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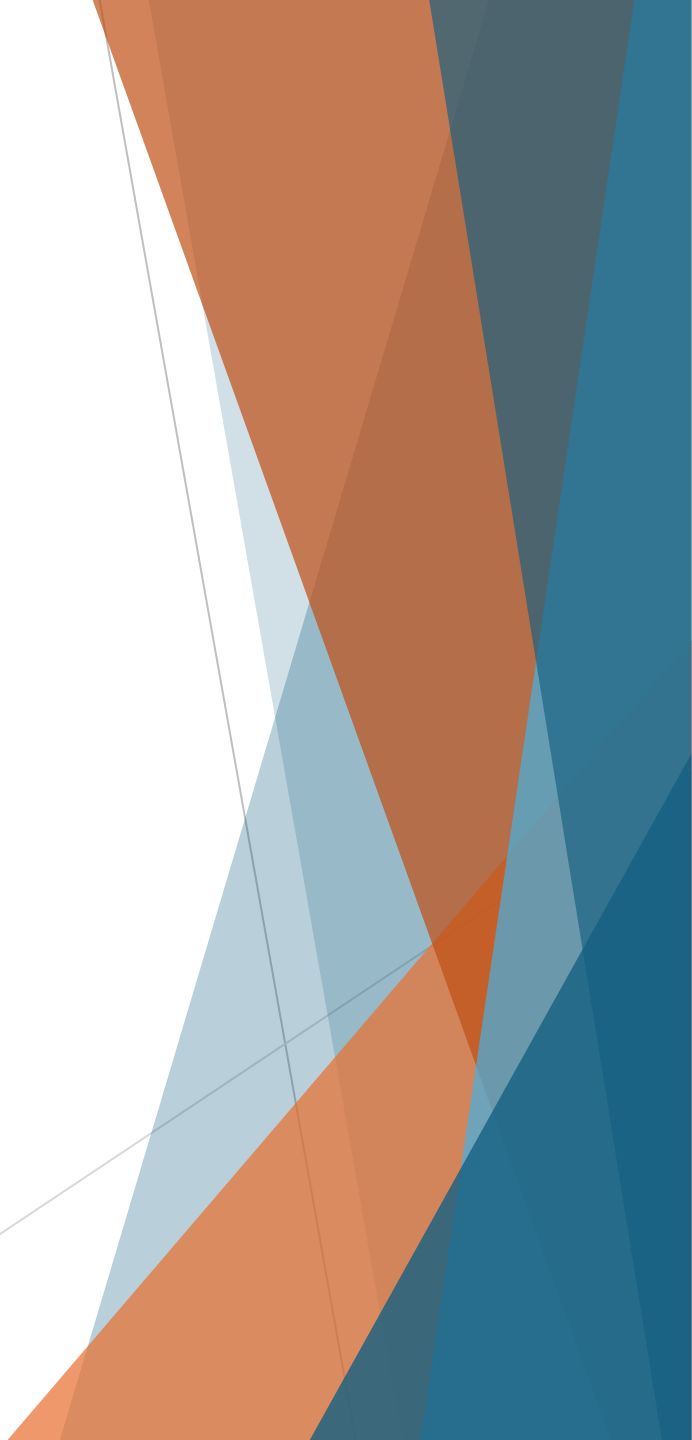
Introductions
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Purpose & Overview

▶ The Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) Department on behalf of the Riverside County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is seeking proposals from qualified applicants for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Supportive Services Only (SSO) Project.

▶ Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is the CoC Administrative Entity and managing effort.

▶ The goal is to work towards preventing and ending youth homelessness through youth-centered drop-in centers, which serve as access points to housing services facilitated by dedicated youth housing navigators.

Funding Available For Services

▶ The maximum funding amount for this Request For Proposal is **$433,453.00**. Awardee will have until March 31st, 2027 to expend this funding.

▶ The project selected through this RFP, will be evaluated, ranked and presented to the CoC Board of Governance (BoG) for inclusion in the County's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program.

▶ For this RFP, only Supportive Service Projects will be considered for funding. Projects must propose a drop-in center based in the desert region.

  ▶ Ineligible or late project applications will not be reviewed.

Eligibility Requirements

Bidders who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements are deemed ineligible. Proposals from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked will not receive HUD funding.

- Bidder shall be a non-profit, private/not-for-profit, government agency

- Bidder shall propose new programs only

- Bidder, its officers, and employees are not currently debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal Government, State of California, or a local government

- Bidder must demonstrate project readiness and clearly show ability to provide this project by March 31st, 2027.

Target Population

All youth within Riverside County ages 24 and under that meet Categories 1,2, and 4 of HUD'S Homeless Definition:

Category 1: Literally Homeless – Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence meaning:

    I.   Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;

    II.   Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs): or

    III.   Is exiting an institution where youth has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness – Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

    I.   Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;

    II.   No subsequent residence has been identified; and

    III.   The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV – Any individual or family who:

    I.   Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;

    II.   Has no other residence; and

    III.   Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities

1. **Prevent and End Youth Homelessness.** Providing funding, regulatory flexibility, and technical assistance to help communities develop housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness and make youth homelessness, rare and, if it occurs, brief and non-recurring.

2. **Build national momentum.** Motivate state and local homelessness stakeholders and youth services providers, including Runaway and Homeless Youth providers across the country to prevent and end youth homelessness by forming new partnerships, addressing system barriers, conducting needs assessments, testing promising strategies, and evaluating their outcomes.

3. **Highlight the importance of youth leadership.** Demonstrate effective models of strong leadership and agency by youth with lived experience in the community. Create replicable best practices of youth leadership for other communities.

4. **Evaluate the coordinated community approach.** Evaluate coordinated community approaches to preventing and ending youth homelessness, including local and state partnerships across sectors and other coordinated operation planning.

5. **Expand capacity.** Expand community capacity to serve youth experiencing homelessness (particularly by using a Housing First approach), pilot new models of assistance, and determine what array of interventions is necessary to serve the target population in their community.

6. **Evaluate performance measures.** Evaluate the use of performance measurement strategies designed to better measure youth outcomes and the connection between youth program outcomes and youth performance measures on overall system performance for the Continuum of Care (CoC).

7. **Establish a framework for Federal program and Technical Assistance (TA) provider collaboration.** Determine the most effective way for Federal resources to interact within a state or local system to support a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.

General Application Requirements

A. **Project Term:** the awardee under this RFP will have until March 31st, 2027, to administer this project in full.

B. **System for Award Management (SAM):** all project applicants seeking funding under the YHDP grant must have an active SAM registration. A valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) must be provided by the Applicant.

C. **Eligible Entities:** all project applicants must be within the County of Riverside CoC service area, which includes the cities and unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

D. All project proposals must utilize the **Housing First Approach** and participate in Coordinated Entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with Riverside CoC's **Coordinated Entry System** (CES) process which can be found at CES Policies and Procedures.

E. This program requires match. Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR 578.73) requires that **recipients must match all grant funds**, except for leasing funds (i.e., Leased Units and Leased Structures), with no less than 25% of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources. *(*Note: SSO project proposal will not include leasing dollars)*

F. *Homeless Management Information System: projects shall, as applicable, participate and provide data through the County of Riverside's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Awardees shall collect the applicable data set required for reporting purposes under SB850, 24 CFR 576, and 24 CR 578.3, and HMIS Universal Data Elements.*

HUD YHDP
RFP PROCESS BREAKDOWN

Timeline/Schedule of Events

#	Activities	Dates	Information
1	Release of RFP	Thursday, May 1st, 2025	n/a
2	Primary Contact	Mariel Sarmiento – Program Specialist msarmiento@rivco.org	
3	HUD YHDP RFP Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Workshop	Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 220 377 051 058 4 Passcode: Hb9xL2c2 Dial in by phone +1 951-465-8390,,794580288# United States, Riverside Find a local number Phone conference ID: 794 580 288# For organizers: Meeting options | Reset dial-in PIN Links to the recording and slides will be posted on the competition website.
4	Last day to submit written questions related to HUD YHDP RFP	Friday, May 9, 2025 by 3:30 p.m.	All questions must be submitted via email to CoC@rivco.org.
5	Responses to submitted questions posted on website	All questions will be answered by Tuesday, May 13, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.	Answers will be posted to RivCo HWS OHS Website under Open Bids
6	Project Proposal Submission Due Date and Time	Tuesday, May 27, 2025 By 3:30 p.m.	All proposals must be submitted via email to CoC@rivco.org.
7	TENTATIVE DATE FOR AWARDING RFP	Approximately 15 to 60 days after the RFP closes.	Awarded Bidders will be notified via email and awardees will be posted to https://rivcohws.org/OHS.

YHDP Supportive Service Only (SSO) Project Expectations

Under Riverside County's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, the Supportive Services Only (SSO) Project must be designed to provide:

Drop-in Center will serve as a central access point to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and will have supportive services available to youth in addition to Youth Housing Navigators. The drop-in center must be based in District 4.

Youth Housing Navigators will identify youth/young adults experiencing homelessness and navigate them through the system of care. Navigators will provide direct support to youth in crisis with an expectation that they will be mobile as they navigate and engage with different programs and services.

RFP Scoring Criteria

The application is based on 120 points with no bonus points available. Project applicants are strongly encouraged to review Exhibits A and B of this RFP to ensure their project application aligns with and addresses each of the respective components.

- ▶ **Program Design & Description** (50 points)
- ▶ **Experience & Capacity** (50 points)
- ▶ **Impact & Effectiveness** (15 points)
- ▶ **Implementation Timeline** (5 points)

Evaluation Process

Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria to be appropriate by the County, which may include, but not necessarily limited to the following:

a) Applicant's ability to meet qualification requirements for this funding as noted in Section 3 Eligible Applicants and Section 8 Scoring Criteria of this RFP.

b) Program Design and Description

c) Experience and Capacity

d) Impact and Effectiveness

e) Implementation Ability

f) Financials

g) Overall best value to the County

h) Any other factors the County determines to be appropriate

Applications will be given thorough review. All communication during the application process and review selection phase may be directed to the primary HWS contact. Attempts by the Applicant to contact any other County representative may result in disqualification of the Applicant's application to this or any other solicitation.

All evaluation material will be considered confidential and not released by the County. The County reserves the right to split or make the award that is most advantageous to the County and the youth system of care created through YHDP funding.

Bidder's Proposal Response Information

▶ RFP contains the bidder's proposal response information under Attachment B (pgs. 16-35)

▶ You may obtain a copy of the RFP by visiting https://rivcohws.org/coc-open-bids-division-and-funded-programs

▶ Due: 3:30pm on Tuesday, May 27th.

Questions?

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