



DHS News

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County receives grant to fight youth homelessness

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently awarded Allegheny County a \$3.49 million grant to aid in efforts to reduce youth homelessness.

Allegheny County is one of 23 jurisdictions receiving funding through HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, which supports a wide range of housing programs including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing and other innovative housing models. Communities were selected for this competitive funding based on pre-existing youth-serving housing initiatives, such as robust youth involvement and strong community partnerships.

"We have long relied on the input from our system-involved youth to help shape the supports that serve them, and we are grateful that this grant is a nod towards those efforts," said Marc Cherna, DHS director. "We look forward to working with our Youth Action Board and our Youth Support Partners, as well as other community stakeholders, to determine the most effective implementation strategy for funding additional homelessness supports, services and interventions."

DHS will be seeking input from stakeholders to help build a community plan for allocating the funding. If you are interested in being part of the process, email Cynthia Shields, Cynthia.Shields@AlleghenyCounty.US.