



Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH) FY2026 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Call for Project Pre-Applications

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Pre-Application Due Date: July 17, 2026

Visit www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP for additional competition information and resources.

Opportunity Overview

The Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH), as the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Pima County, is seeking project proposals from qualified organizations to participate in the community's FY2026 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The FY2026 YHDP application will be developed as part of the TPCH Youth Pathways Initiative, a coordinated community strategy designed to strengthen transitions into adulthood, prevent youth homelessness whenever possible, and provide innovative housing and supportive services for youth experiencing homelessness.

Rather than developing independent projects, TPCH intends to submit a coordinated portfolio of projects that function as a single, integrated system. Selected projects will operate alongside a centralized Youth Mobility Center administered by the TPCH Collaborative Applicant and will participate in a common governance, referral, and performance framework established through the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) initiative.

This Call for Projects is intended to identify qualified organizations capable of operating one of the specialized housing pathways included within the Youth Pathways Initiative.

Community Vision

The TPCH Youth Pathways Initiative is founded on a simple principle:

Youth should never experience homelessness because community systems failed to communicate, coordinate, or intervene during critical transitions into adulthood.

The Initiative recognizes that youth homelessness is often the result of fragmented transitions between child welfare, juvenile justice, education, behavioral health, workforce development, housing, and other community systems. Through the combined YHSI and YHDP initiatives, TPCH seeks to strengthen those transitions while providing innovative

housing interventions that improve long-term housing stability, education, employment, income, social connectedness, and successful transitions to adulthood.

Available Project Types

TPCH anticipates including proposals for the following project types within its FY2026 YHDP application:

- **Urban Shared Housing Communities**
- **Rural Shared Housing Network**
- **Recovery & Stabilization Housing**

Applicants should propose projects that align with one of these three housing pathways. The Youth Mobility Center will be administered by the TPCH CoC Lead with subrecipients as appropriate to provide supportive services delivery. Selected housing providers will be expected to work closely with the Youth Mobility Center and participate in the integrated Youth Pathways Initiative.

Housing Pathway Descriptions & Minimum Project Requirements

The TPCH Youth Pathways Initiative seeks project proposals that align with one of the following housing pathways. The descriptions below establish the minimum program expectations for each pathway. Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative enhancements that strengthen participant outcomes while remaining consistent with the objectives of the applicable housing pathway and the overall Youth Pathways Initiative.

Requirements Applicable to All Housing Pathways

All proposed projects must:

- Operate as transitional housing serving youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in accordance with HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) requirements.
- Utilize leasing funds rather than rental assistance to ensure that units are consistently available. This will require the applicant/provider organization to lease units in its name and enter into occupancy agreements with program participants. Applicants may use project-based rental assistance if they intend to provide housing in units owned by the applicant, its subrecipient, or another affiliated entity. If using rental assistance funds, non-profits must enter into an agreement with an eligible public entity (local government, state government, or public housing authority) to administer rental assistance on its behalf. The City of Tucson, in its

capacity as the Public Housing Authority, is willing to enter into these agreements. Refer to the rental assistance opportunity detail posted on the competition webpage. It should be noted that organizations may have an agreement with an alternate eligible entity but such agreement must be in place at the time of application.

- Participate in TPOCH Coordinated Entry and accept referrals exclusively through established community referral processes.
- Coordinate closely with the TPOCH Youth Mobility Center, which will serve as the centralized hub for youth Coordinated Entry, diversion, housing navigation, supportive service coordination, and transition planning.
- Provide intensive, individualized case management and housing stabilization planning.
- Deliver or coordinate comprehensive supportive services that promote housing stability, education, employment, income growth, life skills, and successful transitions into adulthood.
- Utilize a trauma-informed, and Positive Youth Development approach while maintaining clearly defined participant expectations and appropriate accountability measures.
- Promote social connectedness through intentional community-building activities and opportunities for positive peer engagement.
- Intentionally cultivate and strengthen lasting natural relationships with supportive adults, family members (when appropriate), mentors, employers, educators, and other community supports that remain after program exit.
- Participate in HMIS, performance measurement, continuous quality improvement activities, and initiative-wide governance and training.
- Collaborate with TPOCH partners to advance the goals of the Youth Pathways Initiative.
- Provide meaningful opportunities for youth participants to inform program planning through regular consultation on program design, implementation, activities, requirements, and project evaluation. This must be a structured process. Periodic surveys do not suffice.
- Complete reporting requirements as developed by TPOCH which will include, at a minimum, and are not limited to HUD performance measures, other program

outcomes as they relate to education and permanent connections, youth leadership activities conducted and programmatic changes implemented as a result of these activities.

- Provide one or more full-time employment opportunities for a young person under age 25 to provide peer-based support, care coordination, system navigation, or other supportive services.

Pathway 1 - Urban Shared Housing Communities
(\$900,000 available over two years, appx \$450,000/year)

Urban Shared Housing Communities provide developmentally appropriate transitional housing through intentional shared living arrangements that foster peer support, social connectedness, and progressive independence. Projects should emphasize community living rather than isolated housing placements while preparing participants for successful transition to permanent housing.

Additional Required Elements

Shared housing model utilizing leased or owned housing with approximately 2-5 youth per residence.

- Private sleeping accommodations whenever feasible.
- Structured opportunities for peer leadership, shared responsibility, and community engagement.
- Education, employment, financial capability, and independent living skill development integrated throughout program participation.

Pathway 2 - Rural Shared Housing Network
(\$660,000 available over two years, appx \$330,000/year)

The Rural Shared Housing Network expands access to youth housing throughout communities outside the Tucson metropolitan area while allowing youth to remain connected to local schools, employment, families, cultures, and community supports whenever possible. Projects should address the unique challenges associated with serving youth in rural areas.

Additional Required Elements

- Shared housing model utilizing leased or owned housing with approximately two to five youth per residence.
- Housing located within rural Pima County communities.

- Transportation planning and assistance sufficient to ensure access to employment, education, health care, and supportive services.
- Strong partnerships with local organizations and service providers to maximize community integration and long-term stability.

Pathway 3 - Recovery & Stabilization Housing
(\$666,974 available over two years, appx \$283,487/year)

Recovery & Stabilization Housing provides transitional housing for youth experiencing homelessness who have significant behavioral health needs, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, or who are transitioning from behavioral health treatment, juvenile justice, or other institutional settings requiring enhanced stabilization and recovery supports. Projects should provide an integrated housing and recovery environment that promotes long-term recovery, housing stability, and successful transition into adulthood.

Additional Required Elements

- Shared housing model utilizing leased or owned housing with approximately 2-5 youth per residence.
- Recovery-oriented housing environment designed to promote safety, stability, and wellness.
- Individualized recovery planning integrated into each participant's housing stabilization plan.
- Behavioral health assessment, treatment, and recovery support services provided directly by the applicant or through formal partnerships with qualified behavioral health providers.
- Substance use disorder assessment, treatment, and recovery support services provided directly by the applicant or through formal partnerships with licensed treatment providers.
- Coordination with psychiatric care, medication management, crisis response, and peer recovery services, as appropriate.
- Strong collaboration with behavioral health and recovery partners to support successful transition to long-term community-based care.

Funding

HUD has announced its intent to award Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funding through a national competition. Final project types, budgets, and awards are contingent upon HUD approval.

Applicants should submit a proposed two-year project budget consistent with HUD YHDP requirements.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, and other organizations eligible to receive HUD Continuum of Care Program funding.

Organizations are encouraged to demonstrate existing partnerships with youth-serving agencies, behavioral health providers, educational institutions, workforce development organizations, and other community partners.

Multiple Pre-Applications

Applicant organizations may submit multiple pre-applications provided that each pre-application is submitted for a different housing pathway. A separate pre-application is required for each housing pathway. Applicants may not submit more than one pre-application for the same housing pathway.

Application Process

The project selection process consists of two phases:

Phase One - Written Pre-Application

Applicants will submit a written narrative and preliminary project budget in conformity with the requirements outlined in this Call for Projects.

Phase Two - Project Presentation

Selected applicants will provide a 15-minute presentation to a community review panel followed by 10 minutes of questions and answers. The review panel will include representatives from TPOCH member organizations, youth with lived expertise, local government, and other community stakeholders.

Final Selection

The community review panel shall select projects to be included in the CoC's application for YHDP funding. Selection decisions are subject to CoC Board approval and are final.

Selected applicants will be required to prepare the federal project application upon notification of selection. Federal project applications are due by the due date and time listed in the Timeline section of this Call for Projects.

Written Pre-Application Instructions

The written pre-application may not exceed three single-spaced type written pages (minimum 11 pt. font, .5" margins) and must address the following:

Project Overview: Describe the proposed project, including the target population, geographic service area, and how the project addresses the purpose of the selected housing pathway.

Program Design: Describe the proposed housing model, participant eligibility, expected length of stay, staffing approach, participant expectations, strategies for promoting successful transitions to permanent housing, social connectedness, and lasting natural supports. Describe how youth with lived expertise informed the project design and how the program will respond to participant non-compliance with program expectations and required services.

Supportive Services: Describe the supportive services that will be provided, including which services are required or encouraged, who will provide them, how they support successful transitions into adulthood, and how participant engagement will be promoted.

Organizational Capacity: Describe your organization's experience operating comparable housing or youth-serving programs, including relevant outcomes, partnerships, youth leadership practices, and the qualifications that position your organization to successfully implement the proposed project.

Innovation: Describe the features of the proposed project that distinguish it from existing community resources and explain how it will strengthen the TPCH Youth Pathways Initiative.

Required Attachments (not included in the 3-page limit)

- Proposal Cover Sheet using TPCH-provided template provided at www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP
- Proposed project budget using TPCH-provided budget template provided at www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP
- Program rules and requirements to which participants will be expected to adhere.
- Supportive services participation agreement to be used by the project.

Submission Instructions

Pre-applications must be emailed to tpch-nofo@tucsonaz.gov using the following subject line: *FY26 YHDP Project Application – Organization Name*.

To be considered complete, submissions must include two files:

- A single PDF including the Pre-Application Cover Sheet, 3-page pre-application, program rules and requirements attachment, and supportive service participation agreement attachment.
- Completed Excel budget attachment (do not save as a PDF).

Applicants should not include additional attachments. They will not be reviewed or considered in pre-application scoring or selection.

The full pre-application including all required attachments must be received at the email above by the due date and time stated in the Timeline section of this Call for Projects. Late and substantively incomplete pre-applications will not be reviewed.

In-Person Presentation Format and Requirements

Based on review of the written pre-applications, the review panel will select a finalist group of applicants to conduct an in-person presentation. If selected for the presentation, the applicant organization will be required to deliver a 15-minute presentation responsive to the requirements below and respond to questions asked by the review panel. Applicants will be scheduled for 25-minute time blocks which will begin promptly at the stated time. Additional time will not be granted in the event of late arrival by the applicant. To ensure fairness to all applicants, applicants may not watch other applicants' presentations.

Please note that applicants will be notified of their selection to provide an in-person presentation on July 21, 2026 and the presentations will occur at on July 23, 2026. All applicants are encouraged to block their calendars for July 23, 2026 to ensure a representative is able to attend and provide the presentation. Applicant organizations which do not provide a presentation will be eliminated from the competition without further review.

Applicants are advised not to prepare slide presentations, bring handouts, or bring participant speakers to the presentation. The presentation is oral and to be provided by staff only. No additional materials will be reviewed.

Project Overview: Provide a brief overview of the proposed project and explain how it addresses an identified gap within Pima County's youth homelessness response system.

Participant Experience: Walk the review panel through the experience of a young person from referral through successful program completion, including admission, housing

placement, supportive services, participant expectations, strategies used to build community among participants and cultivate lasting relationships with supportive adults and peers, program approach to addressing non-compliance with program expectations, and approach to supporting transitions to permanent housing.

Organizational Capacity: Explain why your organization is well-positioned to operate the proposed project and highlight the staff, partnerships, and experience that will contribute to its success.

Measuring Success: Describe how success will be measured and what outcomes the organization expects to achieve during the initial two-year grant period.

Federal Application Requirement

Projects selected for inclusion in the TPOCH funding application to HUD will be required to complete a federal project application using the e-snaps system. Instructions regarding e-snaps applications will be provided to selected projects at the time of selection.

Pre-Proposal Webinar

TPCH will hold a pre-proposal webinar at 10am on Friday, July 10. The pre-proposal webinar will cover the FY26 YHDP funding opportunity, eligible project types, local competition requirements, and pre-application instructions.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend.

[Click here](#) or visit www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP to register for the pre-proposal webinar.

Competition Timeline

Milestone	Date
Call for Projects Released	7/6/26
Pre-proposal webinar	7/10/26, 10AM-11AM AZ Time
Written Pre-Applications Due	7/17/26
Applicant Presentations Scheduled	7/21/26
Applicant Presentations (location TBD)	7/23/26, 10am-4pm Individual presentation times to be scheduled with selected organizations

Milestone	Date
TPCH Board Selection Vote	7/25/26
Applicants Notified of Selection Decisions	7/25/26
Federal applications due from selected applicants	8/5/26, 12pm AZ time
Federal application corrections due (if applicable)	8/8/26, 12pm AZ time
Federal application submitted to HUD by CoC Lead	8/9/26

Reservation of Rights: TPCH reserves the right to modify this solicitation, request additional information, negotiate project scopes and budgets, select more than one pre-application per housing pathway, decline to select any pre-application for one or more housing pathways, or recommend modifications necessary to ensure consistency with HUD requirements, available funding, and the overall Youth Pathways Initiative. Submission of a proposal does not guarantee selection or inclusion in the FY2026 YHDP application.

Questions: Questions regarding this solicitation should be submitted by email to tpch-nofo@tucsonaz.gov. Allow up to three business days for a response.

Responses to substantive questions may be posted to the TPCH website so all interested applicants can review responses to ensure a fair and transparent selection process.