

Nashville-Davidson County

HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Bidder's Conference

Presentation for Interested Parties
MDHA and MHID
April 8, 2019



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Background

In March 2016, 17 agencies and organizations in Nashville-Davidson County formed a steering committee to create Nashville's first community plan to address youth and young adult (YYA) homelessness for 18 – 24 year olds. Entitled *The Key Action Plan*, the plan sought to establish a shared vision for a long-term solution for Nashville, while also developing several near-term objectives that could be put into action within 12 – 18 months.

Background Cont.

In July of 2018, Nashville-Davidson County was awarded one of 11 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grants. This grant allows the community to build upon the initial plan created in 2016 and create a new, more robust plan focused on preventing and ending homelessness for unaccompanied youth and young adults. Furthermore, it brings together the YYA Committee and YAB to ensure that the community's implementation of an effective housing crisis resolution system fully incorporates youth voices and evidence-based practices.

Vision

We in Nashville-Davidson County envision a city in which no youth or young adult experiences the indignity and trauma of homelessness.

Ending youth homelessness does not mean that no youth or young adult in our city will ever experience a housing crisis again. Rather, it means having a response system in place that ensures that homelessness is prevented whenever possible, and that a prompt, open response is available – including appropriate, youth-defined housing options – on those rare occasions when a youth does experience homelessness.

Guiding Principles

- The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness Youth Framework and the Four Core Outcomes.
 - Stable housing, permanent connections, education & employment, well-being
- Responding to the needs of special populations
- Positive Youth Development and Trauma-informed Care
- Family engagement
- Immediate access to housing with no preconditions

Guiding Principles Cont.

- Youth choice
- Individualized and client-driven supports
- Social and community integration
- Coordinated Entry
- The Nashville Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project is committed to providing all youth and young adults with an environment of respect and dignity. No young person will be denied services or equal treatment based on their race, ethnicity, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability, family structure, or health diagnosis.

Project Types

Project	Description	HUD Project Type	Available Annual Funding (2 Year Term)
Diversion with Short Term Crisis Housing Host Homes	This project provides up to 6 months of service aimed at resolving housing crisis for unaccompanied young people under the age of 25 who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing a housing crisis. This project will include supports to help ensure housing stability.	Supportive Service Only (SSO)	\$572,000 + \$67,200 (Short Term Crisis Housing Host Homes) 25% Match Required

Diversion Project

Supportive Service Only (SSO)

- Eligible costs include cost of providing the services, salary and benefits of staff providing services, and materials and supplies
- Eligible financial assistance includes utility deposits, food assistance, transportation, and short-term childcare
- Linkages to other services
- Services for up to 6 months after permanent housing placement

Host Homes

- Match young people (up to 25) experiencing homelessness with family, friends, or volunteers to provide crisis housing alternative to emergency shelter
- Short-term, crisis housing
- Includes supportive services for youth, and training and support for hosts
- Youth choice in host home matching

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Rapid Rehousing <i>Plus</i> 18-24	This project is aimed at providing stable housing through Rapid Rehousing assistance for young adults experiencing a housing crisis including services for housing stabilization.	Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (PHRRH) Up to 36 months of rental assistance ("RRH Plus", if HUD grants waiver)	\$1,072,688 25% Match Required

Rapid Rehousing Waivers

Extending to 36 Months

- Under the RRH project, the applicant may consider requesting a waiver of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii)(C) to offer more than the allowable 24 months total rental assistance under a RRH project. The applicant would need to demonstrate good cause for needing the waiver to serve youth and young adults who may have a higher acuity and may need a longer amount of rental assistance to meet the core outcomes of housing, education/employment, permanent connections, and well-being. The applicant will also need to determine the number of additional months beyond the 24-month limitation in the regulation allowable under a waiver.

In and Out of Rental Assistance

- Under the RRH project, the applicant may consider waiver of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii)(E) to allow a young person to remain eligible for the RRH project until the age of 25. The young person would still be restricted to 24 total months of rental assistance (unless the other waiver is also requested and approved), but the rental assistance would not need to be offered consecutively, allowing the young person to receive rental assistance when needed, go off rental assistance, and return back to rental assistance if the needs arises at a later date without going back through coordinated entry. The applicant would need to demonstrate good cause for needing this type of intermittent assistance until the age of 25 based on the need of youth and young adults targeted for the RRH project.

Minimum Requirements

To be considered for funding through this RFP, projects must meet or be prepared to meet the following requirements by September 2019:

- Be located and/or able to provide services in Nashville-Davidson County geographic area and serve youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness;
- If awarded funding, agree to work in conjunction with the YAB and YHDP Steering Committee on program design and implementation;
- Agree to utilize any recommendations of the YHDP Steering Committee, YAB, and Sub-committees formed under YHDP on program design, including assessment tools, and implementation;
- Not be debarred from receiving federal funds and in good standing with all government and funding contracts;

Minimum Requirements Cont.

To be considered for funding through this RFP, projects must meet or be prepared to meet the following requirements by September 2019:

- Participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS);
- Adhere to Housing First practices while serving households experiencing homelessness; and
- Incorporate all the YHDP values outlined in this document into projects being implemented; and
- Participate in and accept all new program referrals from the Nashville-Davidson County Coordinated Entry System as outlined in the CES Policy and Procedures Manual, see <http://www.nashville-mdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/CES-Policies-and-Procedures-Manual-Final-July-2018.pdf>.

Application Process

1. Proposal Guidelines

2. Addressing Reviewer Bias

3. Threshold Review

4. Scoring and Ranking

- PEC
- YAB
- HPC

Timeline

- ✓ **April 1:** RFP is released
- **April 8:** Bidders Conference
- **April 12:** Written Questions from interested agencies due by 5pm to Suzie Tolmie and Hannah Nell.
- **April 18:** Answers to written questions emailed out to all agencies.
- **April 30:** RFP is due to Suzie Tolmie and Hannah Nell
- **May 21:** Projects rated and ranked by the Performance and Evaluation Committee
- **June 1:** Final approval of ranking by YAB
- **June 12:** Approval by CoC Homelessness Planning Council
- **June 15:** YHDP Awardees Announced
 - Applicants will be informed if they are awarded or not by email to the person and email that is included in the application

Q & A

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