



## **YHDP Replacement Project Opportunity**

### **HUD's Q&A on YHDP Replacement Projects:**

#### **Q: Who can apply for the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity?**

Only YHDP communities that have a YHDP Renewal project, originally awarded under one of the YHDP NOFOs, that is eligible to be replaced can apply for the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity.

#### **Q: What is the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity?**

The YHDP Replacement funding opportunity is a funding mechanism to allow YHDP communities to replace old YHDP projects with new YHDP projects. See Section V.B.4.(5) of the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO for more information.

In the past, YHDP communities have not been able to replace under-performing projects. The YHDP Replacement funding opportunity allows YHDP communities to replace under-performing projects and apply for projects that have shown more success in their communities or innovative projects that have not been seen in the community before.

#### **Q: How does the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity work?**

A YHDP Replacement project application must replace a YHDP Renewal project. An applicant cannot apply for a YHDP Replacement project and maintain all their YHDP Renewal projects. One YHDP Renewal must be replaced. Unlike the regular CoC reallocation that can allow multiple Renewal projects to be reallocated into one New project, the YHDP Replacement is a one to one replacement. Only one YHDP Renewal can be used for one YHDP Replacement.

YHDP Project applicants do not have to go through reallocation to apply for the YHDP Replacement project. Project applicants can simply apply under the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity and submit their project. If an application is submitted for both a YHDP Replacement and the YHDP Renewal being replaced, HUD HQ will determine which project will be awarded. Only one will be awarded, never both.

The YHDP Replacement cannot request more funding than what the YHDP Renewal was awarded for in the most recent CoC competition or under the YHDP NOFO if this is a first-time renewal in the CoC Program. For example, if the YHDP PSH Renewal had a total budget of \$100,000 the YHDP Replacement can apply for up to \$100,000. The YHDP Replacement can apply for less than \$100,000, but it cannot apply for more.

YHDP Replacement projects can apply for component types and conduct services that are currently allowed under the Youth Demonstration program. Please refer to Section V.B.4.(5) of the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO for more details.

YHDP Replacement projects can only apply for 1-year grant terms.

## HUD Description From the CoC NOFO About YHDP Replacement Projects:

This year, a renewing YHDP project may choose to replace its current program project with a new project, which may include activities ineligible under the CoC Program, or portions of its current program design, to conduct activities that are ineligible with CoC Program funds provided the replacement project demonstrates it will directly address youth homelessness.

If an eligible YHDP renewal project applicant wants to submit a YHDP replacement project application in lieu of submitting a renewal project application, it must include the grant number from the YHDP renewal project being replaced in the YHDP replacement project application. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant is responsible for ensuring that only a renewal YHDP or replacement YHDP project application is submitted through the CoC Priority Listing. If the Collaborative Applicant submits both a renewal and replacement YHDP project application for the same project, HUD will only select the renewal project.

If a renewing YHDP project chooses to replace some or all current activities, it must submit a YHDP replacement project application and it will be reviewed by HUD to ensure that the activities requested are eligible and do not exceed the ARA of the renewal project that is being replaced; however, the replacement YHDP project will not be rejected (unless a renewal YHDP project application has been submitted for the same project being replaced). If needed, HUD will work with replacement YHDP recipients to correct or revise information submitted after the final FY 2021 award announcement prior to executing the grant agreement.

HUD will only fund YHDP replacement projects as described below:

1. Permanent Housing, including **PSH** and **RRH** projects.
2. Joint **TH-RRH** Component.
3. **Transitional Housing (TH)** or **Crisis Residential Transitional Housing** which is a form of transitional housing that is short-term, low-barrier, utilizes a congregate living setting, and provides access to the following supportive services in particular: family engagement and unification, case management, emergency triage services and other supportive services whose purpose is to move youth rapidly into stable housing.
4. **SSO**, including, but not limited to, projects dedicated to coordinated entry, housing search and placement services, case management, drop-in centers which are a physical location that offers a variety of services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness that can be funded through the drop-in center grant or through another grant, legal services, or street outreach.
5. **SSO-CE**.
6. **HMIS**.
7. **Host Homes and Kinship Care**, a model in which a family agrees to permit a youth to reside with them. Recognizing that the addition of another person in the home may increase costs to the family, HUD will entertain applications that propose to house youth with families and to subsidize the additional costs attributable to housing the youth. The residence is in a community-based setting. The family could be related to the youth and the length of stay may be time-limited or without time limits. YHDP replacement projects may be used to subsidize the increased costs to the family that are attributable to housing the youth. An example of eligible costs would be additional food or transportation costs.
8. **Shared Housing**, a model of housing assistance where rental assistance is provided for a youth to reside with a family. The youth leases from the property owner and shares the unit with the

family. The unit may be a house or an apartment. Under this NOFO “immediate family member” is defined to mean parents, grandparents, siblings, and legal guardians.

CoC funds may be used to provide replacement YHDP projects with tenant-based rental assistance for a youth to reside with a family. The FMR will be adjusted to the **youth’s pro-rata share of the FMR** for the shared housing unit size. For example, in the case of a single youth who will occupy one bedroom in a 4-bedroom house, the FMR used would be the youth’s pro-rata share of the 4-bedroom FMR (i.e., ¼ of the 4-bedroom FMR).

YHDP replacement projects may also choose to submit applications for the following special YHDP activities ineligible under the CoC program. Recipients may:

1. Have **leases** for a minimum term of **1 month** under rental assistance
2. Use **leasing, sponsor-based rental assistance, and project-based** rental assistance in RRH
3. Use **Admin funds** to support costs associated with involving **youth with lived experience**
4. Use **Admin funds** to attend relevant **conferences and trainings** that are **not HUD-sponsored**
5. **Employ youth** who are receiving services or housing from the recipient organization.
6. Use **habitability standards**, not Housing Quality Standards, in short or medium term assistance
7. Provide **moving expenses more than one-time** to a program participant
8. Provide **payments of up to \$500** per month for families under a host home model
9. Use the following:
  - a. **Security deposits** for units in an amount not to exceed **2 months** of rent
  - b. **Housing damages** while the **youth is still in the unit** up to **two-months’** rent
  - c. Household **cleaning supplies** for clients
  - d. Housing **start-up expenses**, including furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods, not to exceed **\$300**
  - e. One-time cost of purchasing a **cellular phone** and service for program participant use
  - f. Cost of **internet** in a program participant’s unit
  - g. Payment of **rental arrears of up to 6 months**, including any late fees on those arrears
  - h. Payment of **utility arrears of up to 6 months** per service
  - i. Up to **three months of utilities** for a program participant
  - j. **Gas and mileage** costs for a program participant’s **personal vehicle** for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section
  - k. **Legal fees**, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment.
  - l. **Driving fines** and fees that prevent driver’s license renewal and impacting housing
  - m. Costs for **car insurance and registration**, if the personal vehicle is necessary to reach medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible
10. Provide up to **36 months of RRH** rental assistance
11. Continue providing **supportive services for up to 24 months after exit** from homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance
12. Continue providing **supportive services for up to 36 months after exit from homelessness**
13. **Rental assistance** may be combined with **leasing or operating** funds in the **same building**
14. Provide **payments of up to \$1000 per month for families** that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model, if the additional cost is necessary to recruit hosts to the program
15. Carry out other **innovative activities**, provided the activity meets the following criteria:
  - a. Approved by both the **Youth Action Board (YAB) and CoC**
  - b. Tests or likely to achieve a **positive outcome** in at least **core outcomes area**
  - c. Is **cost effective**
  - d. Is **not in conflict with fair housing**, civil rights, or environmental regulations.