

Indiana Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) New Project Application Guide

This application is due by **Monday, July 20th @ 5 PM ET**

JOTFORM LINK TO APPLICATION

Prior to completing this application, it is strongly encouraged that applicants review the following resources:

- [Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025](#)
- [IHCDA Youth and Young Adult Homelessness webpage](#)
- [Supportive Services Only \(SSO\) Budget Form](#)
- [Transitional Housing Project Budget Form](#)

Resources mentioned above, along with a YHDP FAQ sheet, application guide and registration link/recording of an informational webinar related to this competition, can be found on the [IHCDA Youth and Young Adult Homelessness webpage](#)

For any questions during this application process, please email youth@ihcda.in.gov

If you feel your organization would benefit from a One-on-One call with IHCDA staff, please reach out to youth@ihcda.in.gov and request a meeting. During this busy time, we do appreciate your patience as we work to schedule these meetings for all requests.

Organization Information [Maximum Points: 2]

Organization's Legal Name (As it appears with the Indiana Secretary of State)		Unscored
Primary Contact's Name		
Primary Contact's Professional Title		
Primary Contact's Email		
Is the primary contact, listed above, authorized to sign on behalf of the agency?		
If No	Organization Signatory's Name	
	Organization Signatory's Professional Title	
	Organization Signatory's Email	
Organization's Primary Address		
Congressional District (Based on Organization's Primary Address)		
Organization's Phone Number		

UEI		
EIN		
Please indicate whether your organization is a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status		
If Yes	Please upload eligibility documentation	
Is your organization's registration current in SAM (www.sam.gov) [Required upload of verification]		
Is the organization's registration current with the Indiana Secretary of State? [Required upload of verification]		
Did your organization participate in a Regional Planning Council in the past year?		+1
Do you have at least one board member who has current or former experience of homelessness?		Unscored
If Yes	Do you have more than one board member who has experienced homelessness?	+1 point if "Yes"
If No	If no, do your bylaws require an individual who has experienced homelessness?	Unscored
If Yes	When will this seat be filled?	Unscored

Project Information – YHDP Projects [Maximum Points: 59]

Please confirm which option best describes which project type you are applying for in this competition (select only one):		Unscored
Transitional Housing (TH), including Crisis Residential Housing and Shared Housing		
Supportive Services Only (SSO), including, but not limited to, Host Homes, Kinship Care, housing search and placement services, case management, supportive services connect with Foster Youth to Independence vouchers, or street outreach) (All eligible uses can be found at 24 CFR 578.53)		
Project Name		
Is the project’s address different from the Organization’s Primary Address? [If the project provides Scattered Site housing, please use the Organization’s Primary Address]		
If Yes	Project’s Address	
What geographic area will this project serve? (list any and all counties that this project intends to serve)		
Does your project include any of the following initiatives related to preventing & ending youth homelessness, please select all that apply: • Promote economic independence and prevent long-term dependency on social services • Build connections between at-risk youth and school, life skills training, job attainment skills, or employment opportunities • Work with Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or other affordable housing providers in the community that target resources to youth		+1 for every initiative that is checked, up to 10 points

• Work with long-term residential care facilities or permanent supportive housing providers to coordinate assistance for homeless youth with a disability that is expected to indefinitely prevent independent living • Work with education providers in the community (K-12 schools, local community college or university) • Identify and assist youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing any form of trafficking, sexual exploitation or similar traumatic experiences • Provide services and connect youth to appropriate crisis resources for substance use and mental health conditions, including crisis response services and mental health providers with expertise in treating youth • Promote participation in supportive services within housing projects (Note: indicate if your project requires participation in substance abuse treatment services as a condition of continued participation in the program because the purpose of the project is to provide treatment) • Encourage family reunification and preservation, whenever it is safe and possible • Assist youth with substance use disorders, specifically sober living options for young people • None of the above	
Please provide a description of this project and expand on any activities selected in the question above. Include the following prompts, if applicable: Intended Outcomes, Partnerships, Employment/Income Increases, Supportive Services, Long-term Stability, Permanent Social Connection and Social, Emotional Well-being (2000 characters max)	+10
Please select the youth populations the project will serve (select all that apply)	Unscored
• Youth who qualify under paragraph (1)-(3) of homeless definition or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	
• Unaccompanied Youth – persons who are age 24 or younger, who is the only member of the household	
• Pregnant or Parenting Youth – Individual heads of households who are age 24 or younger who are pregnant or who are the parents or legal guardians of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent.	
• Transition Age Youth – persons between age 18 and 24	
HUD has prioritized these subpopulation – identify all that you aim to serve - 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	+1 for every checked subpopulation, up to 6 points
Potential Project Start Date	Unscored

Has your organization ever received a federal grant, either directly from a federal agency or through a state/local agency?		+5
If Yes	Has your organization ever had a federal grant revoked due to noncompliance?	-5
Do you agree this project will follow all Written Standards set forth by the IN BoS CoC Board; including using Coordinated Entry for all referrals to openings in the programs?		Unscored
If this project is funded, will you be willing to utilize the IN BoS CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) system? [Serving clients may be done as either a CE access site and/or a program that receives housing project referrals from CE]		Threshold
If this project is funded, will you be willing to participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) operated by the IN BoS CoC's HMIS Lead? [All YHDP-funded projects are required to use HMIS. DV Providers may use DV Client Track or another comparable system.]		Threshold
If this project is funded, do you agree to submit quarterly progress reports.		Threshold
<i>I acknowledge this project will submit close-out reports by the deadline</i>		Unscored
Please acknowledge each of the following statements regarding engaging individuals and minimizing trauma:		
<i>I acknowledge the project will engage served individuals in regular opportunities to provide input into project policies and operations.</i>		+5
<i>I acknowledge person-centered planning as a guiding principle for this project, which focuses on the individual, what they would like to accomplish in terms of relationships, community participation, achieving control over their lives, and developing the skills and resources needed to accomplish goals.</i>		+5
<i>I acknowledge required services from staff (including sub-contractors or healthcare providers as described in this application) will be trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches.</i>		+5
Will your project plan to offer on-site substance use services if awarded?		+5
Will your project provide opportunities for employment services such as job search assistance, career counseling, job training, etc.?		+5
As a part of this project, will your organization track whether participants increase TOTAL income in HMIS?		+2
As a part of this project, will your organization track whether participants increase EMPLOYMENT income in HMIS?		+1

Project – Type Specific Questions [Maximum Points: 16 Points for TH, 14 Points for SSO]

If applying for Transitional Housing (TH), including Crisis Residential Housing and Shared Housing		
Will this project incorporate Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) models of housing and service delivery?		
If Yes	Describe how your project will incorporate PYD and TIC models?	+5

Which of the following core outcomes does your project demonstrate to achieve a positive outcome (select all that apply):	+2 for each outcome described, up to 8 points
Safe and Stable Housing. Youth will be provided or transition to safe and stable housing that appropriately matches their level of need. Housing options may include moving in with family, other permanent housing, residential treatment centers, or substance abuse treatment facilities	
Social and Emotional Well-being. Youth will connect to trauma-informed providers for services related to physical health, substance abuse, mental health, personal safety (such as potential trafficking situations), and sexual risk behaviors (Sexual Risk Avoidance The Exchange).	
Education or Employment. Youth will connect to school or vocational training programs, improve job search skills, or obtain employment.	
Permanent Connections. Youth will experience positive ongoing attachments to their families, communities, schools, and other social networks. A positive ongoing attachment may look like youth having at least one adult in their life to whom they can go for advice or emotional support.	
Describe how your project will achieve the core outcomes selected above.	
Describe how the type, scale, and location of housing fit needs of program participants.	+1
Describe how the type and scale of supportive services fit the needs of the program participants – this includes all supportive services regardless of funding source	Threshold
Does the proposed project include a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs and ensure that program participants are assisted to obtain benefits from the mainstream programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education)?	Threshold
Does the proposed project have a clear plan for how participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in housing in a manner that fits their needs?	Threshold
Do 100% of proposed program participants meet the criteria for “Eligible Program Participants” in II.A of appendix? (threshold)	Threshold
Do you agree to engage all program participants in supportive services to meet their individual needs and adequately track participant progress during their time in transitional housing?	Threshold
Do you certify that no youth under 18 will share site-based housing with registered sex offenders or individuals with violent criminal histories, except in justice re-entry programs?	Threshold
Will this project be able to have supportive service participation agreements with residents? (not disability-related; i.e. mental health treatment, outpatient health services, provision of medication) (excluding crisis residential transitional housing)	Threshold
Is at least 20% of your budget allotted to supportive services?	+2
If applying for Supportive Services Only (SSO Only)	

Does this project incorporate Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC) models of housing and service delivery?	
If yes, describe how	+5
Which of the following core outcomes does your project demonstrate to achieve a positive outcome for homeless youth:	+2 for each outcome described, up to 8
Safe and Stable Housing. Youth will be provided or transition to safe and stable housing that appropriately matches their level of need. Housing options may include moving in with family, other permanent housing, residential treatment centers, or substance abuse treatment facilities	
Social and Emotional Well-being. Youth will connect to trauma-informed providers for services related to physical health, substance abuse, mental health, personal safety (such as potential trafficking situations), and sexual risk behaviors (Sexual Risk Avoidance The Exchange).	
Education or Employment. Youth will connect to school or vocational training programs, improve job search skills, or obtain employment.	
Permanent Connections. Youth will experience positive ongoing attachments to their families, communities, schools, and other social networks. A positive ongoing attachment may look like youth having at least one adult in their life to whom they can go for advice or emotional support.	
Describe how the type, scale, and location of the supportive services fit needs of program participants.	+1
Does the proposed project have a clear plan showing how supportive services are clearly designed to help youth quickly exit homelessness by obtaining or retaining housing?	Threshold
Do 100 percent of the proposed program participants meet the criteria for "Eligible Program Participants" in II.F.2 of Appendix	Threshold

Organizational Financial Capacity [Maximum Points: 11]

Does your organization have the financial capacity to administer this project on a reimbursement basis for up to SIX months?	+5
Does your organization have the financial capacity to administer this project on a reimbursement basis for up to THREE months?	+3
Does your organization have an accounting system that clearly meets federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302?	Threshold
Does your organization have a CFO, controller or similar executive financial officer in addition to the Executive Director or CEO?	+3
Please select the option that best describes your organization's accounting or financial department:	+3 points if an accounting or finance department
We have an accounting or finance department that is separate from program staff and the executive team	
Program Staff (Department managers) or Executives (ED, CEO, etc) handle all fund management	

• Other		
Prior to project implementation, would you be able to provide written commitments (cash or in-kind) of at least 25% of the overall dollar amount requested as match?		Threshold
If No	Please Explain:	
For in-kind match, do you acknowledge fully executed Memoranda of Understanding must be in place prior to the project start date?		Threshold
For cash match, do you acknowledge proof of the match amount and proof of sources must be provided prior to the project start date?		Threshold
Does the organization have unresolved HUD or IHCD monitoring findings?		Threshold
If Yes	Please Explain:	
Does the organization have outstanding obligations to HUD in arrears?		Threshold
If Yes	Please Explain:	
Per the grant agreement, if a subrecipient expends \$1,000,000 or more in federal awards during the subrecipient's fiscal year, it must submit its single audit to IHCD. If the subrecipient expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards, it must submit its audited financial statements or 990 (IRS Form 990, (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax). Does your agency have a system in place to ensure this requirement is met?		Threshold
Does the organization have unresolved or adverse Financial Audit findings?		Threshold
If Yes	Please Explain:	
Has your organization returned grant funds to HUD or IHCD in the last 2 years?		-2
If Yes	Please Explain:	

Partnerships & Collaboration [Maximum Points:12]

Will this project be able to demonstrate a partnership with a local public housing authority (PHA) connecting their resources to youth?	+2
Will this project be able to demonstrate a partnership with local first responders and law enforcement?	+4
Will this project be able to demonstrate a partnership with education providers in the community (i.e. K-12 schools, local community college or university)?	+2
Will this project be able to demonstrate a partnership with schools, life skills training, job attainment skills, or employment opportunities?	+2
Will this project consent to data, policies, and practices reviews (completed by IHCD staff) at the direction of the IN BoS CoC Board during the first quarter of operation?	+2

Narrative Questions Regarding Plans for Performance [Maximum Points: 40]

Describe how young people with lived experience will be involved in the implementation and operation of the funded project, describe the anticipated role in YHDP project design and implementation. (2000 characters max)	Up to 10
Please describe how this project will measure progress in each of the four HUD YHDP core outcomes: Prevent & End Youth Homelessness, Facilitate Self-Sufficiency, Innovate and Expand Capacity, and Reduce Trauma and Provide Safety (CPD-2600-DC-0035, pg. 14-15) (2000 character max)	Up to 10
Please describe your experience operating this project or another similar project and how your organization has measured success of the project. (2000 characters max)	Up to 5
Describe your community's system for identifying eligible youth participants and referring them to the appropriate services. If applicable, discuss how you're screening and assessment tools identify: pregnant or parenting youth, youth exiting the foster care or justice systems, labor or sexually exploited or trafficked youth, youth in need of abuse or mental health services (2000-character max)	Up to 10
Please attach your proposed budget using the provided excel form	Up to 5
Do you certify that all activities requested in the project budget are eligible activities under Appendix II (YHDP Project Requirements) for this project type?	Threshold

HUD Priorities

HUD 2026 Policy Certifications

Do you certify that your organization will review and comply with all items listed under Section VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION?	Threshold
Do you acknowledge that HUD may conduct a risk review of program performance in accordance with Section V Part C of CPD-2600-DC-0035 (page 37 - 38 of FY26 NOFO)?	Threshold
Do you certify that your organization will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction"?	Threshold

HUD Policy Initiatives

Will this project require participation in supportive services? [All new projects receiving YHDP funding must require participation in supportive services, except for DV Projects.]	Threshold
Do you certify that your project commits to cooperating, assisting, and not interfering or impeding with law enforcement or co-response to connect violators of public camping or drug use laws with services?	unscored
Do you or a partner you work with have housing or shelter projects with the purpose of providing substance use treatment services for people experiencing homelessness in which program participants are required to take part in such services as a condition of continued program participation?	Unscored
If yes, please describe (agency name and any information regarding number of beds/units)	

Bonus [Maximum Points: 4]

Will at least 50% of this project's activities be provided in an Opportunity Zone? https://www.hud.gov/opportunity-zones	+1
Will this project's activities be provided in a rural area? https://www.in.gov/courts/oja/legal-need-rural	+1
If Yes, Do at least 10% of funds requested for this project pay for one of the following activities: • Payment of short-term emergency lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly or through vouchers. • Repairs to units in which homeless youth will be housed; or are currently not fit for human habitation. • Staff training, professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.	+1
Did your organization participate in the most recent Point-IN-Time Count or and/or Housing Inventory Count or Youth Supplemental Survey held in January 2026? [Participation can include functioning as a count location, completing preparation activities, supporting the count through staff time, submitting required PIT reports for housing and shelter projects, reviewing and updating program enrollments in HMIS, or other key tasks]	+1

MAX POINTS POSSIBLE: 140 + 4 Bonus Points