

**Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Request for Proposals Q&A**

RFP for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

April 8, 2020

1. Does my business have to be a nonprofit entity to place a bid proposal for this solicitation?

Yes, your business must be a nonprofit in order to submit a Proposal in response to this RFP. HUD's requirements do not allow for-profit businesses to receive this funding. See page 7 of the RFP under "Who can apply" for more information.

April 16, 2020

2. Is it okay if we ask youth who participate in one of our programs to give feedback on our proposal knowing that it might include some of the same youth that DHS has convened around this RFP, and that they might help to score the submissions? Should we ask youth who have participated in the RFP process to self-identify and recuse themselves from our focus groups?

In order to ensure a fair process for all proposers, please ask any youth who have been involved in the RFP design and/or who will participate in the scoring of proposals to refrain from giving input on your proposal. We recognize the importance of youth voice at every point in this process and encourage you to seek feedback from youth who are not involved in the design of the RFP and who will not serve as evaluators.

April 20, 2020

3. Would a youth in the Host Home Program still be considered homeless? We are wondering if a young person could still use the coordinated entry and potentially use a rapid rehousing program, for example, if they are in a Host Home.

Yes. The Host Home project is designed to serve as a community-based alternative to emergency shelter, offering temporary housing and supports to help youth stabilize and connect to permanent housing options in the community or the Continuum of Care. Depending on the individual youth's needs, permanent housing could include Rapid-Rehousing or other programs that utilize the Coordinated Entry system.

April 24, 2020

4. How many pregnant or parenting youth do you estimate would qualify for RRH programming annually?

Based on 2019 data, we anticipate that approximately 70-75 parenting youth would qualify for RRH programming annually. However, it is not necessary that Proposers propose a budget for 75 parenting youth. The number of new Youth RHH units to be supported with YHDP funding will be based on a variety of factors including existing system capacity, estimated annual unit turnover rates, etc.