**Host Homes Application**

**Deadline November 23rd, 2022**

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| Description |
| Host Homes will be a combination of homes:   * identified by providers; and * homes youth already have relationships with, such as relatives or friends   where additional case management, staff or financial support are needed.  We anticipate serving **10 – 15 YYA per year through host homes.** The host home program will provide a resource for **unaccompanied youth under the age of 18 who are not currently served by child welfare system**.  The Host Home program will offer:   * flexible financial assistance, * training for hosts, and * supports for hosts, youth, and families of origin.   Program staff will utilize an individualized service / housing stability plan to identify levels of risk / youth strengths and build protective factors to offset risks. They will support each youth in achieving their housing stability, with emphasis on connecting individuals with services and supports that facilitate increased economic / educational / entrepreneurial success, as well as emotional health and community connectedness. Services provided to youth and families, utilizing evidence informed services, including but not limited to Positive Youth Development and Trauma Informed Care.  Host Home hosts will be screened and receive training and ongoing support, especially with boundary-setting, managing expectations, conflict mediation, and cultural competency.  Host Homes will help reach the Coordinated Community Plan of eliminating disproportionality, achieving functional zero, centering youth voice and supporting youth as whole humans by offering an additional alternative to youth in need of stable housing of their choice with appropriate and flexible supports.  **Eliminate disproportionality in youth and young adult homelessness**  Host Homes is committed to addressing racial and LGBTQ+ equity through a racial data lens, regularly evaluating program and community level data to identify weak spots. Host Homes will use this to build prioritization lists for Y2Y Case Conferencing and internal case management meetings, focusing on various populations who hold one or more QTBIPOC identities.  Host Homes will partner with QTBIPOC youth and youth with disabilities serving organizations to strengthen program and service delivery. Partnering with special youth populations will help the development of programs and delivery services centering the youth experience with intersecting marginalized identities to meet immediate needs and support appropriate services. Host Home programs will focus on recruiting homes to support QTBIPOC youth in a safe and affirming home environment. At least 60% of youth in Host Home program should hold one or more QTBIPOC identities.  **Achieve functional zero for youth and young adult homelessness**  The key to achieving functional zero is to ensure the homeless experience for YYA is one time, brief and nonrecurring. Host Home program will continue to seek out new hosts and partners to ensure youth have access to resources to quickly end their homeless experience. Host Home programs will continue to participate in the Anchor Community Initiative Core Team and its associated workgroups.  **Achieve the ACI Gold Standard in centering youth voices**  Host Home program will meet this goal by continuing to participate in the Anchor Community Initiative and collaborate with the YAB. The Host Home program also engage directly with YYA, ensuring that youth voice is not just present but is also leading the work. Host Home program will mandate anti-adultism and authentic youth engagement training throughout our youth programs, removing barriers to meaningful collaboration with YYA.  **Young people are supported as Whole Humans by the youth homelessness crisis response system**  Host Home program will holistic care inclusive of case management, housing navigation, peer support, behavioral health and physical health referrals. Host Home program will also cultivating a sense of community among our participants by helping them to develop prosocial relationships. Host Home program will coordinate with community organizations and groups, chief among them the YAB. The leadership and advocacy opportunities afforded by the YAB contributes to empowerment of our participants.  Host home programs proposals **should include the following key features and promising practices**:   * Demonstrate intention to partner with K-12 schools * Host recruitment and retention * Supporting hosts   + Ongoing case management and support   + Financial supports for hosts and youth   + Connecting youth and hosts families with resources for behavioral health, medical and financial support * Supporting youth participants through Positive Youth Development   + The Host Homes project will incorporate Positive Youth Development (PYD) by increasing the protective factors and positive supports available for vulnerable youth moving out of homelessness. PYD training and coaching will be provided to Host Home families.   + Host Home program will develop partnerships with school districts and community organizations to identify and develop education, employment, health services and social services to serve youth. Youth will be connected to health, social services, and employment programs through partnerships or direct referrals. Host Home program staff will regularly verify youth and young adult service needs and eligibility and act as advocates and system navigators. Youth will be given choice of services they receive. * Flexible model   + Youth participants will define their goals and what interventions they believe will work best for them. Host Homes offer no barrier services and do not bar youth based on any pre-conditions. * Formal partnerships   + Host Homes will develop formal partnerships with schools, child welfare, homeless crisis response system, juvenile justice, and behavioral and mental health service providers in order to collaboratively support youth.   **Proposals should be aware of any state laws and regulations for host home programs.**  [**RCW 74.15.020:**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=74.15.020)  (i) A host home program, and host home, operated by a tax exempt organization for youth not in the care of or receiving services from the department, if that program:  (A) Recruits and screens potential homes in the program, including performing background checks on individuals over the age of eighteen residing in the home through the Washington state patrol or equivalent law enforcement agency and performing physical inspections of the home;  (B) screens and provides case management services to youth in the program;  (C) obtains a notarized permission slip or limited power of attorney from the parent or legal guardian of the youth authorizing the youth to participate in the program and the authorization is updated every six months when a youth remains in a host home longer than six months;  (D) obtains insurance for the program through an insurance provider authorized under Title [**48**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=48) RCW;  (E) provides mandatory reporter and confidentiality training; and  (F) registers with the secretary of state as provided in RCW [**24.03.550**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=24.03.550).  (ii) For purposes of this section, a "host home" is a private home that volunteers to host youth in need of temporary placement that is associated with a host home program.  (iii) For purposes of this section, a "host home program" is a program that provides support to individual host homes and meets the requirements of (o)(i) of this subsection.  (iv) Any host home program that receives local, state, or government funding shall report the following information to the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs annually by December 1st of each year: The number of children the program served, why the child was placed with a host home, and where the child went after leaving the host home, including but not limited to returning to the parents, running away, reaching the age of majority, or becoming a dependent of the state  Our community prioritized up to $138,000 of our YHDP award for a Host Homes program. The Continuum of Care (CoC) seeks applications from organizations willing to partner with Youth and Young Adults (YYA) to design and implement the Host Homes program. The RFP review committee will review and score applications, and the YAB and CoC Board will approve recommendations. |

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| Instructions |
| * **Please complete this application for Host Homes proposal.** * **Proposals are due on November, 23, by 5:00 pm. No late submissions will be accepted.** * **All Proposals must be submitted electronically by email to** [**chhsrfp@spokanecity.org**](mailto:chhsrfp@spokanecity.org) **before the due date and time.** |
| If you are partnering with another agency on this project, be sure to include this information in the Proposal Summary. Each agency in the partnership requesting funding must complete a separate application.  Please ensure the applications have the same project name. However, if partnering agencies are not requesting funding but will be included in the project implementation or design, they do not need to complete an application. |

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| Proposal Summary | |
| Organization Leadership Contact Information  Name:  Phone:  Email:  Mailing Address: | Organization Project Contact Information  Name:  Phone:  Email:  Mailing Address: |
| Submission Date: | |
| Project Title: | |
| Applicant Organization / Lead Organization: | |
| Partner Agency Name(s) (If Applicable): | |

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| Minimum Thresholds |
| 1. **Do you meet all minimum requirements outlined in NOFA?**   Yes  No |
| 1. **Do you agree to consult and collaborate with the Youth Action Board the CoC’s Youth Subcommittee, and CoC’s Policy and Procedures workgroup on implementation planning for the YHDP-funded project?** This may include:    1. Meeting with the Youth Action Board and/or YHDP workgroup to discuss project design or implementation.    2. Revising project design or implementation based on Youth Action Board and/or Youth Subcommittee workgroup input, as feasible within federal funding requirements; and/or    3. Reporting on project implementation to the Youth Action Board, Youth Subcommittee, workgroup and/or CoC’s Policy and Procedures workgroup.   Yes  No |
| 1. **Do you agree to participate in and comply with all requirements of the CoC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)?**   Yes  No |
| 1. **Have you completed all application questions and submitted supplemental documentation?**   Yes  No |

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| Program Overview and Description |
| 1. **Provide a general description proposed Host Homes program.** |
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| 1. **Describe the target population that will be served by this project.** |
| * 1. Explain engagement efforts for YYA especially vulnerable to homelessness, including BIPOC YYA, under 18, pregnant or parenting, identify as LGBTQ, gender non-confirming, victims of sexual trafficking and exploitation, have been involved with juvenile justice, jail, or foster care. |
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| 1. **Describe how youth will quickly exit homelessness by obtaining permanent housing (including family reunification) and will be assisted to remove barriers to housing and navigate the homeless response system.**   **Describe the process that you envision for assessing individual needs and utilizing Host Homes. Include the projected number of youth to be served annually and at a single point in time, and quantity of staff needed to serve them. Include specializations, if any, of these positions and how they work collaboratively to identify youth and coordinate services.**  **Describe how Host Homes will be tailored to meet the needs of YYA subpopulations.** |
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| 1. **Explain how this project will address unique and specific culturally based needs of YYA at-risk of and experiencing homelessness.** |
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| 1. **Describe any partnerships with other services or agencies that will support program and service delivery. Include collaboration with the Youth Action Board and Youth Homelessness Subcommittee.** |
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| 1. **Describe how this Host Homes proposal will coordinate with coordinated entry and housing programs for YYA experiencing homelessness** |
| * 1. Referrals & Linkages:Describe opportunities for innovative referrals and/or linkages to mainstream benefits and supportive services YYA accessing housing through this program.      1. Include how these will accommodate the unique needs of especially vulnerable YYA, including those who are of color, under 18, pregnant or parenting, identify as LGBTQ, have been involved with juvenile justice or foster care, or victims of sexual trafficking and exploitation. |
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| * 1. Describe how this program will determine the type of Host Homes needed, including how homes and YYA will be supported with services to increase stabilization, life skills, independence, and self-sufficiency. |
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| * 1. Describe the assessment and progressive engagement processes used to determine and provide the appropriate length and depth of services to meet the needs of individual YYA. |
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| 1. **Why would a YYA experiencing or at-risk of homelessness want to participate in the proposed Host Homes program?** |
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| 1. **Describe the staffing model for the proposed project.**    1. **Include how you will hire and retain staff which reflect the demographics of YYA being served by the project, including establishing hiring preference for individuals with lived experience of YYA homelessness.**    2. **Include how staff will be trained in and demonstrate proficiency in Housing First, Trauma- Informed Care, Positive Youth Development, and Cultural Competency strategies and practices.**    3. **Describe how you will incorporate YYA voice in project staff hiring processes, establishing hiring preferences for individuals with lived experience being homeless** |
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| 1. **Describe YYA leadership development and peer mentorship opportunities.** |
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| 1. **To better serve the needs of YYA, describe how you will incorporate partnerships with other systems such as:**     1. **child welfare system**    2. **juvenile and adult corrections and probation**    3. **behavioral health providers**    4. **medical providers**    5. **community organizations**    6. **schools** |
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| 1. **Describe how your project will ensure a smooth and successful transition for each YYA participant accessing this program to services and housing options.** |
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| 1. **Describe how projects will be inclusive to YYA with physical, intellectual, developmental, cognitive and/or behavioral health disabilities. Identify specific practices and policies designed to identify and remove barriers, that hamper YYA’s ability to have full participation in programs.** |
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| 1. **Describe how Host Homes will be accessible to YYA across Spokane County.** |
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| Commitment to YHDP Principles |
| 1. **Commitment to Equity** |
| * 1. Describe how your project will meet the needs of the following vulnerable and often overrepresented YYA experiencing homelessness:      1. BIPOC YYA      2. LGBTQIA+ YYA      3. Pregnant and parenting YYA      4. YYA with prior involvement in juvenile justice or foster care      5. YYA with disabilities      6. YYA survivors of sexual trafficking, exploitation, or domestic violence |
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| * 1. Describe the steps that you will take to address racial equity. |
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| * 1. Please identify any issues or limitations the agency may encounter and describe how Host Homes will be modified to meet the needs of these specific populations. |
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| 1. **Trauma Informed Care and Positive Youth Development** |
| Describe how trauma informed care and positive youth development principles will be incorporated into the Host Homes program. |
| * 1. Trauma Informed Care:      1000-character limit |
| * 1. Positive Youth Development:      1000-character limit |
| 1. **Commitment to Housing First** |
| * 1. Describe how you will use a “Housing First approach” in which assistance is offered and referrals made, including access to intensive, youth-focused case management and services. |
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| 1. **Commitment to Youth Choice** |
| * 1. Describe how youth choice will be incorporated into case planning, in terms of the:      1. kind of housing options for YYA      2. extent and nature of supports and services they access      3. promotes presenting alternative options for youth who avoid programs with barriers like sobriety or abstinence. |
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| 1. **Commitment to Individualized and Client Driven Supports** |
| Describe how host homes program will provide the flexibility to accommodate YYA with both high and low service needs, as well as the need for short-term or long-term supports. |
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| 1. **Commitment to Social and Community Integration** |
| Describe how host homes can offer meaningful opportunities for community involvement, engagement, and leadership for youth. |
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| Describe how programs will collaborate with community partners to assist YYA participants in building pro social relationships and connections. |
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| What strategies will be utilized to assist YYA in building a natural support system? |
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| 1. **Commitment to Meaningful Participant Engagement** |
| * 1. Describe how program will stay in contact with current and former participants. |
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| * 1. What flexibility will participants have to meet with program staff/case manager? |
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| Homeless Crisis System Response |
| 1. **Collaborative relationships across systems:** |
| * 1. Identify key organizational partners and describe how you will collaborate with them to build a responsive host homes program for YYA at risk or experiencing homelessness in Spokane County. |
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| * 1. Describe how this program will collaborate with other services/housing resources to provide warm handoff referrals for YYA at risk or experiencing homelessness in Spokane County. |
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| 1. **How does the applicant ask for and incorporate participant feedback about Host Homes into the project design, policies, and/or procedures? Please provide examples.** |
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| Youth/Young Adult Leadership and Involvement |
| 1. **Describe plans, current practice, or experience of providing meaningful collaboration with YYA that have lived experience being homeless throughout the project planning, design, implementation, evaluation, and improvement.** |
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| 1. **Describe how you will convey, in language, practice, and policy, the assets of young people and avoid framing their experiences based on individual deficits.** |
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| Alignment with the Coordinated Community Plan |
| In this section you will identify how the project will align with the HUD guiding principles and the shared vision, goals, strategies, and action steps outlined in the *City of Spokane/Spokane County CoC Coordinated Community Plan*. |
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| **Describe how your agency will meet the goals and objectives described in the Coordinated Community Plan.** |
| 1. Eliminate disproportionality in youth and young adult homelessness |
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| 1. Achieve functional zero for youth and young adult homelessness |
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| 1. Achieve the ACI Gold Standard in centering youth voices |
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| 1. Young people are supported as Whole Humans by the youth homelessness crisis response system |
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| Project Performance and Evaluation |
| Applicants must complete and submit the applicable project Performance Table for the proposed project including targets during the performance period (please note: Year 1 funding is nine months, October 1 2022-June 30, 2023). The Performance Table must have an accompanying performance evaluation plan that details how the applicant will ensure that performance targets are achieved. |
| 1. Applicants are required to continuously monitor the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, and sustainability of their projects through targeted and feasible performance evaluations. Please outline an evaluation plan that details how the applicant will continually ensure that project performance meets or exceeds the standards for the performance measures outlined by the City of Spokane. Evaluation plans should address the following: statistical information to be review for the proposed project; the project philosophy and service delivery standards; the applicant’s prior experience with the intervention type, project, and/or client population; prior evaluations of the project’s performance; and the involvement/empowerment of clients in project design, evaluation and/or decision-making, volunteering, mentoring others, etc. |
| 1. How does the applicant ensure quality data collection, data entry, and reporting for homeless services programs in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)? If the proposed project is not currently participating in HMIS, describe the applicant’s plan for increasing the applicant’s capacity to quickly begin collecting and entering data. Describe any factors that may affect the quality of the proposed project’s HMIS data during the award period. |
| 1. Please describe the applicant’s experience with long-term performance measurement and change. Provide an example of program change the applicant has made that was informed by data. Describe briefly (a) how the problem was identified, (b) what steps were taken to make the improvement, and (c) the measurable impacts of these changes. The example may come from HMIS as well as other sources of data such as participant feedback and staff observations. If possible, provide examples that show how you use different kinds of data. |

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| Budget Narrative |
| **Applicants will be required to complete and submit a Detailed Budget Workbook which outlines the total annual budget for the first 12-months of operations of the proposed project (inclusive of all funding sources).** |
| The Detailed Budget Workbook must have an accompanying budget narrative and justification that provides, in detail, the total amount for implementation of the project your organization is proposing. If multiple agencies will be partnering on this proposal, provide a cost breakdown of the expenses that will be incurred by each individual agency. |
| 1. Does the applicant have other committed sources of funding that will support the sustainability of this program? If so, please detail the source and the terms for when the funds will be available for this project. |
| 1. Describe what the applicant is doing to attract, develop, and leverage a variety of financial, volunteer, and other in-kind resources to support this project. |
| 1. Will this award be used as match for Continuum of Care (CoC) grant funding? |
| Yes  No |
| *If yes, please identify the CoC grant(s) by their grant number, along with the annual required match amount for each grant: Click or tap here to enter text.* |
| 1. In the supplemental budget workbook narrative, please explain how the requested funds will be used to support the participants served by this project. For each line item listed with a dollar figure (except expense category subtotals), provide a brief narrative detailing: (a) how the item relates to the proposed service and (b) the method used to determine the cost. The budget narrative should be laid out in the same format relative to the budget categories as provided in the budget worksheet and provide information regarding the basis of estimation for each line item, including reference to sources used to substantiate the cost estimate (e.g. organization’s policy, payroll document, and vendor quotes, etc.). |
| 1. If the budget includes indirect costs, please provide an explanation of the proposed indirect cost method. |