

Overview of YHDP in Detroit

\$5.7M in housing and services for homeless youth!

What is YHDP:

In July 2021, Detroit applied for a grant opportunity known as the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). The ultimate goal of the YHDP is to reduce youth homelessness. **YHDP aims to support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.** The hope is that the awarded communities will then share that experience with and help mobilize communities around the country towards the same end.

Where we're at in the process:



Developing a Coordinated Community Plan:

In September 2021, Detroit was selected to receive 5.7 million dollars. This launched our community into a coordinated planning process. The Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness (CCP) is an initial planning process required by HUD to describe the current youth homeless system, desired future system, and potential housing solutions for youth; regardless of funding source. In essence, it is an opportunity for communities to develop a strategic plan for how they want to equitably end youth homelessness.

The **Coordinated Community Plan** was developed over a period of 8 months (November 2021-May 2022), in partnership with national HUD technical assistance providers, community stakeholders, youth service provider agencies, government partners, and the Youth Action Board (YAB). There has been a Core Team of stakeholders driving this planning effort. The YAB, consisting of youth with current or former lived experience, has played a central role. The Core Team consists of the following:

- Youth
- Youth Homeless Service Providers
- CoC/YHDP Lead Agency (HAND)
- CAM
- City of Detroit
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Private Funders

- Technical Assistance Providers
- Cross-System Stakeholders

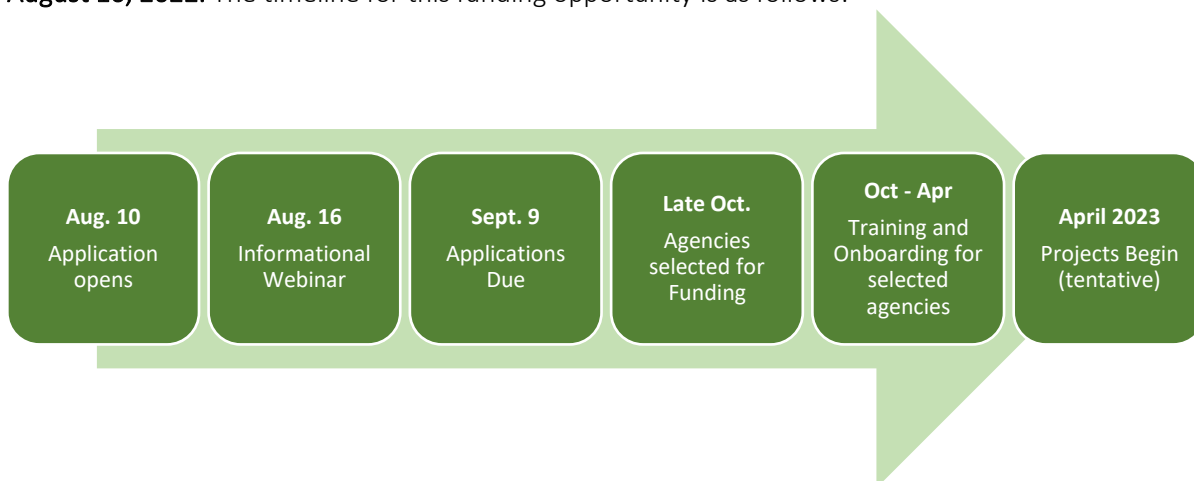
Process for Developing the CCP:

Over the past eight months, our community took the following steps to inform our plan:

- held weekly planning sessions to oversee the process and coordinate on actions.
- Conducted a [deep dive into local data](#);
- held 18 listening sessions on an array of targeted topics (click [this link](#) to see a list of the topics that were covered; click [this link](#) to see the themes that emerged from the listening sessions);
- held three stakeholder convenings, the first of which was led by youth from our YAB;
- engaged in 6 structured one-on-one conversations with providers;
- engaged in numerous one-on-one conversations with various stakeholders and interested parties;
- held three cross-system convenings to build connections and partnerships with child welfare, education, and juvenile justice
- coordinated with technical assistance to foster collaboration with education stakeholders, train and empower youth on an array of topics, and navigate through the various aspects of the planning process.
- formalized a [vision for ending youth homelessness](#) that was developed fully by youth.
- formalized [goals, objectives, and action steps](#) to end youth homelessness in Detroit.
- Youth centered design-process to develop [projects to advance the goals of the CCP](#).
- Submitted our drafted CCP to HUD for approval on May 13, 2022. Received approval on June 15, 2022! We are working to edit the formatting of the document for formal publication, but you can access the full thing in its current version by [clicking here](#).

Opportunity for Funding:

As mentioned above, upon being notified of our being selected as a YHDP community, we were launched into a coordinated planning process. We spent the last several months dreaming and visioning as a community. As denoted by the star above, we have reached now the part of our process where we are hoping to select agencies to implement the projects we designed in the planning process (see below for more details on how we developed our strategic plan). **We launched a competition for this funding on August 10, 2022.** The timeline for this funding opportunity is as follows:



Of the \$5.7M awarded to our community, Detroit has committed the following to systems improvements:

Amount	Use
\$574,220	Compensating youth for participation in YHDP processes, dedicating staff positions to advance the work (including a position for a youth), process management costs
\$515,522	Improving the way youth access the homeless response system and are prioritized for resources – including efforts to identify youth and connect to support.
\$180,888	Data collection, management, and analysis – ensuring we have the infrastructure to track and measure our progress toward our goals.

The rest is devoted to programming. Below is an overview:

Project	Overview	Budget
Permanent Supportive Housing	<i>Permanent housing assistance with wrap around case management and support.</i>	\$711,507
Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)	<i>Youth will have access to a 24-hour crisis bed with a pathway to up to 3 years of housing assistance and wrap around supports.</i>	\$2,696,311
Crisis Mental Health Team	<i>Peer supports and mental health professionals will be immediate responders to calls from young people experiencing mental health crises that are affecting their housing stability.</i>	\$903,626

All of the projects above were designed in our strategic planning process. They reflect the priorities that youth have elevated for our community. We hope for this funding opportunity to be a chance for smaller organizations to apply. We have intentionally built supports into our process to try to make this funding more accessible. If you haven't traditionally applied for CoC funding in the past, we hope that you will consider this opportunity!

In the next few months, we hope to:

- Select recipients for funding to implement the goals we've outlined in the CCP.
- Hold a community celebration for the completion of drafting the strategic plan and launching of the YHDP projects.
- Engage in systems-level work to set a strong foundation for the ramp-up of funded projects.
- Begin implementing the action steps to advance the goals of the CCP.

You can find all relevant information for the competition on www.handetroit.org/yhdp-funding. If you have any questions, we'd be happy to answer them. You can reach out to kaitie@handetroit.org.