**YOUTH HOMELESS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (YHDP) – due 11/30.**

**10 communities** (4 rural, mix of urban, suburban, rural; diverse locations across US)

**$33M** ($1M-15M requests/applicant; Minimum = $1M + formula of: # youth age 10-24 yrs X Community poverty rate age 12-24 yrs. divided by sum of # youth age 10-24 yrs x community poverty rate age 12-24 yrs x $23,000,000 for more local projects)

**Funds from Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016**:

* $33M to implement projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under in up to 10 communities can dramatically reduce youth homelessness
* $5M to HUD to provide TA on youth homelessness, collection, analysis, reporting of data and performance measures;
* $2.5 M to HUD for homeless youth program evaluations conducted in partnership with HHS.

**Timeframe:** 2 years

* 6 mos to submit a coordinated community plan
* 6 mos to address HUD comments/modifications
* 30% of funds available in 1st 6 mos.
* 70% funds once coordinate community plan is approved
* Project funds will be rolled into CoC annual renewal amount at end of project

**Target population**: Unaccompanied youth aged 24 years and younger not part of families; pregnant and parenting youth 24 yrs. and younger; transition age youth 18-24 yrs. Emphasis on subpopulations: LGBTQ youth; special needs/disabilities; pregnant/parenting; chronically homeless; former foster care; victims of trafficking/DV/other violence & abuse; justice involved; minors (under 18).

**Eligible Applicants:** CoC Collaborative applicants for all or part of their CoC region.

**Deliverables:**

* Develop and implement Coordinated Community Plan to prevent/end youth homelessness
* Apply for 2-year project funding including CoC allowable projects types for youth and innovative project types that may require a waiver (# mos. rental asst. or supportive services post subsidy, limit on cost of unit repairs or amt. of security deposits)
* Receive TA providers to advise development/implementation of Coordinated Community Plan,
* Participate in Evaluation

**5 Primary Objectives:**

* **Build national momentum** to prevent and end youth homelessness
* **Evaluate/test out the Coordinated community** approaches through collaborative practices
* **Expand Capacity** potentially piloting new models of assistance and determine array of interventions necessary to maximize impact.
* **Evaluate use of performance measures** to better measure youth outcomes and the link between youth program outcomes and youth performance measures on whole CoC system.
* **Establish a framework for federal program and TA** collaboration to determine most effective way for federal resources to interact with state/local systems re: coordinate community approaches.

**Core Elements Required**: Must demonstrate:

* **Leadership Capacity** (we’ve addressed similar systemic challenges, e.g. vet homelessness, coordinated entry, other innovative cross-sector initiatives; Must Have Unaccompanied Youth Committee and Youth Advisory Board with at least 3 youth 24/under and 2/3rds homeless or former homelessness;)
* **Current Resource Capacity** (existing crisis response system; housing, services, funding, sub-population experience, RHY methodologies/models).
* **Community Need** (youth needs assessments, PIT youth count, including sub-populations; methodology)
* **Capacity for Innovation** (example of a new broad-reaching method/system change in behavior; youth homeless providers adopted a new innovation/system; RRH or PSH models for youth; new things we’d like to do/gaps; test out new approaches; **DEVELOP A YOUTH SYSTEM MAP**
* **Collaboration:** (Usual cross-section of CoC stakeholders, coordinated entry process; discharge planning strategies; RHY agency formal agreement; FORMAL agreement with a Public Child Welfare Agency describing their role in serving homeless youth under 18 and between 18-24; plus couple of others)
* **Financial Resources:** (demonstrate additional funding to support the planning process for the Demonstration; 6-month budget for developing Coordinated Community Plan to prevent and end youth homelessness)