



2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

2026 Youth Action Board Support and Collaboration RFP

August 31, 2026

Funding Opportunity	Anticipated Process Release	Anticipated Funding Available	Anticipated Contract Start Date	Anticipated Funding Process
2026 Youth Action Board Support & Collaboration RFP	September 8, 2026	\$100,000 - \$150,000	January 1, 2027	Request for Proposals (RFP)

*These are estimated funding process release dates and funding amounts; both are subject to change. Visit kcrha.org regularly for formal funding opportunity announcements.

Overview

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2026 Youth Action Board (YAB) Support and Collaboration Request for Proposals (RFP). The YAB is a formal board comprised of Youth and Young Adults (YYA) who are lived and living experts of youth homelessness. The YAB is part of the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care (CoC) and is required for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funded projects. YABs are vital components to the homelessness response system as YYA experiencing homelessness face specific barriers to housing and YYA specific trauma, and YABs provide thoughtful governance and insight about how to improve both system-level work and project-level practice.

As a result, KCRHA seeks to collaborate with an agency to provide support to YAB members to ensure their success as a youth or young adult in a formal board position. CoC planning grant funding will be contracted through the anticipated RFP. The funding amount available for the RFP will be approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 – to be finalized based on the results of 2026 Youth Action Board Engagement Partnership RFI. KCRHA anticipates awarding one (1) organization.

This anticipated funding opportunity is intended to support the YYA governance structure of the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care to ensure policies and funding decisions are driven by young people. KCRHA expects to award funds to an organization that will:

- Assist KCRHA in recruiting, onboarding, training, and supporting YAB members;
- Support engagement of young people in development of sustainable governance structures that will ensure meaningful YYA participation in system-level decision-making.

- Seek to build connections with YAB members to support meaningful participation rather than symbolic engagement;
- Communicate with, train, and advise KCRHA staff and YAB members on recognizing and mitigating imbalanced power dynamics and system resistance;
- Assist in skill-building to allow for meaningful YYA engagement in efforts to end youth homelessness, including the YAB;
- Support YAB members with preparation and debriefs so responsibilities are reasonable, transparent, and sustainable;
- Support equitable participation pathways to avoid overreliance on individual YYA leaders; Maintain a trauma-informed and youth-centered participation framework; and
- Demonstrates experience in supporting people with lived expertise of homelessness and disability in policy and program development.

If you have any questions, please email RFP@kcrha.org.

