FY 20 The Way Home YHDP RFP -FAQ

- RFP Posted on Website on April 28, 2022, for Public View
- RFP Notice went out at 9:00 am, April 29, 2022
- RFP YHDP Grant Conference was held at 1:00 pm and 2:15 on May 4, 2022

**Employment Supports**

**Question**- Is our agency limited to providing the supportive services that are listed?
- **Answer**- If there are supportive services that you would like to include that are not listed in the project description, please reach out to us. We welcome innovative ideas that adhere to HUD guidelines. Please sign up for Technical Assistance during the week of 5.9.22

**Question**- Is this component stand alone?
- **Answer**- Yes, this is a supportive service only project. You will receive referrals per the (Coordinated Access) CA system.

**Diversion Plus (including Host Homes & Resource Navigation)**

**Question**- What project opportunities are available to serve minors (youth under 18)? Will there be opportunities to support caregivers of minors?
- **Answer**- We are looking for agencies to provide innovative ideas on how to best serve minors. The Diversion Plus project provides an opportunity for agencies to supply funding to host homes that care for minors. There are regulations for host homes. Technical Assistance Collaborative will provide more information regarding the regulations for host homes.

**Question**- Will there be documentation guidelines around diversion projects?
- **Answer**- Please reference the Community Coordinated Plan for information regarding Diversion Plus.

**Question**- Is there a cap on the number of months of rental assistance for diversion? Can it go up to 12 months?
- **Answer**- Our diversion program is designed to be short-term. The benchmark allows for up to 3 months. This is for youth that are at risk of homelessness to divert them from entering the homelessness response system.

**Question**- If applying for a Diversion project, will we need to have a dedicated FTE, or can this position float between agency projects?
- **Answer**- The Diversion program should have dedicated staff to help serve clients referred to the project from outside of your agency by the Coordinated Access (CA) system.

**Permanent Supportive Housing (with access to short-term crisis housing)**

**Question**- Which FMR should be used for budget purposes?
- **Answer**- Please use this tool for 2022 FMR in our region: FY 2022 Final Fair Market Rents Documentation System — Select Geography (huduser.gov)
Transitional Housing/ Rapid Rehousing Hybrid

**Question- Will we require an MOU with a housing agency to apply for Transitional Housing/ Rapid Rehousing Hybrid?**

- **Answer-** This is not a requirement in the RFP.

**Question- If you apply for RRH, will those units have to be inspected?**

- **Answer-** Yes, the units will need to be inspected. It is up to the agency to structure their project to ensure there are no delays due to inspections, etc.

**Question- Are there resources available to locate agencies that want to provide Sponsored Based Rental Assistance (SBRA)?**

- **Answer-** It is up to the agency to negotiate with property owners and sponsors that may want to provide SBRA. However, The Way Home has a landlord engagement team that may be able to assist with this. Please sign up for YHDP TA office hours to discuss further.

General Questions

**Question- Will the YHDP RFP Grant Conference be aired virtually or can it be recorded and provided to those that are concerned about covid and have existing health concerns. What accommodations will there be or are there any other options for me to participate?**

- **Answer-** If you are unable to physically attend the in-person YHDP RFP Grant Conference, a virtual option will be provided from 2:15 – 3:15 pm on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Registration is required - [click here](#) to register.

**Question- Will the YHDP RFP Grant conference cover the training held on Tuesday, May 4th and the mandatory meeting?**

- **Answer-** Tuesday is the 3rd is the Live -Optional Training with TAC and True Colors Unites. Wednesday the 4th is the mandatory grant conference held both in-person and virtually. The grant conference will not cover Tuesday’s optional training. Please see the link for additional information and to register. [https://www.homelesshouston.org/funding-v2](https://www.homelesshouston.org/funding-v2)

**Question- Do we have to pick 1 of the 4 programs? Or can we apply for multiple programs**

- **Answer-** We welcome you to apply for multiple projects; however, you will need to submit a separate application for each project.

**Question- Where can I find the funding ceiling for each project?**

- **Answer-** The funding ceiling for each project is stated under each project type and description on the RFP.
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**Question- What is the minimum age that can be entered in HMIS? Can 17-year-olds be entered in HMIS?**
- **Answer:** Yes, 17-year-old can be entered into HMIS with YHDP.

**Question- If our agency is selected. Are the funds sent directly to our agency? How is the funding stream captured by the agency?**
- **Answer:** The agency will be contracted with HUD.

**Question- Is a budget for administration included in the funding?**
- **Answer:** Yes, up to 10% can be recovered for administrative expenses including project management and oversight, financial/accounting, and/or indirect costs associated with the delivery of the project.

**Question- What will be the evaluation process once projects are implemented?**
- **Answer:** We will have a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) team. In conjunction with the YAB, we will also develop a dashboard to see how projects are working and gather input on how to best evaluate outcomes including quality of services.

**Question- Are you requiring a paper copy and a digital copy of the application?**
- **Answer:** Only a digital copy with attachments.

**Question- Which FMR should be used for budget purposes?**
- **Answer:** Please use this tool for 2022 FMR in our region: FY 2022 Final Fair Market Rents Documentation System — Select Geography (huduser.gov)

**Question- Could you provide information on direct/indirect expenses?**
- **Answer:** Please reference this link for additional information regarding direct/indirect expenses: CoC Eligible Activities - Indirect Costs - HUD Exchange

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**Statements/NOT Questions**

- Youth Action Board (YAB) would like to ensure that agencies are ensuring that there is a flow of housing for youth and young adults. Youth would like more housing options, so they are not placed on a long waitlist.
- YAB would like to make sure there are more housing options suitable for LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults. Would like to see more LGBTQIA+ partners apply for funding.
- The Lead Agency is looking to facilitate or partner with an open resource exchange to spread awareness on what opportunities are available for youth and young adults around our geographic region.
- We encourage agencies who may not meet the threshold to partner. For a list of organizations that attended the grant conference please reach out to: yhdprfp@homelesshouston.org