Before Starting the CoC Application

In order to be considered for YHSI or YHDP funding, applicants must submit the Youth Homelessness Consolidated Application.

To be considered for YHDP funding, you must also submit the following in order for us to consider your YHDP Consolidated Application complete:

1. the YHDP Priority Listing, and
2. all the project applications for the YHDP funding in your community.

As the Applicant for the Youth Homelessness Consolidated Application, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2024 & FY 2025 Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 & FY 2025 Youth Homelessness Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications, if applying for YHDP funding.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachments, are provided.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, “You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.” Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD’s funding determination.

We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time.

1A. Application Type

1. Community Name	YHDP- Dutchess County CoC
2. Type of Submission:	YHSI

3. Certify that the applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."	X

This is a required certification to receive funding under the FY2024 and FY2025 Youth Homelessness NOFO (See section III.D and V.A of the NOFO).

General Criteria- Youth Leadership

1a. Describe how the youth with lived experience were involved with the development of this application.

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This application is grounded in Dutchess County's Comprehensive Community Plan, which was developed through a seven-month, community-wide YHDP planning process that centered the Dutchess County Youth Action Board (YAB). The YAB includes youth and young adults ages 16–24 who have experienced housing insecurity and/or homelessness. YAB members helped identify system gaps and obstacles, proposed solutions, facilitated YHDP focus groups, participated in CoC committee meetings and countywide planning activities, conducted community outreach and presentations, and used their lived experience to guide the community's priorities and proposed interventions. The YAB was also granted voting representation on the CoC Steering Committee, ensuring that youth perspectives were integrated into the community's decision-making processes. This YHSI project builds directly upon those youth-informed priorities and continues the Community Plan's commitment to youth choice, youth leadership, and meaningful youth participation.

1b. Did at least two youth with lived experience meaningfully participate in the development of this application.

2a. Describe how young people with lived experience will be involved in the implementation and operation of the YHSI project.

(2,000 characters)

DCCoC will rebuild a paid YAB of approximately 8-12 youth and young adults ages 16-24 with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability. A full-time YAB Coordinator will support members, and two half-time Youth Co-Chairs will focus on governance, member-engagement, and systems improvement. Members will be paid for meetings and additional project work and receive transportation, technology, meeting access, training, and other participation supports. Youth will co-plan agendas, issue formal recommendations, and participate in hiring or selecting project staff and consultants. They will co-lead review and piloting of the existing CE process for ages 18-24; help design the under-18 housing-crisis response; co-plan the youth-specific PIT count; test assessment questions, workflows, and youth-facing explanations; and identify outreach and referral gaps. Youth will also verify and co-design the resource guide and Navigation Campaigns, create presentations and social media content, train partners, review performance findings, and recommend corrections. Youth representatives will participate in the quarterly Committee to End Youth Homelessness or another CoC-designated oversight body and appropriate CoC, CE, and PIT planning meetings. DCCoC will document recommendations, partner responses, and resulting changes. Through the CoC's governance/bylaw process, the community will formally recognize the YAB and define its representation, authority, and participation in decisions affecting youth homelessness.

General Criteria- Community Connections

1. How will your community will use funds awarded through this NOFO to address the social and emotional well-being of youth, including incorporating a strengths-based approach, positive youth development, and trauma-informed care.

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YHSI will use strengths-based, Positive Youth Development (PYD), and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) principles in how youth participate in system change. Homelessness, family conflict, foster care involvement, violence, unequal treatment, and repeated system contacts can affect trust, emotional regulation, and willingness to disclose needs. The paid YAB will therefore provide predictable schedules and payments; clear roles and boundaries; choice about assignments and disclosure; flexible meeting options; transportation, food, technology, and other supports; and transparent follow-up showing how youth input was used. The YAB Coordinator and Youth Co-Chairs will use wellness-conscious facilitation, check-ins, breaks, and opt-out options to reduce re-traumatization and avoid requiring youth to repeatedly tell personal stories. Youth will identify strengths and set leadership goals, while staff will reinforce voice, dignity, cultural responsiveness, and peer connection. Youth may co-present partner training on TIC and youth engagement. CE questions, the under-18 protocol, and Navigation Campaign materials will be tested by youth for clarity, safety, and respect so youth know what to expect and do not have to repeat information unnecessarily. YHSI will improve systems and participation practices; it will not fund counseling or other direct services.

2. Describe one strategy that emphasizes the development of self-sufficiency, personal responsibility, resilience-building, and character development while acknowledging the impact of difficult life experiences on youth development.
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A core strategy is paid, supported youth leadership. DCCoC recognizes that homelessness and related trauma can interrupt education, employment, relationships, and opportunities to practice adult responsibilities. Rather than defining youth by those experiences, the project will employ two half-time Youth Co-Chairs and compensate YAB members for substantive work. Youth will receive training in facilitation, CoC and CE processes, systems improvement, communications, data interpretation, interviewing, and project evaluation; co-plan meetings and campaigns; complete agreed assignments; mentor peers; present recommendations; and review whether partners acted. These roles build self-sufficiency through paid experience and transferable skills, personal responsibility through shared deadlines and decision-making, resilience through supported problem-solving and leadership development, and character through accountability to peers and the broader community. Predictable compensation, choice, coaching, and participation supports acknowledge difficult life experiences without lowering expectations or using personal disclosure as the measure of leadership.

3. Describe at least two strategies your community will implement to promote economic independence and prevent long-term dependency on social services.

(1,500 characters)

DCCoC will use two complementary strategies. 1) Paid leadership and employment experience: two half-time Youth Co-Chairs and paid YAB assignments will provide work history and build facilitation, communication, data interpretation, project planning, public speaking, teamwork, and interviewing skills. Members will receive clear duties, coaching, and documentation of training and accomplishments that can support future education and employment. 2) Stronger pathways to economic-opportunity resources: the countywide Youth Resource Inventory will verify eligibility, ages served, documents required, referral steps, and what youth should expect from education, HSE/GED, college, workforce, job-training, employment, benefits, childcare, transportation, legal, and identification-document resources. Youth-approved guides and Navigation Campaigns will place this information in schools, youth programs, child welfare, libraries, colleges, shelters, outreach programs, and other trusted settings. YHSI staff will train selected partners and improve referral procedures, including reexamining youth-identified obstacles to obtaining IDs and navigating benefits. These system changes will help youth reach education, employment, and earned income earlier while reducing avoidable reliance on crisis systems.

4a. How will you build connections between at-risk youth and school, life skills training, and job attainment skills?

(1,500 characters)

YHSI will build connections through a verified Youth Resource Inventory, targeted Navigation Campaigns, and improved referral procedures. The inventory will include K-12 and McKinney-Vento contacts, HSE/GED and adult education, Dutchess Community College and other postsecondary options, vocational and workforce programs, life-skills resources, transportation, childcare, legal help, identification-document assistance, and benefits. For each resource, staff and youth will confirm ages served, eligibility, geography, ease of access, required documents, referral method, and what happens next. The Youth CE Manager will train a manageable network of schools, child welfare transition staff, youth shelter and outreach providers, colleges, behavioral health partners, YHDP recipients, the Youth Bureau, and workforce organizations to identify housing instability and make accurate referrals without making emergency safety depend on CE prioritization. Youth will test the guide, CE explanations, and campaign materials and help present partner training. The project will track campaign reach, partner knowledge, referral sources, CE connections, and youth feedback, then correct outdated information or confusing steps. Paid YAB work will also give members practical training in facilitation, communications, data interpretation, teamwork, and project management.

4b. How will you build connections between at-risk youth and employment opportunities?

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The project will connect at-risk youth to employment opportunities by making employment partners and access steps visible, accurate, and usable across the youth-homelessness response. The Youth Resource Inventory will identify Department of Labor and workforce programs, vocational and certification pathways, apprenticeships, youth employment programs, career counseling, colleges, transportation, childcare, benefits counseling, identification-document assistance, and legal resources. YHSI staff will verify eligibility, ages, documents, referral contacts, and next steps and use youth-approved campaigns to reach youth through schools, youth programs, child welfare, libraries, colleges, shelters, outreach, and behavioral health settings. Selected partners will be trained to ask about education and employment goals, recognize obstacles caused by housing instability, and make timely, accurate referrals. The quarterly oversight body will address cross-system obstacles, including youth-identified delays obtaining IDs and confusion about available programs. DCCoC will track referrals, partner knowledge, CE connections, and youth feedback and update materials and procedures accordingly. In addition, two half-time Youth Co-Chair positions and paid YAB assignments will provide compensated work experience and build transferable skills. YHSI will improve connections and systems; it will not pay for individual job-placement services or participant employment costs.

General Criteria- Building Safe Communities

1. Demonstrate, by providing evidence, that the project applicant cooperates and does not interfere with or impede local efforts to advance the objectives below, and assists first responders in providing services to homeless youth.

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DCCoC and its partners cooperate with law enforcement, EMS, Mobile Crisis, behavioral health, and county and municipal agencies and do not impede lawful efforts to address public safety while connecting homeless youth to services. HRH operates street outreach in Poughkeepsie and a federally funded outreach team for runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth. Outreach staff coordinate with police, EMS, Mobile Crisis, Dutchess County DCFS, the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, shelters, and service providers when youth need immediate safety, behavioral-health intervention, or housing assistance. Youth can be connected to River Haven, Pete's Place, emergency housing, transitional housing, and other appropriate resources. Evidence of ongoing cooperation includes: two law enforcement officers serving on the CoC board, youth providers' participation in the Dutchess County Community Solutions Committee, Homeless Outreach Team, Court Involved Youth Committee, and Human Trafficking Task Force. YHSI will strengthen this structure through an under-18 housing-crisis response protocol, youth-specific PIT planning, a verified resource inventory, trained referral partners, and quarterly review of obstacles and follow-up. These activities will clarify who first responders should contact, what immediate response is available, and how youth connect to the appropriate system after a crisis.

2. Identify local laws, policies, or other practices that help or hinder the project applicant's ability to advance the objectives below and provide a plan explaining how the project applicant will leverage beneficial policies while overcoming the harmful effects of restrictive ones. If you cannot provide any mitigating steps, please explain why. Include qualitative and quantitative details in your response.

2a. Quickly clears tents and encampments on public property and connects youth who are camping in public with appropriate services. In your response, describe the current status of tents and encampments in the geographic area.

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DCCoC's 2026 PIT Count identified 35 unsheltered people and no unaccompanied youth. This does not prove that no youth are unsheltered; young people may avoid adult outreach locations, stay temporarily with others, or be missed by a one-night count. Large, fixed encampments are uncommon countywide, but outreach partners report periodic smaller encampments and congregations. Dutchess County Parks rules prohibit camps or temporary sleeping places without a permit, allowing prompt action on public property. When tents are identified, government and law-enforcement agencies coordinate with DCFS/DSS and outreach providers. Hudson River Housing conducts weekly street outreach; Mental Health America administers MCIT and partners with police through BEAT in Poughkeepsie/Hyde Park and ECHO in Beacon; PEOPLe USA and Poughkeepsie Police conduct LEAD outreach; and HONOR also engages unsheltered residents. Teams engage people during encampment resolution, assess immediate safety, and connect them to transportation, emergency housing, behavioral health care and other services. When youth are identified, teams coordinate with River Haven and other youth-serving providers, as appropriate, and connect young adults to DCFS emergency housing and CE. Outreach and government partners maintain communication and follow-up throughout the resolution process. The HOPE Center, anticipated to open by the end of 2027, will add emergency-housing capacity.

2b. Decrease the public use of illicit drugs and quickly connect homeless youth who are using illicit drugs in public with appropriate services and/or law enforcement. In your responses, describe the current status of overdoses and illicit drug use in public spaces in the geographic area.

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According to the CDC, from December 2024 to December 2025 Dutchess County reported 69 overdose deaths. In June, the Dutchess County District Attorney issued a warning after 17 suspected overdoses occurred w/in 72 hours, including two near-fatal and two fatal overdoses. The DA's Drug Task Force stated Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park are the most concentrated areas of illicit drug use. Local outreach includes Mental Health America (MHA) of Dutchess County through MCIT and BEAT/ECHO; PEOPLe USA with Poughkeepsie Police through LEAD; and HONOR. These teams conduct outreach shifts across the County, maintaining a presence at hotspot locations where youth may congregate, including parks, malls, drop-in centers & gas stations. This steady presence helps decrease public drug use & enables staff to quickly connect youth with appropriate services. Staff are trained in overdose response, including Narcan, & collaborate with EMS to provide immediate intervention & ongoing wraparound support. The Intensive Treatment Alternatives Program (ITAP) and Beacon Recovery Court allow individuals facing felony drug charges to participate in community-based residential treatment in lieu of incarceration. Community members can access referrals, education, recovery support & treatment linkage through Dutchess County DBCH's 24/7 HELPLINE and Stabilization Center.

2c. Utilize standards that address homeless youth who are a danger to themselves or others (e.g., involuntary commitment).

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Dutchess County uses New York Mental Hygiene Law standards and its crisis-response system when a homeless youth may be a danger to self or others. Under MHL §9.41, an authorized police or peace officer may take into custody a person who appears mentally ill and is acting in a manner likely to result in serious harm and transport the person for evaluation. Under §9.58, a physician or qualified mental-health professional on an approved Mobile Crisis Outreach Team may remove or direct removal under the same standard. Dutchess County DBCH's 24/7 HELPLINE and MHA-administered Mobile Crisis Intervention Team can respond in the community; the Stabilization Center offers a voluntary alternative for youth, adults & families, while EMS or law enforcement can support emergency transport when the statutory threshold is met. MHA clinicians also conduct BEAT/ECHO outreach with law enforcement; PEOPLE USA partners with Poughkeepsie Police through LEAD; and HONOR and other outreach providers offer ongoing outreach and care coordination. Staff receive Youth/Teen Mental Health First Aid and crisis-response training and coordinate with these responders. By connecting behavioral health, housing & supportive service partners, outreach staff support timely intervention, public safety, long-term stability, housing access & continued behavioral health support.

2d. Comprehensively share information, including location information, in accordance with the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act (SORNA).

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Agencies comprehensively share information, including local information in accordance with the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act (SORNA) to ensure compliance with requirements of the federal and state confidentiality laws. When legally appropriate staff utilize available public registry information to inform decisions regarding the safety, planning and supervision or services provided. Assessment protocols include screening for Sex Offender Registry (SOR) status, with disclosed information documented and addressed in accordance with applicable policies and requirements. If an individual with SOR status reports being new to the community, staff coordinate notification of the individual's change in location with local law enforcement and, when applicable, the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction from which the individual relocated. This process helps ensure compliance with applicable requirements while supporting access to appropriate services and housing resources. Staff ensure that all collaborating agencies and service providers are informed of an individual's status, as appropriate, and referrals are made only to programs that can serve individuals with SOR status.

The project applicant should maintain records reflecting the analysis performed in response to these rating criteria.

YHSI Criteria- YHSI Project Proposal

1a. Describe your YHSI project proposal including all proposed YHSI activities consistent with the eligible activities found Section III.G of this NOFO.

(3,500 characters)

The 30-month Dutchess Youth Voice, Access, and Systems Project will create durable youth leadership and improve how youth and young adults (YYA) ages 24 and under are identified, informed, referred, and connected to the youth homelessness response system. It includes four connected workstreams consistent with Section III.G.

(1)Paid youth leadership: Dutchess will establish reliable youth payment procedures; recruit and retain an 8-12 member Youth Action Board (YAB) representing youth with lived experience; employ two half-time Youth Co-Chairs; and provide training in CoC governance, CE, systems improvement, facilitation, communications, and data. A full-time YAB Coordinator will support meetings, paid listening sessions, and participation. Through the CoC governance/bylaw process, the project will formally recognize the YAB and define its role, authority, representation, and decision-making arrangements.

(2)Youth-specific Coordinated Entry (CE) improvement: For ages 18-24, the project will analyze access points, assessments, wait times, referrals, denials, follow-up, and housing connections; revise youth-specific questions and procedures with youth and partner input; train selected referral partners; pilot the revisions; and adopt supported improvements within the existing CE system. For unaccompanied youth under 18, partners will estimate need, map the response across schools, DCFS/child welfare, RHY programs, shelter, outreach, and behavioral health; identify legal and safety requirements; and create an age-appropriate housing-crisis response/referral protocol. Dutchess will then determine whether need supports a distinct youth CE pathway, closely connected referral process, or separate CE component. Immediate safety and shelter will not depend on CE prioritization.

(3)Cross-system coordination and data: Subject to CoC approval, Dutchess will reactivate the Committee to End Youth Homelessness or designate another CoC body to meet quarterly. Youth, CE/HMIS, YHDP recipients, schools, DCFS, behavioral health, RHY, shelter, outreach, and other partners will review YAB priorities, CE progress, under-18 findings, obstacles, and follow-up. The Committee will oversee one Supplemental Youth PIT Count with Planning, the CoC PIT Committee, the YAB, schools, providers, and outreach teams. It will complement, not replace, the HUD PIT and strengthen youth identification and cross-system data use.

(4)Resource navigation and partnerships: The project will create a verified countywide Youth Resource Inventory covering housing, shelter, CE, transportation, behavioral and physical health, food, benefits/IDs, education, employment, legal help, parenting/childcare, DV/trafficking, and culturally specific services. Youth will convert it into an easy-to-use guide/action map and conduct two or three Youth Navigation Campaigns through trusted settings. Campaign reach, referrals, CE connections, partner knowledge, and youth feedback will be tracked. These activities improve partnerships, identification/referral, education/employment connections, CE, and data use; YHSI will not fund housing, direct services, or case management.

1b. Describe what persons or groups are involved in implementing the YHSI project activities and what role they will take.

(2,000 characters)

The YHSI Program Manager will direct the project; supervise staff; manage the budget, schedule, compliance, HUD reporting, and partner commitments; convene quarterly oversight; coordinate the Supplemental Youth PIT with Planning and the CoC PIT Committee; lead YAB governance discussions; and oversee long-term maintenance.

The Youth CE Manager will lead the 18-24 baseline, revisions, partner training, pilot, performance review, and recommendations. This position will also lead the under-18 assessment and coordinate the housing-crisis response/referral protocol. CARES, as CE lead, and the HMIS lead will provide technical guidance, data access, approvals, and coordination with existing CE/HMIS structures.

The YAB Coordinator will recruit and support 8-12 members; supervise two half-time Youth Co-Chairs; administer compensation, participation supports, meetings, and training; and manage Resource Inventory and Navigation Campaign logistics. The Member Engagement/Operations Co-Chair will lead meetings, recruitment, onboarding, retention, peer listening, and leadership development. The Systems Advocacy/Communications Co-Chair will represent the YAB in CE, Committee, Youth PIT, resource, and campaign work and translate youth input into recommendations and materials. Both will have equal standing. Members will review CE changes, support under-18 and PIT planning, test materials, and evaluate implementation.

Fractional data/evaluation support will establish baselines, support PIT analysis, and evaluate outcomes. CoC leadership/Collaborative Applicant will oversee governance. Partners will include Dutchess County Planning, DCFS and Youth Services, schools/McKinney-Vento liaisons, child welfare, RHY and shelter providers, YHDP recipients, outreach and behavioral-health providers, colleges, employment organizations, libraries, legal and culturally specific partners. NYS Youth Power may provide available training/TA.

1c. Describe the concrete deliverables (concrete changes, projects or other tangible outcomes) that will result from the YHSI activity and an estimated timeframe for the implementation of the activity.

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Months 1-6: By Month 3, Dutchess will complete a Youth Compensation and Reimbursement Policy, payment workflow and schedule, and timeliness-monitoring process. By Month 4, it will hire two Youth Co-Chairs, recruit at least eight YAB members, and establish a CoC-approved quarterly oversight structure. By Month 6, the YAB will adopt bylaws, onboarding materials, a meeting schedule, leadership roles, and a recruitment/retention plan.

Months 7-12: By Month 8, the project will complete an 18-24 CE baseline covering access, wait times, referrals, denials, follow-up, and housing connections. By Month 9, it will complete a verified Youth Resource Inventory with eligibility, access and referral information, and an update process. By Month 10, it will complete an under-18 needs and systems assessment. By Month 12, it will produce proposed CE questions/procedures, youth explanation materials, a referral/follow-up workflow, a youth resource guide/action map, a Supplemental Youth PIT plan, and documented CoC action on the YAB's governance role.

Months 13-22: By Month 15, youth and partners will conduct one Supplemental Youth PIT Count. By Month 16, the project will begin using an under-18 housing-crisis response/referral protocol. By Month 18, it will issue Youth PIT findings and recommendations and complete the first Navigation Campaign. By Month 22, it will complete a limited pilot of revised 18-24 CE with trained youth-serving referral partners.

Months 23-30: By Month 24, Dutchess will complete a second campaign. By Month 30, it will finalize approved 18-24 CE policies, workflows, training/material changes, and a maintenance plan; recommend whether additional under-18 CE infrastructure is needed; refresh the inventory, guide, and campaign products; document approximately ten quarterly meetings and partner follow-up; identify post-grant owners and update schedules; and issue final recommendations for sustaining the YAB and youth-homelessness oversight.

2a. List the specific needs that have been identified in the community that the proposed YHSI activities will address. Identified need should be related to current system deficiencies, inefficiencies, or missed opportunities in the youth homeless response system.

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Dutchess identified six system-level needs: 1) Youth leadership has not been maintained consistently. Youth shaped the YHDP Coordinated Community Plan (CCP), but the YAB became inactive because a dependable payment process was not maintained; youth therefore lack a consistently supported role in system decisions. 2) CE is not sufficiently youth-responsive. Dutchess lacks a complete analysis of where 18-24-year-olds experience incomplete referrals, delays, unclear communication, loss of contact, or inconsistent follow-up. 3) The under-18 response is unclear. The community lacks a shared estimate of unaccompanied minors, a map of how they move among schools, child welfare, RHY, shelter, outreach, and behavioral health, and a protocol addressing legal and safety requirements. 4) Data are fragmented. Youth experiencing doubled-up, couch-surfing, or unsheltered homelessness may appear in school, child welfare, outreach, RHY, or provider data without appearing in HMIS/CE; the CCP's proposed Summer Youth PIT was not completed. 5) Cross-system accountability is inconsistent. There is no consistently operating forum where youth, CE/HMIS, schools, DCFS, RHY, behavioral health, outreach, and YHDP partners track unfinished CCP work and resolve obstacles. 6) Resource/referral information is fragmented. Youth and trusted adults lack one verified, youth-tested source explaining available help, eligibility, referral steps, required documents, and what happens next.

2b. Describe how the proposed YHSI activities will address the identified needs needs

(1,500 characters)

The paid YAB, full-time YAB Coordinator, and two employed Youth Co-Chairs will restore sustained youth leadership. A formal payment workflow will address the issue that caused the prior YAB to become inactive, while training and CoC governance action will establish a durable youth role.

The Youth CE Manager will document the 18-24 process, analyze data and youth experiences, revise youth-specific questions and procedures, train selected referral partners, and pilot changes within existing CE. An under-18 assessment and partner-approved protocol will clarify legal requirements, immediate-safety procedures, shelter connections, responsibilities, and referrals before Dutchess decides whether additional CE infrastructure is needed.

The Supplemental Youth PIT and data support will address under identification. Findings will be compared with CE, HMIS, school, child welfare, RHY, outreach, and provider information and converted into recommendations for identification, outreach, and referral.

Quarterly Committee meetings, or another CoC-approved structure, will provide accountability by reviewing YAB priorities, CE/under-18 work, PIT and campaign findings, assigning responsible partners, and revisiting follow-up.

Finally, the verified Resource Inventory, youth guide, and Navigation Campaigns will explain resources, eligibility, referral steps, and what to expect. Campaign reach, referrals, CE connections, and youth feedback will drive updates.

3. On the attachments screen, upload a SF-424 CBW form that outlines the anticipated costs of the YHSI project plan.

4a. Has one or more project partners received YHSI or YHDP funds in the past? Yes

4b. If one or more project partners have received YHSI or YHDP funds in the past, how will this project build on the progress that was made to the youth homeless response system?

(1,500 characters)

Dutchess County and local partners previously received YHDP funding. YHDP brought youth, the CoC, County departments, schools, and providers together to develop the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP). Youth led through the YAB, and the CoC incorporated the Committee to End Youth Homelessness into its bylaws in February 2022. The CCP progress review identifies youth transitional-housing work and a youth center/satellite network as completed; youth-specific CE, outreach, data/HMIS coordination, resource navigation, and cross-system connections remain in progress or unfinished.

YHSI will not duplicate YHDP-funded housing or direct services. YHDP recipients will participate as CE pilot, referral, data, Youth PIT, inventory, and campaign partners. YHSI will sustain youth leadership through a dependable payment process, employed Youth Co-Chairs, dedicated coordination, and CoC governance action. It will move the CCP's CE objective from assessment to an 18-24 baseline, approved revisions, partner pilot, evaluation, and sustained procedures; assess the under-18 response and establish a lawful referral protocol; restore quarterly oversight, subject to CoC approval; implement one Supplemental Youth PIT building on the CCP's uncompleted Summer Youth PIT concept; and complete resource-reference/targeted-outreach work through a verified inventory, youth guide, and measurable campaigns.

Policy Initiative Preference Points

1. Is the geographic area included in the YHSI project within an Opportunity Zone?

1a. On the attachments screen, upload a form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points on the Attachments screen.

3. Provide the policy or statement the community applicant has in place to ensure that all housing projects submitted by the YHDP Community Applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct, permit, encourage, or allow any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction".
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YHSI Indirect Costs

1. Does this project propose to allocate funds according to an indirect cost rate?

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1) Subrecipient Nonprofit Documentation	No		
2) Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	No		
3) HUD Applicant Recipient Disclosure Report (HUD-2880)	No		
4) Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B)	No		
5) Disclosure of Lobbying Activies (SF-LLL)	No		
6) Lobbying Form	No		
7) Drug-Free Workplace (HUD 500-70)	No		
8) Tribal Consent	No		
9) Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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Attachments	No Input Required
Submission Summary	No Input Required