



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TX-500 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

Scoring Detail Guide

Funding Available: \$1,506,977

Grant Term: Two Years

Application Due Date: February 5, 2021

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This Scoring Detail guide is provided to assist applicants in submitting their RFP proposal. The Scoring Detail provided within will assist the Independent Review Team in their scoring of each proposal.

Requirements –

1. **Cover Page** – complete with authorized signatures
2. **Threshold requirements:** For a proposal to be eligible for review, each proposal must have YES responses to HUD threshold questions.
 - a. If a NO response is provided, proposal must include an explanation. SARA staff will review explanations to determine if a threshold is met and report determinations to the Independent Review Team.
3. **Project Proposal** - Proposals will be considered on the quality, clarity, and thoroughness of responses. Applicants are encouraged to respond to each question in full and should use the following guide when developing responses.

	Question	A Through Response should include, at least:
1	How many years of experience do you have providing housing, supportive, or referral services to people experiencing homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of years working with people experiencing homelessness
1a	Describe your experience providing these services, including specific data on service outcomes. <i>Note – this is general experience working with people experiencing homelessness and not specifically YYA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the history in providing relevant services to this population • Evidence of sufficient understanding of low barrier entry strategies and Housing First principles • Evidence of understanding of the needs of this population • Programmatic data that details outcomes in working with this population
2	How many years of experience do you have serving YYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of years working with YYA
2a.	Describe your experience serving YYA, including specific data on service outcomes. <i>Note – This can include general experience working with YYA and specific experience working with YYA experiencing homelessness.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the history in providing relevant services to this population • Evidence of sufficient understanding of low barrier entry strategies and housing first principles • Evidence of understanding of the needs of YYA and how those needs may

		<p>different from the general adult or older adult family populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of integration of Trauma Informed Care and Positive Youth Development • Programmatic data that details outcomes in working with this population
3	How many years of experience do you have administering a federal grant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of years
3a.	Describe your experience administering a federal grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value of current and/or past Federal Grants • Clarification on if you are currently or have previously administered a Continuum of Care (CoC) grant • Overview of grant management processes and internal capacity to successfully administer the project
4	How many years of experience do you have managing sub-contracts or MOUs, as well as coordinating services across multiple external partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of years
4a	Describe your experience managing sub-contracts or MOUs, as well as coordinating services across multiple external partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of experience coordinating services across multiple community partners • A list and description of existing formal partnerships that will improve service provision at the Drop-In Center • A list and description of new partnerships that you will pursue to diversify services available to YYA • Description of any partnerships that will require YHDP funds to be subcontracted to an outside service provider.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you advance racial equity in your services? Please provide data specific to your operations, such as program outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of solid understanding of racial equity in context of social service programs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of equitable practices being done within your agency • Data with description of how you are viewing outcomes with an equity lens • Training strategies for staff
6	Describe your experience serving YYA in a safe and affirming environment regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. Please provide specific examples, including staff training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of solid understanding of the intersection of homelessness and LGBTQ+ YYA • Specific examples showing the agency's dedication to creating safe and affirming environments for all youth • Training strategies for staff
7	Describe how you incorporate Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) and Positive Youth Development (PYD) into your work, including your training processes for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of solid understanding of TIC principles and implementation strategies • Evidence of solid understanding of PYD principles and implementation strategies • Understanding of why these philosophies are critical to serving YYA experiencing homelessness • Training strategies for staff
8	Do you currently employ peer navigators? If yes, describe their role in your work. If not, describe why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the current role of peer navigators in the agency
8a.	Will you employ peer navigators in the Drop-In Center project? If no, explain why. If yes, describe their role in the implementation of the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General description of staffing ○ Explanation as to why peer navigators are not in the staffing design • Yes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General description of staffing ○ Description of role that peer navigators will have in the project ○ Clarification of what type of leadership role peer

		navigators will have in implementation
9	Board Demographics	Complete as outlined in the RFP. No additional requirements
10	Provide a general description of your proposed Drop-In Center project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complete overview of the project, including what is possible with the funding that is available • Description of how the project will fit within the agency's mission • Description of how the project meets the needs and vision outlined in the <i>We Say</i> plan • The proposed number of young people who will be served annually • The target population(s) who will be served in the project • An explanation of how this project will collaborate with other YYA dedicated homeless projects • A description of how the project will connect YYA experiencing homelessness to housing and other services outside of the Drop-In Center
11	Location	Complete as outlined in the RFP. No additional requirements
12	Supportive Service Descriptions	Complete as outlined in the RFP. No additional requirements
13	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed budget form • A budget that equals the amount of funding available • A quantity and description for each service being provided by the agency or a YHDP subrecipient of the agency
14	Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 25% match contribution