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TO: Continuity of Care and Other Providers of Services to Homeless Youth
FROM: Office of Programs and Volunteerism, New Jersey Department of State
RE: HUD Grant Opportunity: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Dear Colleagues:

The Office of Programs within the New Jersey Department of State is planning to apply for a HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program grant and is reaching out to providers that may wish to partner with us for this application, which is due to HUD on August 10, 2026. We have conferred with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and non-profit agencies that are experienced in this field. We are now doing a more formal outreach to share our ideas for the application and to invite you to notify us via a Letter of Intent if you wish to be considered for inclusion in our application.

Our application will focus on four types of services: housing search and placement; host homes and kinship care, supportive services connected with Foster Youth to Independence vouchers, and street outreach. Our Office includes the Governor's Office of Volunteerism, AmeriCorps, and partnership with the newly created Faith Action Center. We have experience with programming for homeless youth and the services that they are seeking, including sheltering, food resources, a Youth Mental Health Corps, and workforce development. We are deeply committed to preventing homelessness, meeting the needs of youth already unhoused, and we have a special commitment to youth aging out of foster care or who have been part of the out-of-home system. We hope you will join with us.

HUD is offering a grant opportunity to provide housing and supportive services projects to 120 grantees; a minimum grant is \$500,000 and maximum is \$15,000,000. A single consolidated application will be submitted by the New Jersey Department of State inclusive of all projects selected for participation. HUD will review the consolidated application and make final award determinations. All agencies interested in applying are strongly encouraged to read the FY 2026 YHSI/YHDP NOFO.

Application:

Agencies interested in applying for YHDP funding are requested to submit a letter of intent which includes the agency name, location in which services will be provided, and type of service. Letters of intent are due by **Friday, July 24, 2026**. Applicants must also submit a full application in the HUD E-Snaps system to be considered. Applications are due **Monday, August 3, 2026**.

YHDP Program Information:

<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-youth>

E-Snaps:

<https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

If you are interested in learning more, and helping us shape our application, we will host a zoom call on Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83695184298?pwd=Kpr650ThKtRt0VSALo91sZv0CSROOF.1>

Meeting ID: 836 9518 4298

Passcode: 794757

These are the questions that we would like to have addressed in a letter of intent:

County or Municipality:

Name of Agency:

Point of Contact:

Program Services you are requesting funding for:

Sincerely,



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