

Pierce County Council Grant Notification Form Attachment

Human Services Homeless Programs

Youth Homelessness Demonstration (YHDP) Grant

Project Purpose

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 youth.

Grant Program Title Description Continued

This demonstration project has two major activities. There is a four-month planning process where the community will work together, with a lead project manager from Pierce County, to update the current plan to prevent and end youth homelessness. The plan will bring existing elements from our current plan such as the day shelter, the youth emergency shelter, youth specific rapid rehousing program, and youth diversion programs; as well as creating new elements such as more robust coordination between providers of all services needed for youth experiencing homelessness, greater services in rural Pierce County and Key Peninsula, more housing interventions such as rapid rehousing, host homes, shared housing for youth, youth specific outreach workers, and education and employment connections to create stable living environment. Once the plan is approved by HUD, Pierce County will have two years to create the projects listed in the plan and start working toward the agreed upon goal. The activities of this grant are extensive and depend primarily on the plan written for Pierce County youth homelessness and what is needed in this community. The grant will pay for projects much like the current Continuum of Care (CoC) funding cycle does; covering rapid rehousing, transitional housing, coordinated entry, employment/education programs, permanent supportive housing projects. The planning process involves all current and possible youth providers include state agencies, non-profits, government, education, medical, Continuum of Care, Youth Action Council, and homeless coalitions. Pierce County Human Services will staff this process by a dedicated full-time staff member who will work with community partners in the creation and implementation of this project. The Community Partners will be DSHS, local school districts and higher learning schools, medical providers, mental health providers, substance use providers, youth housing providers, shelters, employment providers, local landlords, police and emergency service providers, housing authorities and the City of Tacoma.

Source of Match

Human Services will utilize Homeless Document Recording Fees to match the time of the County lead project manager to oversee the development and approval of the community plan. This will be over the initial eight-month period. Non-profit agencies will apply for funding to provide housing and services and their applications must identify the match for projects approved for funding. Match can be cash or in-kind services provided.

Additional Information Continued

Duration: The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program is a demonstration grant that begins with a 4-month planning process, a 4-month review process, and a two-year demonstration period. During the demonstration process, local non-profits will apply for funding for projects to prevent and end youth homelessness that were approved by HUD in the planning process. The demonstration process will bring national attention through technical assistance through HUD, as well as data sharing with other providers across the nation to show what is working so other communities can simulate the same results. As the lead agency, Pierce County Human Services will lead the planning, implementation, and

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on-going evaluation. Staff will be paid for through the grant application in which we can receive up to 30% of the overall grant award amount to complete the planning process. We will be collaborating with all of the community partners to develop the plan to end youth homelessness, create new projects, monitor results using data, reporting to HUD, and participating in national data exchanges and training. Once the demonstration project period of 2 years is complete, all projects that are eligible would be combined with our Continuum of Care (CoC) funding award.

Grant Amount: Minimum award is \$1 million. Maximum award of \$15 million. We anticipate receiving approximately \$2.5M. There is a formula HUD will use to calculate each community award. HUD will determine the amount of funding a selected community will be eligible to receive, HUD will use the following factors: Number of people age 12-24 who are in poverty in the geographic area (# of youth in poverty); and the 2-bedroom fair market rent in the geographic area.

This grant can pay for administrative costs, program costs, rental assistance including move in assistance, housing stability needs including transportation, employment programs, and benefit specialists. All HUD eligible costs are also eligible for this demonstration process.