



YHDP

*Youth Homelessness
Demonstration Program*

AGENDA

1. Background + Timeline
2. Funding Examples
3. Process Improvements
4. Transformational Grant Coordination
5. Next Meeting
 - Authentic Collaboration (Youth)
 - Authentic Collaboration (Cross-sector)
 - Youth-Driven Strategic Priorities
6. Group Discussion



BACKGROUND

- Federal grant opportunity through HUD
- Metro Denver Continuum of Care, collaborative applicant
- Goal - *to support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness*
- Population - *youth experiencing homelessness, aged 24 and under, including unaccompanied youth and pregnant or parenting youth who are experiencing homelessness*
- Up to \$15 million in federal funding
 - Estimated Start Date: 10/03/2024
 - Estimated End Date: 10/05/2026
 - 24-month grant term, option to extend 6 months
 - May be renewed for 1 year under CoC Program



YHDP TIMELINE

MAY 1

MAY 12

MAY ?

JUNE 12

JUNE 21

- Stakeholder Meeting
- Providers – Survey
- Youth – Survey
- Needs Assessment Design & Data Entry

- Provider Survey Due
- Youth Survey Due
- Needs Assessment Narrative
- Grant Writing Begins

- Partner Mtg 2-3 (Define & Approve Strategic Priorities, Transformational Grant Coordination)

- YHDP Draft Complete
- Megan & Shawn will review application between June 12 – 19
- Youth-specific grant writers (UP, TGTHR)

- Submit by June 21
- Officially due to HUD by June 27



YHDP TIMELINE



HUD Releases **Award Notice** (last year 10/24)

Immediately following announcement, HUD releases **3%** of award amount to fund **planning activities**

Partner Group develops **Coordinated Community Plan** around Youth-Driven Strategic Priorities

Initial **Grant Term**, with the option to extend 6 months

Grant **Renewal** through annual CoC Program



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Planning Grants (up to 10%)
- Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH)
- Transitional Housing (including Crisis Residential TH)
- Joint TH and PH-RRH
- HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)
- Supportive Service Only (SSO), including but not limited to coordinated entry, housing search and placement services, case management, drop-in centers, legal services, or street outreach
- Host Homes & Kinship Care
- Shared Housing

Appendix A – Project Selection Process

IMPROVEMENTS

- 6 weeks of planning before HUD notice
- 4 winning applications, 3 meetings with applicants
- Deep dive into opportunities for growth
 - Clear strategic priorities or project lead
 - More cross-sector collaboration
 - Didn't seem ready to take on the funding
 - Youth-involvement front and center
 - Didn't have a needs assessment
- Needs Assessment (*State of Youth Homelessness*)



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. TOTALS - The number of youth, both sheltered and unsheltered, experiencing and at-risk of homelessness.
 - a. HMIS
 - b. PIT,
 - c. TAY-VISPDAT
 - d. OneHome Enrollment
 - e. RHY Intake/Exit
 - f. McKinney Vento
2. DISPARITIES - A description of disparities identified through the assessment, quantitative and qualitative.
 - a. Race, LBGTQIA+, Systems Involvement (Criminal Justice, Foster Care), Health (Mental Health, Substance Use, HIV/AIDS)
3. KEY FINDINGS – Barriers/Needs
 - a. Listening space, surveys, assessment data
4. YOUTH INVOLVEMENT - How youth were involved in designing or executing the needs assessment

CALL TO ACTION

PROVIDER SURVEY

- Help us highlight what's working and areas of need/improvement
- Takes about 15 minutes
- Due by 5/12

YOUTH SURVEY

- Megan & Layla surveying with UP Outreach Team on 5/2
- UP Drop-In Center picking one day to conduct surveys before 5/12
- Other community partners?

a note about

TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANT COORDINATION



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY *AUTHENTIC YOUTH COLLABORATION?*

Define at next meeting



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY *CROSS-SECTOR* *COLLABORATION?*

Who are we missing at the table?



WHAT ARE OUR YOUTH-DRIVEN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES?

We'll use these as the basis for our Coordinated Community Plan



GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions, comments, concerns?

