



**Request for New Project Applications:
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Replacement
Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local 2026 Competition**

Overview

The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is homeless youth ages 24 and younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

On June 17, 2026, the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Governing Board approved the reallocation of \$316,630 in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funds. These funds are restricted and must fund new YHDP projects through a process called “replacement.”

Current YHDP Renewal project applicants may apply to expand their current project through the YHDP Replacement process. See section II.B.3.i 2026 NOFO for more information.

Purpose of this Request

The Montana Statewide Continuum of Care (MT-CoC) is soliciting applications for new and expansion YHDP projects that will provide Supportive Services to homeless youth ages 24 and younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth in Montana. The MT-CoC invites qualified nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, Public Housing Authorities, Native American Tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) to submit applications.

The program must align with all applicable federal requirements, including those from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Projects that align with the priorities set by HUD and the MT-CoC have a better chance of being included in the MT-CoC Project Priority Listing and of getting funded by HUD. MT-CoC will inform applicants whether their applications will be included in the MT-CoC 2026 CoC Project Priority Listing by July 29, 2026. Final decisions on awards will be made and announced by HUD through the national CoC Program Competition, with an anticipated date of December 1, 2026. MT-CoC welcomes applications from both newcomers who have not received CoC funds before and those who have received them in the past. MT-CoC provides support to make the application process accessible to all.

Eligible Applicants and Threshold Requirements

Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, Public Housing Authorities, Native American Tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE). For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible.

Experience: Applicants must demonstrate a history of providing supportive services to homeless youth ages 24 and younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

Geography: Projects must operate exclusively within the State of Montana.

Eligible Participants: YHDP Supportive Services Only Projects must serve participants who meet the HUD definition of homelessness under Categories 1, 2, or 4. The priority target population is homeless youth ages 24 and younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. Applications proposing an effective strategy to target those populations will be scored favorably.

Coordinated Entry: Projects must participate in and accept referrals through the Montana Statewide Coordinated Entry System.

Match: Applications must meet HUD's 25% match requirement (*i.e., match must equal a minimum of 25 percent of the total grant request, including administrative costs but excluding leasing costs*)

Compliance with federal and CoC policies: Projects must operate in line with HUD's CoC program rules ([24 CFR 578](#)), the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program NOFO, MT-CoC Requirements and all existing subsequent guidance from HUD and MT-CoC. Applicants must agree to participate in the annual Point-In-Time Count and submit Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and other required data on time.

Data collection and coordination: Projects must participate in Montana's Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS).

Eligible Component Types

The Montana Statewide Continuum of Care (MT-CoC) is soliciting proposals for new and expansion YHDP projects of the following component type:

- a. Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.

Grant Term & Eligible Expenses

Term: Projects may apply only for a one-year term. Projects are anticipated to be renewable on an annual basis through the HUD CoC Program Competition.

Eligible Expenses: Projects can request funds for the following [CoC Program eligible expenses](#) only. *Project administration costs are capped at 10% of the total budget request.*

Application Submission

All questions regarding this request must be directed, in writing via email, to submit@mtcoc.org before the deadline specified below. Early submission of questions is encouraged.

Schedule and Submission Deadlines

Request for New Projects Released	June 24, 2026
Deadline for Written Questions	July 3, 2026
Project Applications Due in e-snaps	July 10, 2026, by 5pm MDT
Threshold Review Project Applications	July 13 – July 15
Applicants Notified of Threshold Status	July 16, 2026 (<i>see below for details</i>)
Amended Project Applications Due in e-snaps	July 20, 2026
Youth Action Board Finalizes Project Selection	July 24, 2026
Applicants Notified of Selection Status	July 27, 2026
MT-CoC Project Priority List Finalized	July 29, 2026
MT-CoC Project Priority List Submitted	August 24, 2026
HUD Announces FY2026 Project Awards	December 1, 2026 (<i>anticipated</i>)
HUD Grant Start	January 1, 2027 (<i>anticipated</i>)

Evaluation of Applications

Only applications found to be responsive (that is, complying with all instructions and requirements described herein) will be reviewed. To be eligible for evaluation, applications must;

- a. Be an eligible applicant.
- b. Be received in *e-snaps* on or before **5pm (MDT) July 10, 2026**
- c. Meet **ALL Threshold Criteria**.

Applications that fail to comply with all instructions and minimum requirements will be rejected without further consideration.

Threshold Review:

MT-CoC staff will conduct a review of all project applications submitted to determine whether they meet **ALL Threshold Criteria**. Threshold Review will be completed on July 15, 2026, and applicants will be notified of their status on July 16, 2026. Threshold Review statuses are:

- a. Project Application meets **ALL Threshold Criteria** and will advance to the scoring and selection process.
- b. Project Application does not meet **ALL Threshold Criteria** due to **curable deficiencies** and will have **2 business days** to address deficiencies and resubmit project application. Resubmissions due in *e-snaps* **by 5pm MDT on Monday, July 20, 2026**. Resubmitted applications that meet **ALL Threshold Criteria** and will advance to the scoring and selection process. Resubmitted applications that still do not meet **ALL Threshold Criteria** **WILL NOT** advance to the scoring and selection process. Applicants will be notified of their updated status by July 21, 2026.

- c. Project Application does not meet *ALL Threshold Criteria* due to w/***incurable deficiencies*** and ***WILL NOT*** move forward to the scoring and selection process.

Scoring:

Applications passing Threshold Review will be evaluated by the Youth Action Board in accordance with the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Conflict of Interest Policy and will be scored utilizing the criteria below (*total of 10 points available*):

- a. Experience of Applicant, Subrecipient(s), and Other Partners – 2 points
- b. Project Description (Program and Service Expectations) – 3 Points
- c. Supportive Services for Participants (Scope and Expected Outcomes) – 3 points
- d. Budget – 1 point
- e. Implementation Timeline – 1 point

Bonus Points:

Bonus Points will be given for projects that meet the following criteria:

- a. New YHDP Project in an unserved Community – 2 Bonus Points
- b. New or Expansion YHDP Project in an underserved Community – 2 Bonus Points
- c. New or Expansion Projects with on-site Educational, Vocational, Employment, or Treatment Programs – 3 Bonus Points