



Tucson Pima Collaboration
To End Homelessness

TPCH YOUTH PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

Connecting Systems. Preventing Homelessness. Launching Futures.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH) is preparing a competitive application to HUD under the FY2026 Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity. Together, these complementary funding opportunities provide Pima County with a unique opportunity to strengthen youth-serving systems while investing in innovative housing and supportive service models that improve housing stability, education, employment, and successful transitions into adulthood.

TPCH's application centers on the Youth Pathways Initiative, a coordinated countywide strategy that combines systems transformation with targeted housing interventions to redesign how youth-serving systems work together while expanding specialized housing pathways that support successful transitions into adulthood.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The TPCH Board will establish the community's YHSI and YHDP strategies, approve project types and applications, and oversee implementation. Decisions will be informed by youth with lived expertise, providers, local jurisdictions, the Public Housing Authority, public systems, and other community stakeholders.

STRATEGIC PILLARS

Connected Systems

Specialized Housing

Youth Mobility

System Accountability

GET INVOLVED

The Youth Pathways Initiative will be developed through broad community collaboration. TPCH invites youth and young adults with lived expertise, service providers, local jurisdictions, public systems, housing partners, and other stakeholders to help shape the initiative through community engagement, project review, housing proposals, and ongoing implementation partnerships. Learn more about involvement opportunities at www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (YHSI)

Funding Request: \$1M over 30 months

The Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) initiative will establish a coordinated, community-wide framework for preventing youth homelessness by strengthening collaboration among child welfare, juvenile justice, education, behavioral health, workforce development, housing, and other youth-serving systems. The initiative will establish a Youth Pathways Executive Council, develop cross-system Transition Compacts, standardize housing risk screening and transition planning, expand youth leadership through a Youth Leadership Institute, and implement shared performance measures and a public accountability dashboard. Together, these strategies will create a more coordinated youth response system that identifies housing instability earlier, improves transitions between systems, and prevents homelessness before it occurs.

YOUTH SERVICES (YHDP)

Funding Request: \$3,180,528 over 24 months

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) will operationalize the Youth Pathways Initiative by delivering an integrated system of housing and supportive services for young people experiencing homelessness. The initiative will establish a centrally coordinated Youth Mobility Center to facilitate youth Coordinated Entry, provide diversion, housing navigation, family mediation, education and employment coordination, and transition planning while connecting youth to one of three specialized transitional housing pathways: urban shared housing, rural shared housing, and recovery and stabilization housing.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The Youth Pathways Initiative directly advances TPCH's Aligning for Impact Strategic Plan by strengthening cross-sector collaboration, elevating youth voice and lived expertise, improving data-informed decision-making, expanding equitable access to housing and supportive services, and building a more coordinated, accountable, and effective homelessness response system. By integrating systems transformation with innovative housing interventions, the Initiative supports TPCH's vision of preventing homelessness when possible while improving long-term outcomes for youth and young adults.

Review TPCH's Strategic Plan at www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP.

The TPCH Youth Pathways Initiative aims to prevent first-time youth homelessness; strengthen transitions across child welfare, justice, behavioral health, workforce, and housing systems; expand innovative and developmentally-appropriate shared housing opportunities; improve housing stability, education, employment, and permanent connections; and create a sustainable Youth Pathways System.

FY26 YHDP COMPETITION DETAILS

LOCAL PROCESS

TPCH will conduct a transparent, community-driven competition to identify the housing projects included in Pima County's FY2026 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application to HUD. Following community engagement, TPCH will issue a Call for Projects inviting eligible organizations to submit proposals for one of three specialized housing pathways. Applicants will complete a brief written pre-application and participate in a project presentation before a community review panel.

The review process will evaluate project quality, organizational capacity, innovation, and alignment with the TPCH Youth Pathways Initiative. Recommendations from the review panel, comprised of youth with lived expertise, service providers, local jurisdictions, and other community stakeholders, will be presented to the TPCH Board, which will approve the final project portfolio and funding recommendations for submission to HUD.

COMPETITION TIMELINE

- July 6: Community Input Session
- July 7: Call for Projects Released
- July 10: Pre-application Webinar
- July 17: Pre-applications Due
- July 23: Review Panel Presentations
- July 25: Project Selections Announced
- August 5: Federal Applications Due from Selected Applicants

YHDP OUTCOMES

Housing Stability	Health & Recovery
Permanent Connections	Education & Employment

HOUSING PATHWAYS

TPCH will solicit competitive applications for three transitional housing pathways through the FY26 YHDP funding application. These pathways and required program models have been selected to fill existing gaps within the existing youth homelessness response system, interrupt inflow to youth homelessness, and positively impact housing stability, education and employment, health, and permanent connections among youth experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

Urban Shared Housing (\$450,000/year): Shared housing in metropolitan Tucson emphasizing peer support, education, employment, permanent connections, and independence.

Rural Shared Housing (\$330,000/year): Shared housing in rural communities emphasizing peer support, education, employment, permanent connections, and independence.

Recovery & Stabilization Housing (\$283,487/year): Shared housing integrating behavioral health, substance use treatment, recovery supports, and intensive case management.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

All YHDP housing projects will provide developmentally appropriate transitional housing, intensive case management, and coordinated supportive services that promote housing stability, education, employment, life skills, social connectedness, and successful transitions into adulthood. Projects will operate in partnership with the Youth Mobility Center and incorporate specialized housing and service models tailored to the unique needs of the youth they serve. Detailed project requirements will be outlined in the Call for Projects to be released on July 7, 2026.

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Learn more and access pre-application materials at www.tpch.net/FY26YHDP

