



Addressing Youth Homelessness

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Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- ▶ Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ▶ Goal: support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness, and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end
- ▶ Selected in September 2021
- ▶ Inclusion of Youth Action Board
- ▶ Awarded just over \$2.4 million for a two year period

Coordinated Community Plan

- ▶ Created through community engagement and analysis of data
 - ▶ List of partners
 - ▶ Goals & vision
 - ▶ Statement of need, objectives and actions
 - ▶ Governance & infrastructure
- ▶ Strategies and actions extend beyond funding available through YHDP
- ▶ [Coordinated Community Plan](#)

YHDP Projects

- ▶ Lead Agency – City of Madison Community Development Division
- ▶ Planning Grant – approx. \$199,000
 - ▶ Hire Coordinator
 - ▶ Compensate YAB
- ▶ System Navigation – approx. \$720,000
 - ▶ Urban Triage – system navigator, peer support team, drop-in center
 - ▶ LGBTQ Outreach – system navigator, peer support team
- ▶ Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing – approx. \$1,573,290
 - ▶ Urban Triage – case manager, peer support team, transitional housing
 - ▶ The Road Home – case manager, peer support team, rapid rehousing

Youth Housing Development

- ▶ Limited housing options exist for youth (18-24) and complicated by factors like: stigma, lack of housing history, limited financial means, no credit history, etc.
- ▶ Youth who stay in extended supervision beyond the age of 18 may receive assistance with housing, but lack of housing supply limits this opportunity.
 - ▶ National Foster Youth Institute estimates that nationwide, after reaching the age of 18, 20% of foster care youth become instantly homeless.
 - ▶ National Youth in Transition Database (2021) – WI youth who aged out of foster care, 38% of respondents surveyed at age 21 had experienced homelessness within previous two years.
- ▶ CDD is currently in a process to select a developer to build a youth centered housing development at 1202 S. Park Street. Goal is to create units of integrated supportive housing to serve foster care youth in extended supervision.

Continuing Needs

- ▶ Transportation, especially outside of the City, received feedback about challenge of new bus lines
- ▶ Clear understanding of how and where to access services
- ▶ Safe places to hangout and rest, relax, use facilities and stay out of elements when home is not a safe/welcoming place to be
- ▶ Emergency shelter for young adults, ages 18-24
- ▶ Emergency shelter for parenting youth
- ▶ Accessible housing for disabled youth
- ▶ Youth-specific programming

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