

**DC**DEPARTMENT of
HUMAN SERVICES

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019 FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FOR

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOMELESS YOUTH TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING PROGRAM**

Background

The District of Columbia (District), Department of Human Services (DHS) is soliciting detailed proposals to establish transitional housing beds in the District pursuant to the End Youth Homelessness Amendment Act of 2014, D.C. Law 20-155 which amended the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35, D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 et seq), and the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Homelessness (CPEYH), Solid Foundations DC: Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness.

https://ich.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ich/page_content/attachments/Solid%20Foundations%20DC%20web%201.5.pdf

In accordance with HSRA, DHS is authorized to provide funding to establish twenty nine (29) transitional housing units in the District. The District seeks to expand the availability of youth-friendly transitional housing and homeless services to youth ages seventeen (17) through twenty-four (24) facing housing crises and in need of services and resources to enable them to grow and move toward stability and self-sufficiency.

Applications must demonstrate their intent and ability to leverage non-governmental assets; coordinate with other organizations in the homeless services Continuum of Care; and demonstrate a culturally competent, youth centric plan to support and facilitate transitions into adulthood. DHS anticipates executing up to three (3) awards for the services discussed herein.

Target Population

The District of Columbia transitional housing program target population includes:

- Youth between the ages of 17 and 24 who are economically or emotionally detached from their families and lack an adequate or fixed residence, including youth who are unstably housed, living in doubled up circumstances, in transitional housing, in shelter, or on the street.
 - This excludes youth who are in the physical or legal custody of the District;
- Youth who are fleeing a situation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating



violence, and/or stalking;

Eligibility

Organizations who meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application may apply:

- Be a community-based organization with a Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status; or evidence of a fiscal agent relationship with a 501 (c)(3) organization;
- The organization’s principal place of business is located in the District;
- The organization is currently registered in good standing with the District Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, the District Office of Tax and Revenue, and the United States Department of Treasury’s Internal Revenue Service (IRS); and/or
- Current grantees must be up-to-date on all reporting obligations for the FY19 grant cycle.

Program Scope:

Grantees will be required, at minimum, for the following requirements:

- Operate according to Housing First principles;
- Comply with all provisions of the Homeless Services Reform Act (HSRA) and corresponding regulations;
- Utilize a culturally-competent youth development approach to facilitate developing rapport with clients of various races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities, as well as language accessibility;
- Report client data via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS);
- Use the TAY-SPDAT as a case management tool, conducting a formal update at least twice in the first year, and at least annually thereafter;
- Coordinate, monitor, and evaluate supportive services provided to clients; this may require accompanying the client to scheduled appointments and/or coordinating/communicating with service Providers via another forum;
- Help clients set and obtain employment and/or education goals as the client is ready to pursue them; and
- Serve as a mediator/liaison for assigned clients.
- Specific details on the program scope are listed in the RFA.

Release Date of RFA:	Friday, January 25 th , 2019
Availability of RFA:	The RFA will be posted on the District’s Grant Clearinghouse Website
Total Estimated Available Funding:	Up to one million three hundred five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,305,000.00)
Total Estimated Number of Awards:	Up to three (3) awards



Total Estimated Amount per Award: Eligible organizations can be awarded up to one million three hundred five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,305,000.00). No single award will exceed one million four hundred sixty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,305,000.00).

Period of Performance: October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019

Length of Award: Time of award to the end of the fiscal year with up to five (5) additional option years

Pre-Bidder's Conference: Friday, February 8th, 2019,
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Department of Human Services Headquarters
64 New York Ave, NE
(room number disclosed upon RSVP)
Washington, DC 20002

Deadline for Submission: 4:00 PM, February 27th, 2019
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