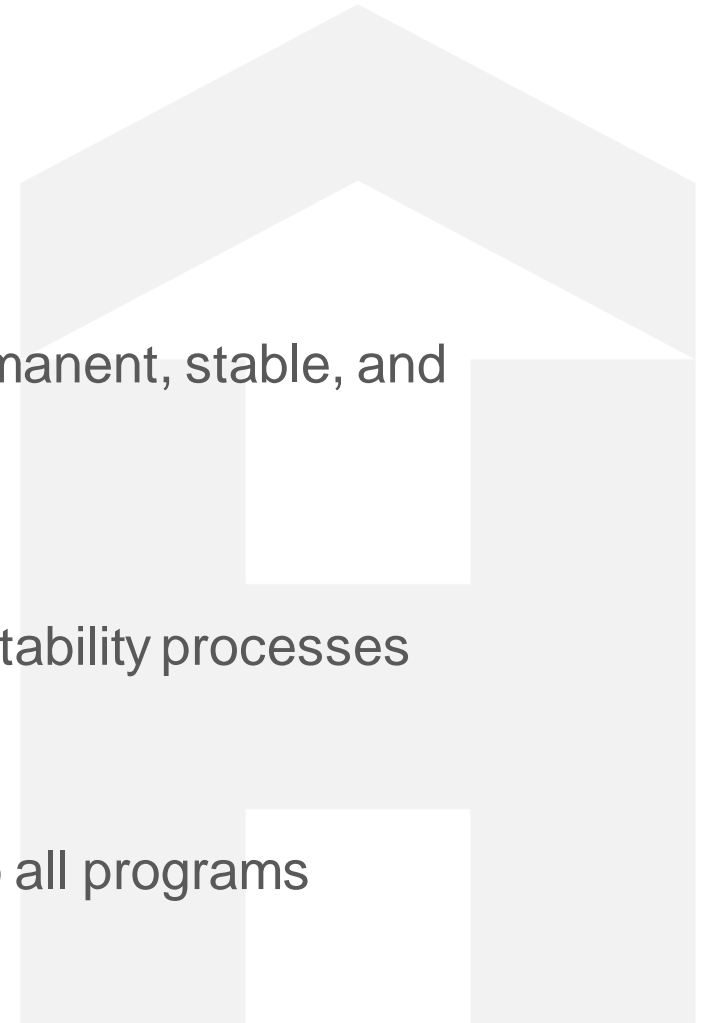
- Programs will gear resources toward the attainment of permanent, stable, and safe housing
- Housing First for Youth approach

Foundational Youth Voice

- Places YYA at the core of our decision-making and accountability processes
- Provides space and support for YYA to develop as leaders

Transformative Connections & Opportunity

- Embed access to education & employment opportunity into all programs



Project Types

In this section, we:

- identified priorities for funding
- detailed what can and cannot be funded by YHDP
- illustrated any gaps in funding

Our Program Priorities

Rapid Rehousing
(1-3 projects)

Access Point
(1-2 projects)

Diversion
(1-2 projects)

PSH or Joint TH-RRH
(1-2 projects)



Partnerships + Signatures


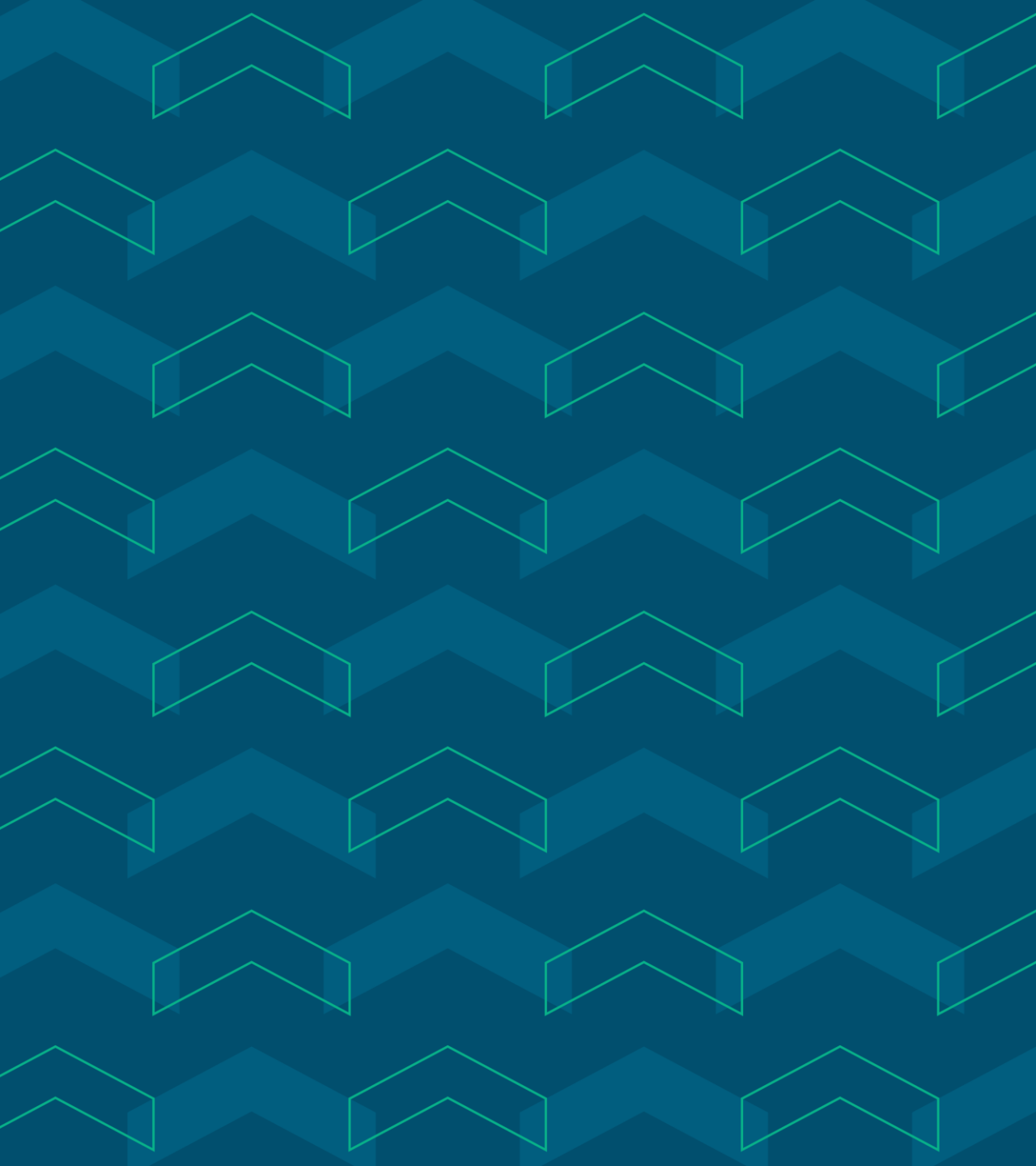
Partners who supported or participated in planning process:

- over 200 individuals
- 49 organizations & entities

Representatives who signed the CCP:

- City + Tribal Governments
 - AWH4T Leadership Council & YAB
- Housing Solutions + YST





YHDP
Request for
Proposals
(RFP) & Application

RFP Overview

Funding Details

- \$5,380,192
- 2-year term, eligible for 1-year renewals after demonstration period
- for services that support movement toward and access to housing for youth and young adults (under 24) experiencing homelessness

Eligibility

- Non-profit or governmental entities
- Must participate in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) & Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Adhere to HUD compliance requirements and those of AWH4T
- Align with the goals, values, and priorities detailed in the CCP
- 25% funding match*



Eligible YHDP-funded Project Types

Supportive Services Only (SSO, including SSO-CE)

Transitional Housing (TH)

Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing Program (TH-RRH)

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)



Project Types

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

\$600,000 - \$950,000

1-3 projects

Annual # Served: 40+

Joint Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)

\$200,000 - \$250,000

1-2 projects

Annual # Served: 10-15

Access Points

\$400,000 - \$600,000

1-2 projects

Annual # Served: 10-15

Outreach, Drop-In, Housing Navigation

Diversion

\$400,000 - \$600,000

1-2 projects

Annual # Served: 160-240

Flexibilities are key

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

\$400,000 - \$600,000

1-3 Projects

Annual # Served: 20+



Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

Lease Type



Joint Transitional + Rapid-ReHousing

Key Elements:

- Under 18: Must follow all state licensing requirements for TH. May not serve in RRH if they cannot sign a lease*
- Recipient providing TH can pay for operations of a building they own, or pay for leasing costs
- TH units can be master leased units, scattered site or host homes
- TH can offer an alternative to current shelter options; offer options to youth who have criminal history or no rental history
- RRH operates with all the same tenets as a classic RRH program.

Single program provides both TH and RRH options

Relatively new Federal funding option

Clients can choose **either or both** (TH → RRH)

Time-limited
Same outcome as RRH



Diversion + Access Points (SSO)

Diversion

Key Elements:

- ✓ Outreach services identify young people experiencing homelessness and help them access crisis and long-term housing
- ✓ Diversion offers services that help youth find alternate solutions to shelter/crisis housing or other housing.
- ✓ May serve 18-24 or under 18 populations
- ✓ SSO sample ideas:
 - Mobile crisis team
 - Diversion/Rapid resolution project
 - Employer-based partnerships
 - Drop-in Center Services



Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Lease Type



YHDP Flexibilities

- Detailed in [Appendix A](#)
- Examples of YHDP Flexibilities:
 - Leases for a minimum term of 1 month under rental assistance budget line items
 - YHDP recipients may employ youth who are receiving services, including housing, from the recipient organization.
 - RRH Rental Assistance extended for up to 36 months

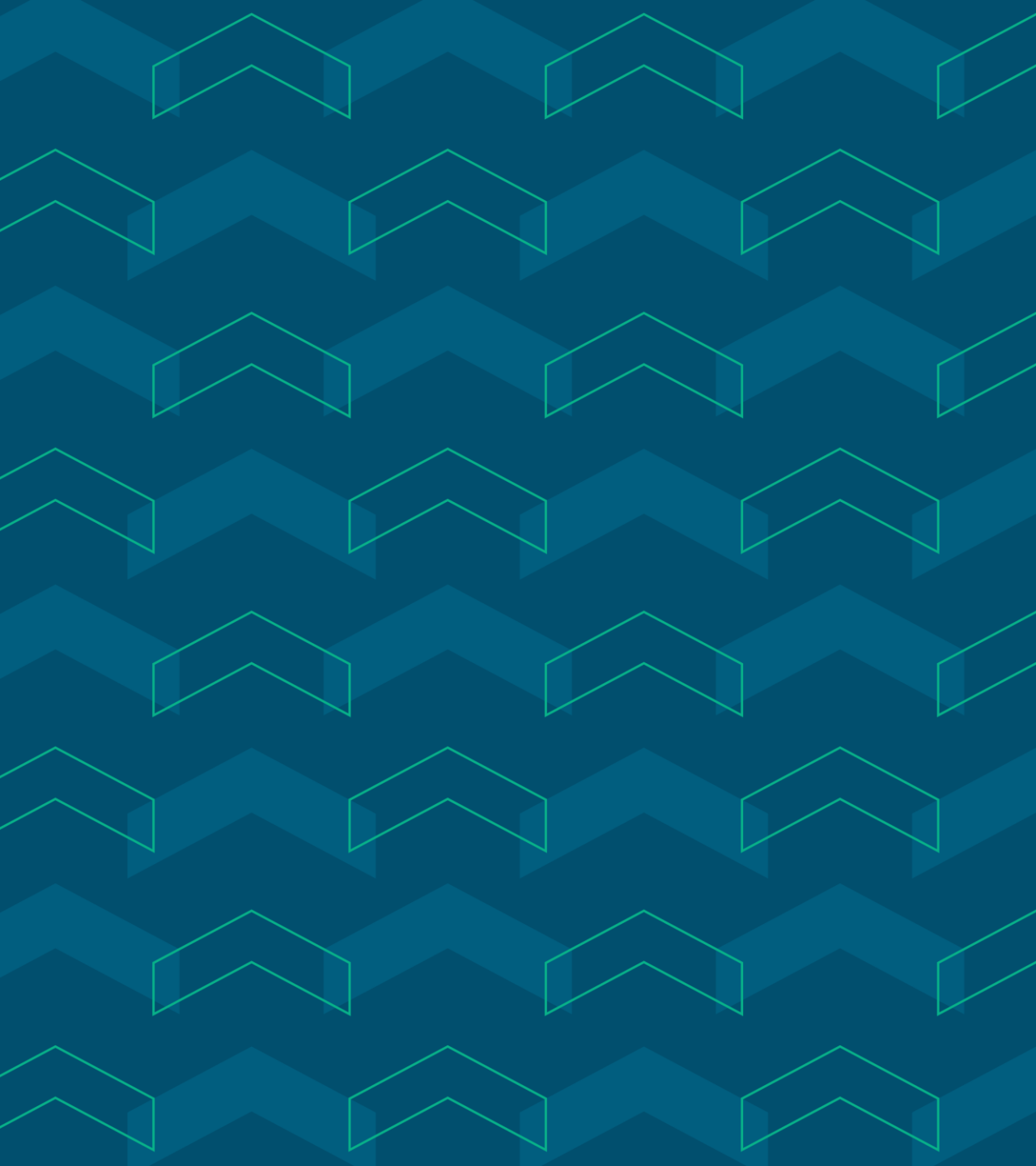


YHDP Flexibilities

YAB identified these flexibilities as most important to them:

- ✓ Security deposits
- ✓ Hotels as emergency transitional lodging in Joint TH-RRH (special activity)
- ✓ Driving/transportation assistance
- ✓ Conferences and training
- ✓ Revised Housing Quality standards
- ✓ Continuing supportive services beyond housing assistance
- ✓ Legal fines & fees



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Application Review Process

YHDP Independent Review Team (IRT)

YAB

- 3 members
- elected by YAB members

Requirements of YAB IRT Members:

- engaged in the YHDP process for a considerable amount of time
- comfortable with reviewing applications (with help and guidance!)
- ability to dedicate 2-3 full business days to review, plus additional days if there are appeals

AWH4T

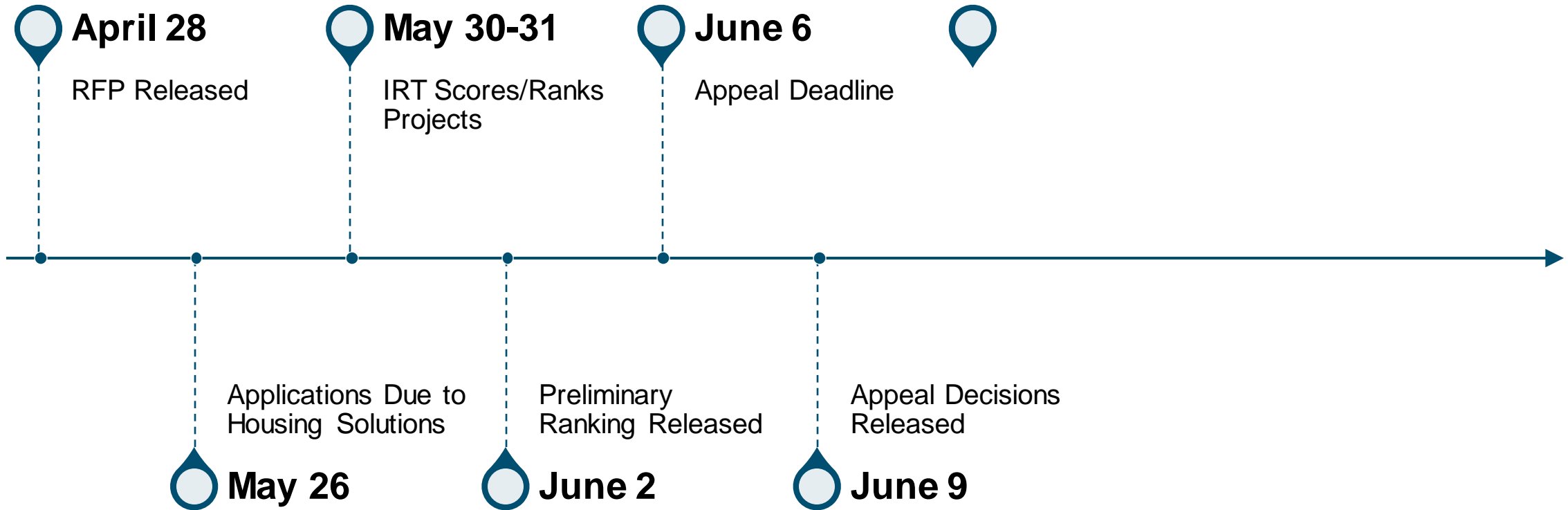
- 2 members
- selected by Housing Solutions and/or YHDP Core Team

Requirements of other IRT Members:

- all the YAB member qualities AND
- not affiliated with an organization that plans to apply
- has experience in ranking/reviewing project applications (or willingness to learn quickly!)



Project Application Process



Next Steps

1. Orientation Sessions with IRT Members
2. Virtual Funding Information Session (TBD)
3. Project Applications due by May 26th



References + Additional Information

Links to the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP), Request for Proposals (RFP), Project Application, Budget Template, and important dates can be found here:

[YHDP | HousingSolutions Tulsa](#)

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