



Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program: TX-600

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2023, the All Neighbors Coalition was awarded the largest amount of funding through the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program across the country. Since then, Housing Forward, the Youth Action Board (YAB), and youth-serving providers and partners of the All Neighbors Coalition have worked together to build a comprehensive [Coordinated Community Plan](#) for significantly decreasing youth homelessness in our community utilizing the funds available. The funds available through this RFP are dedicated to serving youth and young adults ages 24 and under with the goal of permanent housing.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND FUNDING PARAMETERS

Please note: The amount of funding available and final applicant eligibility and service requirements are subject to the final contract executed between HUD and Housing Forward.

The All Neighbors Coalition is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to fund organizations to deliver services through several component types that provide short-term rental assistance, case management, housing navigation, and connections to community services for youth and young adults ages 24 and under. The eligible components include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services Only: Diversion
- Emergency Transitional Housing

Per the Youth Committee’s request, Housing Forward will serve as the financial intermediary of the funds, contracting directly with HUD. Applicants who are awarded these funds will contract directly with Housing Forward. The grant terms will be determined by the executed HUD contracts. This funding is expected to support the following:

Component Type	# of units	Case Management
Permanent Supportive Housing	20	1 FTE
Rapid Rehousing	125	5 FTE
Supportive Services Only: Diversion	10 Slots (expected to serve 100 HH annually)	1 FTE Diversion Specialist 1 FTE Mobile Diversion Specialist 1 FTE Housing Case Manager
Emergency Transitional Housing	25	1 FTE

Each organization will submit a budget proposal with their application using the template provided, which outlines the funding parameters for each budget line item.

Key Terms

Below are definitions of key terms used throughout this RFP.

- a. **Coordinated Access System (CAS):** a community response to end homelessness that accounts for the diversity of needs of people experiencing homelessness and urgently responds to these needs with housing solutions. CAS has an easily accessible set of Access Points equipped to effectively assess the needs of individuals, match people to an intervention to end their experience of homelessness and rehouse them as quickly possible.
- b. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):** a local information technology system used to collect data from service providers serving individuals or households experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- c. **Housing First:** a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life. This approach is guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues. Additionally, Housing First is based on the understanding that client choice is valuable in housing selection and supportive service participation, and that exercising that choice is likely to make a client more successful in remaining housed and improving their life.
- d. **Coordinated Community Plan:** A Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) serves as a community's blueprint for preventing and ending youth homelessness. The CCP is the result of a comprehensive planning process that brings together diverse stakeholders to develop a coordinated community response to youth homelessness. The CCP lays the groundwork for implementation of a community's vision for preventing and ending youth homelessness, reflects authentic youth engagement and voice, establishes a community-wide commitment to equity, and provides a framework for investment in youth-driven projects to respond to locally-defined challenges and needs.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Non-profit organizations that are members of the All Neighbors Coalition; and
- Can meet the following financial management thresholds:
 - Applicant must have the ability to execute a cost reimbursable contract by meeting the following requirement:
 - Maintain the financial capacity to fund program eligible activities.

Note: It can take up to thirty (30) days to process reimbursement of funds after a Request for Payment Form is submitted.

- Must have completed an independent audit or a review of certified financial statements within the last 18 months;

Agree to:

- Receive all referrals through the All Neighbors Coalition Coordinated Access System (CAS); and
- Deliver services in alignment with CoC and Housing First principles; and
- Fully participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and
- Deliver services in accordance with the All Neighbors Coalition’s program model described for the component type being applied for; and
- Attend required annual training to include topics such as, but not limited to, HMIS, Privacy and Security, and Housing Best Practices; and
- Work with the All Neighbors Coalition Youth Action Board (YAB) for program implementation, evaluation, and improvement planning

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants containing all required items and submitted by the deadline will be reviewed and scored by the Independent Review Committee and members of the Youth Action Board (YAB) based on the selection criteria outlined in the scorecard which can be found in here.

Organizations must receive at least 70% of the available points to be considered for funding by the Independent Review Committee.

Selection Criteria	Total Points Available
Agency Experience – Working with Youth	15
Agency Experience – Specified Component	Varies by component
Program Design – General	60
Program Design – Specified Component	Varies by component
Promoting Equity and Inclusion	35
Total Points Available (General App)	110
Points for Diversion	20
Points for Emergency Transitional	35
Points for Rapid Rehousing	35
Points for Permanent Supportive Housing	25

Submission Instructions

All applicants must attend the mandatory RFP information session on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 9am. Register for the virtual RFP information session [here](#).

Applications will only be accepted through submission on Amplifund. Completed applications must be submitted no later than Friday, July 12, 2024 at 5pm.