

Indiana Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) FAQ

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will make awards to selected communities to support them in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness or for improving their existing response system. Under the YHDP, HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and supportive services projects. IHCD as the collaborative applicant, will apply as a Consolidated YHDP Project Recipient, meaning multiple projects are under one grant agreement. This allows funds to move between projects more easily.

Key Details

- Funding Opportunity Released: June 10, 2026
- HUD Application deadline: August 10, 2026
- HUD Program Funding: \$193,000,000
- Minimum HUD award: \$500,000
- Maximum HUD award: \$15,000,000
- Expected HUD awards: 24-50
- IHCD Project Application live: June 30, 2026
- IHCD Project Application webinar: July 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EST
- IHCD Project Applications due: July 20, 2026 @ 5PM EST
- Eligible Activities=Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO)

What does it mean to be a collaborative applicant?

- A collaborative applicant is a designated organization for a Continuum of Care (CoC), this is designated by the Board of the Indiana Balance of State. IHCD is the designated collaborative applicant for the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (IN BoS CoC).

What is a Consolidated YHDP Project Recipient?

- An eligible applicant for YHDP project funding selected by the YHDP Community Recipient to apply for and administer multiple YHDP selected by the YHDP Community Recipient to apply for and administer multiple YHDP projects in the community, subject to HUD's approval. Eligible applicants may apply for projects in the community, subject to HUD approval.

What projects can I apply for?

- Transitional Housing (TH); including crisis residential housing & shared housing
- Supportive Services Only (SSO); including, but not limited to, Host Homes and Kinship Care; housing search and placement services; case management; supportive services connected with Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers; or street outreach

Guidance for program flexibility

- Certain activities are unique to the YDHP and require additional layers of approval. While IHCD will make an effort to be as flexible as possible, approval is not guaranteed. Please refer to [Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025](#) pg. 65-69 for detailed list of special YDHP activities.

How much can I apply for?

- No maximum limit. Budget has to be appropriate for project requests.

What are the threshold criteria to apply?

- UEI Requirement, registered and active at www.sam.gov/
- Active Registration in SAM
- Active Indiana Secretary of State Registration
- If a nonprofit, provide eligibility documentation
- Proof of ability to meet 25% match, cash or in-kind
- Agree to participate in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Agree to participate in Coordinated Entry (CE) system
- Projects have to incorporate Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) models of housing and service delivery
- 20% of funds must be used towards supportive services
- Agree to submit quarterly and annual performance reports

Does the 25% match have to be cash?

- No. The 25% match can either be cash or in-kind.
- An in-kind match is the value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to a Program grant that would have been eligible costs under the Program if the recipient/subrecipient was required to pay for such costs with Program grant funds (HUDexchange.info)

Can I submit multiple applications? (i.e. a TH and SSO project)

- Yes. Make sure to submit a separate JotForm application for each project.

What is a good point of contact to follow up with any other questions should they arise?

- Please email us at Youth@ihcda.in.gov, we will answer your questions as quickly as possible during this busy time.

What specific youth subpopulations has HUD prioritized in the YDHP?

- Domestic Violence Survivors
- Youth with substance use disorder
- Youth exiting the foster care system
- Youth exiting the justice system
- Youth in need of mental health services
- Labor or sexually exploited or trafficked youth

What youth population is eligible to be served by my project?

- Youth age 24 or younger meeting HUD homelessness definitions (24 CFR 578.3; McKinney-Vento §103(b))
- Includes unaccompanied youth, pregnant/parenting youth, youth exiting systems, and youth in unsafe/unstable situations
- No third-party documentation required for youth experiencing unsafe housing or crisis situations

What do Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) models mean?

- PYD is an intentional, prosocial approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups and families in a manner that is productive and constructive, recognizes, utilizes and enhances youth people's strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths." See more at [Positive Youth Development | Youth.gov](https://www.youth.gov/positive-youth-development)
- TIC shifts the focus from asking "what is wrong with you?" to "what happened to you?" It is based on the understanding that trauma affects a person's emotions, behavior, relationships and over all well-being and that the impact of trauma is defined by the person's experience rather than the event itself." See more at [What is Trauma-Informed Care? - Trauma-Informed Care Implementation Resource Center](https://www.traumainformedcare.org/what-is-trauma-informed-care)

What is HMIS and CE?

- HMIS is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness. Each CoC is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD’S data collection, management and reporting standards. For more information see: [HMIS: Homeless Management Information System - HUD Exchange](#)
- Coordinated Entry (CE) “processes help communities prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who needs assistance the most can receive it in a timely matter. CE changes a CoC from a project-focused system to a person-focused system.” For more information see: [IHCD: Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care: Coordinated Entry System](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025](#)
- [IHCD: Youth and Young Adult Homelessness webpage](#)
- [Supportive Services Only \(SSO\) Budget Form](#)
- [Transitional Housing Project Budget Form](#)
- [YHDP Funded Communities Rounds 1-8](#)
- [JotForm Application Link](#)
- [YHDP Project Application Guide](#)
- [YHDP FAQ](#)
- [Opportunity Zones](#)
- [Rural Designation](#)
- [SAM.gov](#)
- [Indiana Secretary of State Registration](#)
- Office Hours Join Link for July 15th; 2-3 PM EST: [FY25 YHDP Application Office Hours | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)