



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST  
NOTICE OF INTENT**

(Revised: 9-24-15)

**Board Clerk Use Only**

Meeting Date: 11/3/16  
 Agenda Item #: C.2  
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
 Date Submitted: 10/16/16

**NOTICE OF INTENT for US Department of Housing & Urban  
 Agenda Development (HUD) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program  
 Title: (YHDP)**

*Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** November 3, 2016      **Time Needed:** Consent Agenda  
**Department:** Nondepartmental      **Division:** Joint Office of Homeless Services  
**Contact(s):** Caitlin Campbell, JOHS and Christian Elkin  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Consent Agenda

A Notice of Intent is required to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a competitive grant proposal is in alignment with the County's mission; to receive an indication from the Board of its willingness to commit the necessary County resources to support the grant. A Budget Modification is required to appropriate funds received from a successful grant proposal.

**Notice of Intent Specific Information**

**Department recommendation for consent agenda placement (*must meet all criteria*):**

- Proposal is under \$500,000/ year.
- Proposal does not require cash match as part of the budget.
- Proposal does not commit County to on-going programming following award.
- Proposal adheres to the County's indirect guidelines.
- Proposal is within the Department's strategic direction.
- Proposal does not have policy and/or legal implications that warrant a public dialog.

*To the best of my knowledge, this proposal adheres to all of the above criteria and may be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. I understand the proposal can be moved to the regular Board Agenda for any reason by Commissioners or their staff.*

*To the best of my knowledge, this proposal does not meet criteria for placement on the Consent Agenda and should be placed on the Regular Agenda.*

**Please complete for any NOI:**

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| <b>Granting Agency</b>  | US Department of Housing & Urban Development   |
| <b>Proposal due date</b>  | November 30, 2016  |
| <b>Grant period</b>   | January 2017 – January 2019 with renewal opportunities   |
| <b>Approximate level of funding by year</b>                                     | The award total will be determined following the award, existing guidance indicates funding will be no more than \$499,000 per year for a period of two years. |
| <b>Program Offer(s) potentially impacted</b>                                    | 10060A - 10065   |
| <b>How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts<br><input type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)              |
| <b>Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %</b>    | No   |

**1. Brief overview of grant's purpose and/or impact.**

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is a new initiative designed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released a YHDP Notice of Funding Availability encouraging all communities, through their local Continuum of Care, to apply to become one of the communities selected to participate. HUD will select up to ten communities, four of which will be rural communities. Only CoC (Continuum of Care) collaborative applicants may apply. Communities represented by the CoC Collaborative Applicant must include a youth advisory board, the local or state public child welfare agency, and a broad array of other partners.

The purpose of the YHDP is to learn how communities can successfully approach the goal of preventing and ending youth homelessness by building comprehensive systems of care for young people rather than implementing individual or unconnected projects that serve this population.

In order to effectively implement a system that addresses the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, Continuums of Care (CoCs) must understand the subgroups of unaccompanied youth – including pregnant and parenting, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ), and minor age youth – experiencing homelessness and the unique challenges they face within their communities. Additionally, CoCs must ensure that the appropriate type of housing assistance and level of services that are effective in providing safe and stable housing are available within the community and must reach out and partner with a comprehensive set of traditional and non-traditional youth homelessness stakeholders that provide youth with resources and services, advocate for them, and set policy on their behalf.

Finally, CoCs must incorporate the experiences of homeless or formerly homeless unaccompanied youth – which is vital to understanding the needs, strengths, and perspectives of the youth in the community – and incorporate those understandings into the YHDP coordinated community plan and awarded projects. All of this will require CoCs to use innovative practices to design better projects and strong comprehensive plans to prevent and end youth homelessness.

Selected communities will have access to:

- \$33 million dollars set aside for YHDP projects, where each community can apply for between \$1 million and \$15 million.
- The opportunity to implement new and innovative project models.
- Dedicated teams of technical assistance (TA) providers to advise the planning and implementation of the coordinated community plan.

**2. Brief overview of how proposal is aligned with Department’s strategic direction.**

The goal of the A Home for Everyone/Joint Office of Homeless Services shared vision is no one should be homeless; everyone needs a safe, stable place to call home. A Home for Everyone is a community-wide effort to house homeless Multnomah County citizens by making smart investments in the areas of housing, income, survival, emergency services, health, access to services and systems coordination. Key partners in the effort include Multnomah County, the City of Portland, the City of Gresham, Home Forward, local nonprofits and members of the public.

**3. Describe any community and/or government input considered in planning for this grant.**

The Home for Everyone Coordinating Board voted to pursue this opportunity on behalf of our community and due to its alignment with our local plans to end homelessness for specific populations. The Homeless Youth Oversight Committee, made up of diverse stakeholders in the community, also is in support of our community pursuing this grant as a way to further our goals around addressing the needs of homeless youth in our community.

**4. What partners may be included in program activities?**

Homeless Youth Continuum providers (Outside In, New Avenues for Youth, Janus Youth Programs and Native American Youth and Family Center) along with the runaway youth system, P:EAR, DHS, School Districts and School Homeless Liaisons, SUN Service System, Juvenile Justice, CSEC system, etc.

**5. Generally, what are the grant’s reporting requirements?**

Developing a coordinated community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness and submitting to HUD within six months.

Participating in a demonstration program evaluation to inform the federal effort to prevent and end youth homelessness

**Please complete for NOIs on the Regular Board Agenda ONLY:**

**6. When the grant expires, will your Department continue to fund the program? If so, how?**

YHDP projects will have two year grant terms and can be renewed under the Continuum of Care program if they meet program statutory requirements.

**7. Are 100% of the central and departmental indirect costs recovered? If not, please explain.**

Yes, the grant does not have any funding restrictions.

**8. If the proposal is not aligned with your Department's strategic direction, explain why you are pursuing it at this time.**

N/A

**9. If the grant requires a cash match, how will you meet that requirement?**

N/A

**10. Are there policy issues and/or legal implications related to this proposal that may warrant a public dialog? If so, please explain.**

N/A

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## Required Signatures

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**Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director:**

Marc Jolin /s/

**Date:** 10/16/16

**Budget Analyst:**

/s/

**Date:**

*Note: Please submit electronically. We are no longer using actual signatures. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/. Please insert date approved*