



KCRHA

King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Youth Homelessness NOFO: Application and Priority List

August 5, 2026

Current Youth Homelessness NOFO

- HUD released the 2026 Youth Homelessness funding opportunity on June 10, 2026.
 - There are two funding opportunities:
 - **YHSI (Youth Homelessness System Improvement):** \$1 million to improve how systems work together to support youth and young adults.
 - **YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program):** Funding for projects that provide direct services and housing support to youth and young adults.
- Applications are due August 10, 2026 (will submit early).



YHSI - What this can fund



Improving capacity & collaboration with youth and young adults



Establishing formal partnerships



Connecting housing and homelessness providers to education, job training, and employment organizations.



Improving the Coordinated Entry Systems (CES) & data collection.



YHSI Project – System Needs



Elevated youth and young adult voice.



Improve coordination between schools, housing providers, workforce programs, and other youth-serving systems.



Identify and connect youth and young adults sooner.



Increase access to education, jobs, and career opportunities.



Improve coordination between housing and service referrals.



Better information sharing and collaborate between partners.



Core YHSI Activities

1. Build Stronger Connections Between Organizations

- A dedicated staff person will help schools, housing programs, workforce organizations, and other youth-serving partners work together.
- Create simple and consistent ways for young people to get connected to the right support, no matter where they first ask for help.

2. Expand Access to School, Training & Jobs

- Connect youth to college, job training, apprenticeships, financial literacy programs, and employment opportunities.
- Help young people build skills, earn income, and work toward their goals.

3. Make It Easier to Find and Access Support

- Bring schools, foster care, juvenile justice, housing, and other partners together to identify youth who need help.
- Improve referral and housing navigation processes so youth can access support more quickly and with fewer barriers.



Intended YHSI Outcomes



Find YYA Earlier

Better referrals and information sharing

Faster connections for YYA leaving systems of care



YYA Voices First

Pay YYA for their expertise and involve them in planning, evaluating, and improving services.

Use feedback to improve services



Expected Results

Stronger partnerships

Simpler referrals

More access to school, training & jobs

Improved Coordinated Entry

YYA helping shape solutions

A more connected, YYA-centered system



YHDP Priority List

KCRHA can apply for up to **\$8,051,013** to fund YYA-serving projects.



HUD's YHDP Priorities

Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

Make YYA homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Prevent homelessness whenever possible and help YYA quickly find stable housing so they do not return to homelessness.

Facilitate Self-Sufficiency

Connect YYA to education, jobs, life skills, and wellness supports so they can build the future they want.

Innovate and Expand Capacity

Expand services and test new ideas that help more YYA get the support they need.

Reduce Trauma and Provide Safety

Provide safe, supportive, and trauma-informed services that help YYA stay safe and connected to caring adults and resources.



Allowed Project Types

Transitional Housing (TH)

- Temporary housing combined with services that help YYA move into permanent housing.

Supportive Services Only (SSO)

- Services such as case management, housing navigation, host homes, kinship care, and outreach.

Coordinated Entry

- The process that helps connect YYA to housing and services based on their needs.

Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)

- The database used to track services, outcomes, and system performance.



Overview of Projects Submitted

7 projects submitted, requesting a total of \$5.38 million

- 4 Supportive Services Only – Case management, housing navigation, drop-in services
- 2 Transitional Housing Projects
- 1 HMIS Project



How Projects Were Rated

- Projects were reviewed based on:
 - Experience delivering the proposed services
 - Supporting YYA wellbeing and housing stability
 - Education and employment opportunities
 - Inclusion of YYA voice and lived experience
 - Partnerships and coordination
 - Fiscal and program management capacity
 - Data quality and accountability



Current Status



A panel of 9 raters reviewed and rated each project.



YAB approved this list on July 30, 2026

Final YHDP Priority List

Organization	Project Name	Project	Score	Amount Requested	Final Amount
Friends of Youth	Willows Youth Services Center	SSO	120	\$701,938.94	\$735,365
KCRHA	HMIS System Expansion	HMIS	116	\$500,000	\$523,810
YWCA	YWCA Seattle-King-Snohomish	SSO	115	\$404,712	\$423,948
Lutheran Community Services Northwest	LCSNW YHDP Support Services	SSO	114	\$765,325	\$601,350
Friends of Youth	Youth Haven Transitional Housing	TH	112	\$630,047.23	\$660,050
African Community Housing & Development	KC Supportive Services Youth Homelessness Program	SSO	111	\$500,000	\$523,967
<i>Love Taps Crew, Inc</i>	<i>Youth Transition Support & Stability Program</i>	<i>TH</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>\$1,873,450</i>	



Motion for Approval

- The CoC Board authorizes KCRHA's submission of:
 - A Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) application
 - The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) project list as approved by the YAB
- By approving this resolution, the CoC Board authorizes KCRHA to submit these materials to HUD for the Youth Homelessness funding opportunity.





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