



PUBLIC NOTICE: FY2026 YHDP Local Competition for New Projects

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, lead agency to The Way Home Continuum of Care, announces the opening of the FY2026 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Local Competition for new YHDP project applications.

This local competition is for new YHDP project applications under HUD's FY2024/FY2025 Youth Homelessness NOFO. Existing YHDP renewal or replacement projects must apply through the regular FY2026 CoC Competition.

- Local YHDP priorities include Transitional Housing for pregnant and parenting youth, Transitional Housing for single youth and young adults, Supportive Services Only employment/income projects, Supportive Services Only mental health/substance use projects, and Supportive Services Only youth day center/navigation supports.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project will create new or expanded youth-specific capacity, including dedicated full-time programming and staffing for the YHDP initiative. Projects should not simply repackage existing organizational services or rely primarily on current organizational capacity, limited part-time staffing, or fractional FTE added onto an existing program.
- Letters of Interest are due **Friday, July 3, 2026, at 5:00 PM**. LOIs and required attachments must be submitted by email to YHDPNOFO@cfthhouston.org.
- Applicants must submit preliminary match documentation if match is available. If match is not available or the applicant intends to request a match exception, the LOI must include a brief explanation of the anticipated match strategy or exception request.

A YHDP Applicant Information Session will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM via Zoom. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Register here: https://homelesshouston-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N89XhtXdQa63hLLQ79qrKw

Applicants invited to move forward after the LOI review will be required to complete a full local YHDP application and, if selected for inclusion on the community's YHDP Project Priority Listing, complete the required YHDP project application in e-snaps. The LOI is not the final HUD application. Final YHDP project applications must be completed in e-snaps according to CFTH's local deadlines so the full community application package can be submitted to HUD by August 10, 2026.



Local competition materials, including the timeline, LOI instructions, priorities, Zoom information, and applicant communication process, are available on The Way Home website. The Coalition for the Homeless 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 HUD requirements, local priorities, project readiness expectations, dedicated capacity expectations, or the overall community funding strategy.