

# San Diego YHDP Project Office Hours

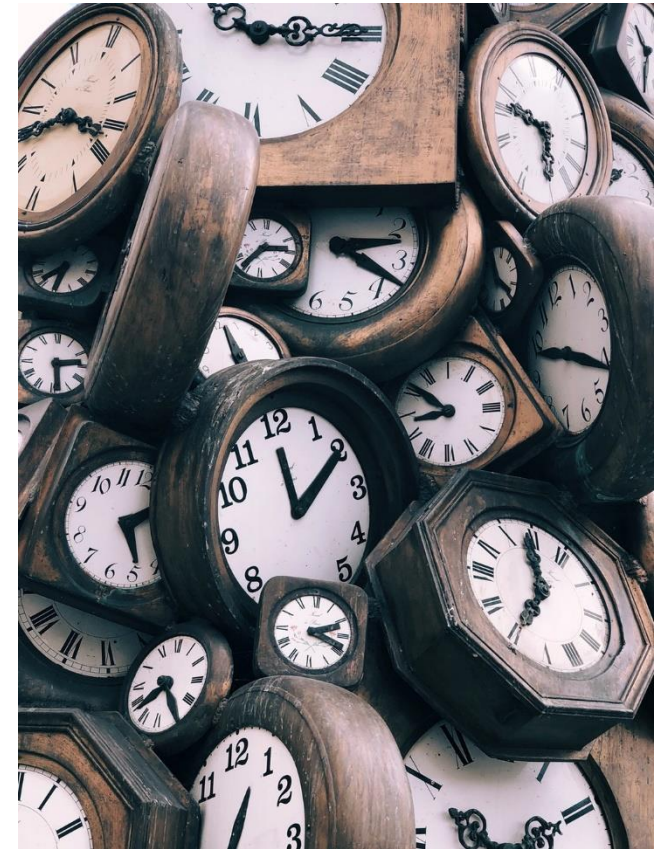
Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm CT

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm CT



# Flexible Non-Time Limited Housing

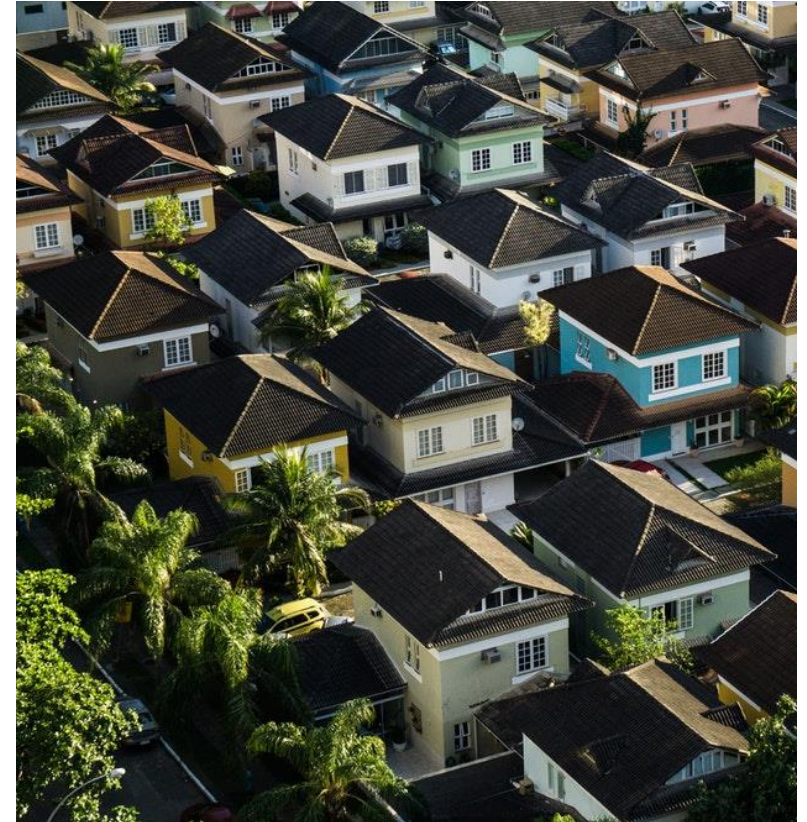
- A program aimed at connecting youth to safe, permanent, and inclusive housing; permanent connections; employment, education and entrepreneurial opportunities; and promoting social and emotional well-being.
- Typically, 12-18 months of financial assistance, but up to 36 months for more vulnerable youth (waiver needed from HUD). Assistance would be responsive to individual need, using a progressive engagement approach. Case management provided for up to 42 months.
- Project Types: PH-RRH; TH-RRH; RRH; PH



# Guiding Principles

Diego's work to prevent & end youth homelessness is guided by **the following principles:**

- Positive Youth Development
- Trauma Informed Care
- Individualized and Youth Driven supports
- Youth Choice
- Family Engagement
- Social and Community Inclusion
- Youth Focused Housing First
- Youth participation in project design
- Partnership and collaboration



## Project Target Populations

### Age Group

- Unaccompanied youth ages 18-24
- Unaccompanied minors ages 14-17

### Special Populations

- Youth connected to the child welfare system
- Pregnant and parenting youth
- LGBTQ
- Justice involved youth
- Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Victims of Domestic Violence

### HUD Eligibility

- Literally homeless
- Imminently at risk of homelessness
- Homeless under other federal statutes (approval pending)
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who lack resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

# What is the TH-PH RRH Joint Component?

- **Joint TTH and PH-RRH** projects provide low-barrier, temporary housing while individuals and families move to permanent housing with a seamless program design. Combines two existing program components into a single project. Eligible costs are limited to:
  - **Capital Costs** (i.e. new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition); leasing of a structure or units; and operating costs to provide transitional housing
  - **Short or medium term tenant based rental assistance** on behalf of program participants to pay for the rapid-rehousing portion of the project
  - **Supportive services**
  - **HMIS**, and
  - **Project administrative costs**
- Must be able to provide both transitional housing assistance and rapid re-housing assistance to each program participant, HUD will require that programs can offer both types of assistance. [Sources: https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-the-new-joint-transitional-housing-and-rapid-re-housing-component/](https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-the-new-joint-transitional-housing-and-rapid-re-housing-component/)

# Rapid Rehousing For Youth

## 3 Core Components

- Housing Identification, Rent and Move In Assistance and Case Management

## Designed on Housing First Principles

- No preconditions to obtain housing, driven by youth choice and the belief that housing serves as a platform from which youth can pursue their goals.

## Landlord engagement is Crucial

- To create a pool of housing options, shared understanding of program goals, roles and responsibilities between program and tenant, engagement in boarder community plan.

## Getting the services right is key for youth success

- Individualization, youth driven, in partnership with others, actionable and aligned with outcomes

Source: <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/rapid-re-housing-for-youth-toolkit/>

# Pairing The Two Together: Bridge Housing Program

- Utilizes two existing transitional housing facilities and adapting the service model to facilitate increased movement to permanent housing.
- Serves all special populations and identified through the local coordinated entry
- Services provided primarily by RRH Case Managers, Peer Advocates and Housing Locator.
- Partners include United Indians of All Tribes Foundation and YouthCare, Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Team, Career Launchpad, Youth Advisory Board and Joint Committee, King County and City of Seattle, CORS-YA and HUD.
- TH component (average length of stay 90-120 days) with transition to rental assistance up to 24 months with 6 months of aftercare through supportive services.

Sources: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-the-new-joint-transitional-housing-and-rapid-re-housing-component/>



# Pairing The Two Together: Bridge Housing Program

**Supportive Services:** life skills, staff transportation, utility deposits, employment and education assistance, housing/counseling services, moving costs, assessment of service needs, and case management

**Rental Assistance:** Single Room Occupancy (SROs) and 1 bedrooms

**Operations:** maintenance repair, utilities and property taxes and insurance

**Match:** no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources

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# Expected Outcomes

- **Increase** the number of youth who exit to stable housing
- **Decrease** the length of stay/wait time for housing
- **Increase** the number of youth in stable housing 12 months or more
- **Decrease** the number of youth returning to homelessness after 12 months



# Project Details Required

- The purpose of the project and its role in the community response
- Target population(s) to be served
- How the applicant will incorporate positive youth development and trauma informed care into the project
- Service partnerships
- Outcomes and performance measures



# Project Details Required (cont.)

- The unit types for RRH. Typically, RRH units must be TRA and must be Scattered Site as Apartments, Single Family Homes, Townhouses, Duplexes. The RRH units must be Private or Semi-Private rooms. TH portion can be any housing type.
- How the TH and RRH units will break out. How many units and beds of TH and how many units and beds of RRH.
- Lastly, how long will participants be expected to stay in TH and RRH?

# Eligible Expenses

- Annual assessment of service need
- Assistance with moving costs
- Case management
- Child care
- Education services
- Employment assistance and training
- Food
- Housing search and counseling assistance
- Legal services
- Life skills training
- Mental health services
- Outreach services
- Outpatient health services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Utility deposits
- Direct provision of services

Source: [https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule\\_FormattedVersion.pdf](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf)



# Match Requirements

The recipient or sub-recipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources

- All match must be spent on eligible activities
- May include funds from any source, including any other federal sources (excluding Continuum of Care program funds), as well as State, local, and private sources, provided that funds from the source are not statutorily prohibited to be used as a match.
- May use the value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the project as match, provided that if the recipient or sub-recipient had to pay for them with grant funds, the costs would have been eligible.

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# Cautions/Considerations

- Make sure staff understand the Rapid Rehousing component of the Joint Component model. We have had to overcome barriers with staff thinking that clients need to be “housing ready” or have “employment” before moving into permanent housing, which isn’t really grounded in Housing First.
- Having a Housing Locator is critical to develop relationships with landlords.
- Consider a waiver to do both master leasing and rental assistance. Master leasing can incentivize landlords to take a chance with “high-risk” clients and/or can test whether this housing intervention is a good fit for a client without the client incurring a negative rental history.

# Additional Resources:

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-the-new-joint-transitional-housing-and-rapid-re-housing-component/>
- <http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/RRH4YLC-Shared-Housing-Overview.pdf>
- <https://www.rtfhsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Joint-TH-RRH-Project-Briefing-08312018.pdf>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/rrh-models-for-homeless-youth/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5323/rapid-rehousing-for-youth-suite/>
- <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/rapid-re-housing-for-youth-toolkit/>

# Thank you!

- If you have any further questions about this project component or the RFP, please direct those inquiries to [Youth@rtfhsd.org](mailto:Youth@rtfhsd.org)
- Thank you for all of your hard work!

