

FY 26 YHDP NOFO COMPETITION TIMELINE

For New YHDP Project Applications Only

HUD Youth Homelessness NOFO Release: June 10, 2026

HUD Deadline: August 10, 2026

Local Competition Opens: Monday, June 15, 2026

Please Note: This local YHDP competition is for new YHDP project applications under the FY2024/FY2025 Youth Homelessness NOFO. Existing YHDP projects that are currently in the renewal/replacement process must apply through the regular FY2026 CoC Competition and follow the CoC Competition timeline, local deadlines, and instructions.

Because CFTH/The Way Home currently has two federal funding competitions open at the same time, applicants should carefully review which process applies to their project:

- New YHDP project concepts under the FY2024/FY2025 Youth Homelessness NOFO must follow this YHDP Local Competition timeline.
- Existing YHDP renewal or replacement projects must follow the regular FY2026 CoC Competition timeline.
- Existing CoC renewal projects, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, reallocation, and transition projects must follow the regular FY2026 CoC Competition timeline.

The August 10 HUD deadline is the final deadline for CFTH, as the Collaborative Applicant/YHDP Community Applicant, to submit the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application, YHDP Project Priority Listing, and all approved new YHDP project applications in e-snaps. Project applicants must follow the local CFTH deadlines below, which are earlier so applications can be reviewed, selected, ranked, corrected if needed, and submitted on time. If you are applying for new YHDP funding, your project deadlines are the local CFTH deadlines below, not the August 10 HUD deadline.

Date	Activity	Details
Monday, June 15, 2026	Local YHDP Competition Opens / Documents Posted	FY2026 YHDP local competition materials posted on CFTH/The Way Home website, including local priorities, LOI instructions, eligible project types, funding caps, timeline, applicant communication process, and required submission information. CFTH will also encourage interested providers to subscribe to HUD SNAPs listservs for federal updates, while local competition questions must follow CFTH's posted local communication process.
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 9:00 AM	YHDP Applicant Information Session / Optional TA	CFTH hosts an information session for interested youth providers to review the YHDP NOFO, local priorities, eligible new project types, LOI process, funding limits, local selection process, and submission expectations. Attendance is strongly encouraged. https://homelesshouston-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N89XhtXdQa63hLLQ79qrKw

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Friday, July 3, 2026 – 5:00 PM	Letters of Interest Due	Interested youth providers submit LOIs for proposed new YHDP projects. LOIs must describe the proposed project type, target population, estimated budget, new or expanded youth-specific capacity, staffing model, service approach, readiness, and alignment with local YHDP priorities. Submission- yhdpnofo@cfthhouston.org
Monday, July 6 – Wednesday, July 8, 2026	LOI Review / Threshold and Priority Alignment Review	CFTH reviews LOIs for eligibility, eligible new project type, local priority alignment, new or expanded youth-specific capacity, budget reasonableness, organizational capacity, project readiness, and fit within the local cap of no more than 10 applications and no more than \$15 million total request.
Thursday, July 9, 2026	Invitation to Apply / Non-Advancement Notices Sent	CFTH sends written notices to LOI applicants. Applicants selected to move forward will be invited to submit a full local YHDP application. Applicants not invited to apply will receive written notice with the reason their LOI is not advancing.
Friday, July 10, 2026	Invited Applicant TA / Full Application Instructions Released	CFTH provides full application instructions, required attachments, budget instructions, scoring criteria, review committee expectations, and e-snaps preparation guidance to invited applicants.
Wednesday, July 15 – Monday, July 20, 2026	Internal Review / No Major Applicant Deadlines	No major applicant deadlines during this period. CFTH continues internal planning, applicant support, and preparation for full application review as capacity allows.
Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – 5:00 PM	Full Local YHDP Applications Due	Invited applicants submit full local YHDP applications, budgets, required attachments, and any project-specific documentation requested by CFTH.
Thursday, July 23 – Friday, July 24, 2026	Completeness / Threshold Review	CFTH reviews full applications for completeness, eligibility, eligible project type, budget, required attachments, capacity, readiness, and consistency with YHDP requirements and local priorities.

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Monday, July 27, 2026	Correction Notices Sent	CFTH sends applicants any threshold, completeness, budget, or clarification items that must be corrected before review committee presentations.
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – 5:00 PM	Final Corrections / Attachments Due	Applicants submit final corrections, missing attachments, or clarifications requested by CFTH.
Wednesday, July 29 – Thursday, July 30, 2026	Review Committee Presentations / Interviews	Applicants moving forward in the local process present their proposed new YHDP projects to the review committee. Presentations should focus on project design, target population, youth-specific capacity, staffing, budget, outcomes, system coordination, and readiness to implement.
Friday, July 31 – Monday, August 3, 2026	Review Committee Scoring and Ranking	Review committee reviews applications, presentations, budgets, local priorities, total funding request, and project readiness. CFTH develops the draft YHDP Project Priority Listing and funding recommendation.
Tuesday, August 4, 2026	Draft Project Selection / Ranking Released to Applicants	Applicants receive written notice of draft selection, ranking, funding recommendation, reduction, or rejection. Any reduction or rejection notice will include the reason for the decision.
Wednesday, August 5, 2026 – 5:00 PM	Applicant Reconsideration / Clarification Requests Due	Applicants may submit limited written clarification or reconsideration requests consistent with the posted local process.
Thursday, August 6, 2026	Final Project Selection and Ranking Notices Sent	CFTH sends final written notices to applicants confirming whether projects are accepted, ranked, reduced, or rejected.
Friday, August 7,	Final e-snaps Project	Selected project applicants complete all required e-snaps project application materials and final corrections requested by CFTH.

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2026 – 5:00 PM	Applications / Corrections Due	
Saturday, August 8 – Sunday, August 9, 2026	Final Internal Review / Priority Listing Finalization	CFTH finalizes the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application, YHDP Project Priority Listing, project applications, required attachments, and documentation of the local selection process.
Monday, August 10, 2026	Target HUD Submission / HUD Final Deadline	CFTH submits the Youth Homelessness NOFO Application, YHDP Project Priority Listing, and all approved new YHDP project applications in e-snaps before the HUD deadline.

Required Applicant Notification Note: CFTH will notify LOI applicants in writing whether they are invited to submit a full local application. CFTH will also notify full applicants in writing whether their project is accepted, ranked, reduced, or rejected. If a project is reduced or rejected, the notice will include the reason for that decision.

Public Posting / Applicant Communication Note: The Youth Homelessness NOFO does not require the same public posting process as the annual CoC Competition. However, because HUD requires the YHDP Community Applicant to submit a project priority listing and demonstrate a fair and open project selection process, CFTH will publicly post the local YHDP competition announcement, local priorities, eligible new project types, timeline, LOI instructions, applicant communication process, and local selection process. Questions should be submitted through the posted local process so that information can be shared consistently with all interested applicants.

Eligibility / Local Process Note: HUD's Youth Homelessness NOFO allows CoC and non-CoC organizations, including eligible nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, Tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities, to apply. Locally, interested applicants must first submit a Letter of Interest by the local deadline. Submission of an LOI does not guarantee invitation to submit a full application. LOIs will be reviewed based on eligibility, local priority alignment, eligible new project type, project readiness, budget reasonableness, demonstrated youth-specific capacity, and fit within the local YHDP funding strategy. CFTH does not intend to invite more than 10 full applications or submit a total YHDP request above the HUD maximum of \$15 million.

Local Selection Note: The local YHDP process is intended to identify the strongest mix of eligible new projects for inclusion in the community's YHDP Project Priority Listing. CFTH reserves the right not to invite all LOI submissions to full application, to reduce project requests, or to decline projects that do not align with the NOFO, local priorities, project readiness expectations, or the overall community funding strategy.

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