

## Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) FAQs

### 1. Does YHDP funding allow for engagement?

In short, yes YHDP funds can be used for outreach and engagement services.

### 2. TH-RRH Questions:

- a. In terms of a TH-RRH program, can an agency just offer TH or must they also provide the option to receive immediate RRH?**

Youth have a choice of which program they wish to access and both TH and RRH portions must be available. Many youth who have no rental history and/or multiple barriers find the support provided with TH an easier launching pad into permanent housing.

- b. If youth choose RRH, then we will likely need to provide them with immediate crisis housing such as our TH unit, motel vouchers or shelter until we get them into PH, correct?**

If youth choose RRH in a TH-RRH model it is expected that a youth can stay in a TH unit of the program. RRH operates with all the same tenets as a classic RRH program.

- c. Also, we will need to provide Youth with TH and/or RRH for a combined total of up to 24 months, correct?**

According to Appendix A, the combined total is 36 months.

### 3. YHDP RFP as to whether or not a letter of interest is supposed to be sent in ahead of time.

An agency must submit an LOI or Letter of interest prior to applying for YHDP Funds. **Our LOI deadline closed the day after the Bidder's Conference.**

### 4. Can you use YHDP to acquire land?

Applicants interested in using these funds for acquisition must get it approved by HUD. However, Acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction costs are not renewable and have historically not been approved by HUD for YHDP. Therefore, it is not recommended for YHDP projects.

### 5. Can you use YHDP to acquire an RV?

YHDP funds can be used to acquire an RV, although this funding will not be renewable, this is a smaller expense and can bring case management to the rural deserts of the CoC.

### 6. Can you use YHDP for an emergency shelter?

Emergency shelters are **NOT** an eligible project type under the YHDP model.

### 7. How much funding is available?

In total, there are 5 million dollars being Requested for Proposal in CA-506 Monterey and San Benito Counties CoC.

## 8. How do I engage with youth for my application?

There are various ways an organization can engage with youth for this application. One way is reaching out to the CoC Youth Action Board or engaging with youth in your own programs! Another resource is using the material from our Coordinated Community Plan which has been formulated by youth in our CoC.

## 9. What are some questions about how I can ask youth about my program application?

Ask Youth open-ended questions in simple terms without jargon.

Ex: Instead of asking youth what subpopulations they most would like organizations to focus on. Ask youth if while living unsheltered, did they notice those who were not receiving adequate care or services? Ask them to explain their experiences but be mindful of how taxing these conversations can be.

Ask youth what they think is needed in a program. Building a rapport with the youth is of importance.

## 10. How do I incorporate youth voice into my application?

This can be by quoting a youth directly, explaining how they were a part of the process or even asking youth **other than the Youth Action Board** to write a letter of support.

## 11. Is it required to have a letter of support from the Youth Action Board?

No, not for this current iteration of your project application. The Youth Action Board will have to write a letter of support after the rank and review process.

## 12. Do we need to match funds? How to utilize in-kind match?

According to Appendix A of the NOFO, Recipients will not be required to meet the 25% match requirement if the applicant is able to show it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness in the community.

Utilize an in-kind match of other resources your organization currently has or can use with your discretion. I.e Housing vouchers, equipment, goods, and services if the subrecipient was required to pay for such costs with the program grant funds.

## 13. YHDP applicants are required to use the Coordinated Entry System but the CARS P&P Manual doesn't require TAY to be VI-SPDAT'ed or entered into HMIS in order "to be the subject of case conferencing" (see below). Does this mean a YHDP grantee (e.g. us ) can receive a TAY referral from another provider and possibly place the the TAY in our YHDP program, even if the TAY isn't in the CARS system? Or would this be outside the scope of "case conferencing?"

This is outside the scope of case conferencing, we would like our youth systems leaders to come together and assess how to best serve a youth without the priority of needing a CARS assessment. Within the YHDP program, the number of beds funded by YHDP **MUST** be referred through CARS.

