## *NOTE: HI compiled this document to the best of our ability using the information currently available from HUD. In some cases, HUD has provided conflicting information. The information herein is subject to change as HUD releases new materials and/or responds to questions.*

## OVERVIEW

* YHDP Grants are non-competitively renewed. The CoC does not need to rank YHDP renewal or replacement grants.
* Renewing YHDP grants can be replaced via a YHDP replacement project application.
* YHDP applicants should submit a replacement project application in lieu of a renewal project application if they plan to:
  + Use a YHDP special activity that is explicitly authorized in the NOFO (see additional information below);SQ
  + Use another innovative activity not authorized in the CoC Program Interim Rule or among the YHDP Special Activities explicitly authorized the NOFO (additional requirements apply – details below);
  + Continue to use a previously approved YHDP waiver; or
  + Change the type of project.
* Eligible YHDP replacement types are PSH, RRH, Joint TH/RRH, Transitional housing or Crisis Residential Transitional Housing, SSO (e.g., Street Outreach, Navigator, Host Homes, Kinship Care, Drop-In Center), SSO-CE, HMIS, Shared Housing
* YHDP replacement projects must serve youth aged 24 and younger who meet HUD’s homeless definition (Categories 1, 2, or 4).
* **HUD has indicated that they will work with YHDP applicants whose renewal or replacement applications do not meet minimum requirements rather than rejecting applications.**

## REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

* YHDP Replacement project applications are limited to the one-year renewal amount of the renewing YHDP project. Your YHDP Replacement project budget cannot exceed the one-year annual renewal amount (ARA) of the renewing project. For example, if the Renewing YHDP project has a total budget of $100,000 the YHDP Replacement can apply for up to $100,000.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES

Below are examples of special activities that are not normally eligible under the CoC Program Interim Rule, but that are explicitly authorized in the NOFO for YHDP. For a comprehensive list of explicitly authorized special activities, see [2021 CoC Program NOFO](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/FY21_Continuum_of_Care_Competition.pdf) p. 38. Applicants must provide a description of the special YHDP activities requested and a justification in their project application (Screen 3B, Q1; Screen 3A, question 8C)

* Lease terms of less than one-year;
* Use of leasing and sponsor-based or project-based rental assistance in RRH;
* Use of Habitability instead of Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for short or medium-term housing assistance (up to 24 months);
* Host payments of up to $500/month to offset home/kinship care costs;
  + May provide payments of up to $1000 per month provided that the recipient can show that the additional cost is necessary to recruit hosts to the program;
* Damage to housing caused by participant while the participant continues to live in the unit (not to exceed 2-months rent);
* Payment of rental arrears consisting of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears;
* Housing start-up costs -furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods (not to exceed $300/participant);
* Payment of utility arrears of up to 6 months per service;
* Up to 3 months of utilities for a program participant, based on the utility costs schedule for the unit size and location;
* One-time cost of purchasing a cellular phone and service for program participant use, provided access to a cellular phone is necessary to obtain or maintain housing;
* Cost of internet in a program participant’s unit
* Moving costs more than one-time;
* In addition to the normally eligible transportation costs, a recipient may pay gas and mileage costs for a program participant’s personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section;
* Use of the project administration budget line item to support youth involvement in project implementation and improvement and to attend conferences and trainings relevant to ending youth homelessness;
* Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment;
* Up to 36 months of Rapid Rehousing rental assistance to a program participant if the recipient demonstrates (1) the method it will use to determine which youth need rental assistance beyond 24 months and (2) the services and resources that will be offered to ensure youth are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance;
* May continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 24 months after the program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance if the recipient demonstrates: 1) the proposed length of extended services to be provided; 2) the method it will use to determine whether services are still necessary; and 3) how those services will result in self-sufficiency and ensure stable housing for the program participant;
  + May continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 36 months after the program participant exits homelessness, if the services are in connection with housing assistance, such as the Foster Youth to Independence initiative, or if the recipient can demonstrate that extended supportive services ensures continuity of case workers for program participants.

In addition to the special activities described above, other innovative activities to reduce youth homelessness may be carried out in a YHDP replacement project, provided that the recipient can demonstrate that the activity meets the criteria below. The project description and/or attachments to the project application must demonstrate:

* The activity is approved by both the Youth Action Board (YAB) and the Continuum of Care, as evidenced by a letter of support from the YAB and inclusion on the CoC Priority Listing;
* That activity will be testing or likely to achieve a positive outcome in at least one of the four core outcomes for youth experiencing homelessness (stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and well-being);
* The activity is cost effective; and
* The activity is not in conflict with fair housing, civil rights, or environmental regulations.

## MATCH REQUIREMENTS

* YHDP renewal and replacement projects do not need to meet the CoC match requirement, if the applicant is able to demonstrate that it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness. HUD will evaluate match exemption requests using these criteria:
  + Can the applicant identify an amount equal to or greater than 25% of project funds that are used in the community to assist youth experiencing homelessness; and
  + In its description of why match funds are not available, does the applicant explain why funds going to other projects for youth experiencing homelessness will better serve youth in the community.
* Applicants must indicate the match exemption request and demonstrate that they meet the criteria above in their project application (Renewal - Screen 3B, Q1; Replacment - Screen 3A, question 8C; and/or attachments)

## RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT LOGISTICS

* For each YHDP grant eligible for renewal, applicants may submit either a renewal project application or a replacement project application. Applicants should not submit both types of applications for the same project.
* YHDP project applicants do not use the reallocation process to apply for a YHDP Replacement Project. Rather, they simply submit a YHDP Replacement Project Application in lieu of a Renewal Project Application.
* Unlike the CoC reallocation process, which allows multiple Renewal projects to be reallocated into one New project, the YHDP Replacement is a one-to-one replacement. Only one YHDP Renewal can be used for one YHDP Replacement.
* Applicants must include the grant number from the YHDP renewal project being replaced in the YHDP replacement project application (Screen 3A, Q8A)
* Include in the Replacement Project Application Project Description (Screen3A, Q8b)
  + How the replacement differs from the previous YHDP project;
  + The reason why the YHDP project is being replaced with a YHDP Replacement project.
* Attach to the replacement application;
  + The 2019 project application for the renewing project being replaced;
  + A copy of the previously approved waiver, if applicable; and
  + the YAB and CoC approvals, if required (see above).

## LIMITATIONS

* YHDP renewal and replacement projects may request only one year of CoC funding.
* YHDP renewal projects can consolidate with YHDP renewal projects of the same component type only.
* YHDP projects cannot expand or use reallocation.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

* [YHDP Renewal Project Detailed Instructions](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-YHDP-Renewal-Detailed-Instructions.pdf)
* [YHDP Replacement Project Detailed Instructions](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-YHDP-Replacement-Detailed-Instructions.pdf)
* [Accessing a Project Application in e-Snaps](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-Accessing-the-Project-Application.pdf)
* [YHDP Renewal Project Application e-Snaps Navigational Guide](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-YHDP-Renewal-Project-Application-Navigational-Guide.pdf)
* CoC Competition [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition)
* Submit questions to [YouthDemo@HUD.gov](mailto:YouthDemo@HUD.gov)