

# Homekey Technical Assistance Tool: Youth-Specific Funding Streams



This tool was developed by John Burton Advocates for Youth to assist prospective and current Homekey grantees whose projects serve youth with identifying funding sources for operating and rental subsidies as well as supportive services. Homekey funds the purchase, rehabilitation, and construction of interim and permanent housing. Homekey has a “youth set-aside,” which requires 8% of the funding to be available for projects serving homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness. Please note that while the programs listed in this document are youth-specific sources of funding, a project serving youth could draw upon general funding sources for homelessness as well.

For more information about Homekey, visit the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s website: <https://homekey.hcd.ca.gov/>.



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<b>Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program</b>	Homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.*  <i>*“Homeless” has the same meaning as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations as that section read on January 10, 2019.</i>	<b>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</b>  <b>✓ SERVICES</b>  Provides jurisdictions one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges.  HHAP has a number of eligible uses, outlined in the round 3 <a href="#">NOFA</a> on pages 14–16.	<b>STATE → LOCAL CONTINUUMS OF CARE, COUNTIES &amp; CITIES</b>  The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) administers formula-funded, non-competitive one-time grant funds to eligible local administrative entities.  Eligible applicants are the state’s 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs), 13 largest cities, 58 counties & recognized tribal governments. These entities administer the funding locally.	One-time funding (varies). Last funded rounds (3 and 4 in 2021–22 and 2022–23) are each funded with \$1 billion with 10% (\$100 million) set aside for unaccompanied youth between 12–24 years old.  See <a href="#">Cal ICH webpage</a> for annual allocations by CoC, city and county.	<a href="#">Cal ICH HHAP webpage</a>

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<b>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)</b>	<p>Unaccompanied homeless youth younger than 25 years old.*</p> <p><i>*"Homeless" definition includes <a href="#">HUD categories 1-4</a>.</i></p>	<p>✓ <b>OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</b></p> <p>✓ <b>SERVICES</b></p> <p>Provides communities with funding and technical assistance to develop a coordinated community plan for preventing and ending youth homelessness, and funding for creating new housing and services.</p>	<p><b>FEDERAL GOV'T → LOCAL CONTINUUMS OF CARE</b></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Housing &amp; Urban Development (HUD) administers grants to Continuums of Care.</p>	<p>Award amounts vary; most recent California awards totaled \$37 million across 4 CoCs. Once awarded, CoCs can renew a portion of the funding annually. The following CA CoCs received a YHDP award between 2016-2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Los Angeles: \$15M (2021)</li> <li>• Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda: \$6.57M (2021)</li> <li>• Salinas/Monterey, San Benito: \$5.28M (2021)</li> <li>• San Jose/Santa Clara: \$10.19M (2021)</li> <li>• San Diego: \$7.94M (2017)</li> <li>• San Francisco: \$2.9M (2016)</li> <li>• Santa Cruz: \$2.2M (2016)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">HUD YHDP webpage</a></p>



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<b>Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program</b>	<p>Youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness under 24 years old.*</p> <p><i>*"Homeless youth" includes youth who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; no longer eligible for foster care on the basis of age; have run away from home; or emancipated minors facing eviction or termination of one's current housing situation.</i></p>	<p>✓ <b>OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</b></p> <p>✓ <b>SERVICES</b></p> <p>Provides four-year grants to establish new or expand capacity to a range of housing options that meet the needs of homeless youth, and provide crisis intervention and stabilization services. This includes but is not limited to: 1) rapid rehousing; 2) rental assistance to access affordable housing; 3) transitional housing; and 4) supportive housing.</p>	<p><b>STATE → COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS</b></p> <p>The California Office of Emergency Services (OES) administers grants to non-profit providers.</p>	<p>One-time funding (varies). Current appropriation is \$50 million in 21-22, with 12 organizations awarded, most funded at \$2.25 million each across the following counties: Alameda, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and Ventura.</p>	<p><a href="#">2021-22 RFP</a></p>
<b>Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Home (MGH)</b>	<p>Youth ages 16 to under 22 years old who cannot safely live with their own families.</p>	<p>✓ <b>OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</b></p> <p>✓ <b>SERVICES</b></p> <p>Provides three-year grants for transitional housing using a group home, scattered site or host family model, coupled with supportive services. The MGH serves pregnant and parenting youth. Program length is usually 18 months for TLP and 21 months for MGH.</p>	<p><b>FEDERAL GOV'T → COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS &amp; PUBLIC AGENCIES</b></p> <p>Family &amp; Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) within the U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services' Administration for Children &amp; Families administers grants to public and private organizations who provide the programs directly.</p>	<p>Award amounts vary; most recent California awards totaled \$2.6 million across 10 organizations.</p>	<p><a href="#">List of current California RHY providers</a></p>

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<b>Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus)</b>	<p>Young adults who are 18 and not yet 25 who left foster care at age 18 or older.*</p> <p><i>*Includes youth supervised by juvenile probation who had court-ordered out-of-home placement on 18th birthday.</i></p>	<p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✓ SERVICES</p> <p>A transitional housing program that provides affordable housing and supportive services for up to 36 months using a single site, scattered site or host family model. The scattered site is the most common housing model.</p>	<p><b>COUNTIES → COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS</b></p> <p>THP-Plus is a realigned program administered by county child welfare agencies. In most cases the program is provided by a non-profit organization, and in some cases provided directly by the county agency.</p>	<p>\$34.9 million annually</p> <p>See page 25 of <a href="#">CFL 11/12-18</a> for counties' realigned THP-Plus distributions.*</p> <p><i>*Another \$9 million in state funding is made available annually to supplement counties' THP-Plus budgets. It is administered by HCD to counties with the highest rental costs and who meet certain requirements.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">THP-Plus County Representatives Roster</a></p> <p><a href="#">THP-Plus Provider Roster</a></p>
<b>Transitional Housing Program (THP)</b>	<p>Young adults who are 18 and not yet 25, with priority given to youth formerly in the foster care or probation system.</p>	<p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✓ SERVICES</p> <p>Provides funding for programming to help young adults secure and maintain housing. Many counties utilize this funding for their THP-Plus programs.</p>	<p><b>STATE → COUNTIES</b></p> <p>The California Department of Housing &amp; Community Development administers formula-funded annual disbursements to county child welfare agencies.</p>	<p>\$33.3 million annually</p> <p><a href="#">Allocations by county</a>*</p> <p>*This funding was just expanded in the 22-23 state budget; updated allocation amounts are not yet posted.</p>	<p><a href="#">HCD THP webpage</a></p>
<b>Housing Navigators Program (HNP)</b>	<p>Young adults who are 18 and not yet 25, with priority given to current foster youth.</p>	<p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✓ SERVICES</p> <p>Provides funding for housing navigators to help young adults secure and maintain housing.</p>	<p><b>STATE → COUNTIES</b></p> <p>The California Department of Housing &amp; Community Development administers formula-funded annual disbursements to county child welfare agencies.</p>	<p>\$13.7 million annually</p> <p><a href="#">Allocations by county</a>*</p> <p>*This funding was just expanded in the 22-23 state budget; updated allocation amounts are not yet posted.</p>	<p><a href="#">HCD HNP webpage</a></p>



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<b>Family Unification Program (FUP) for Youth</b>	<p>Youth age 18 until under 25 years old at time of voucher issuance, who left foster care at age 16 or older or will leave foster care within 90 days, and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.*</p> <p><i>*Includes youth supervised by juvenile probation who had court-ordered out-of-home placement on 16th birthday. Note: FUP also serves child welfare-involved families, but this is a separate leg of the program.</i></p>	<p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✗ SERVICES</p> <p>FUP provides Housing Choice Vouchers to youth for up to 3 years, coupled with at least 18 months of supportive services.*</p> <p><i>*The voucher can be extended for an additional 2 years through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), or if FSS is unavailable, through participation in work or school.</i></p>	<p><b>FEDERAL GOV'T → PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES</b></p> <p>HUD administers Housing Choice Vouchers to Public Housing Authorities that partner with their local county child welfare agency. The child welfare agency provides (or contracts to provide) supportive services.</p>	<p>There are at least 680 FUP vouchers for youth in CA; funding based on Fair Market Rent. The required supportive services are not funded by HUD.</p>	<p><a href="#">HUD FUP webpage</a></p> <p><a href="#">California Public Housing Authorities that administer FUP, FYI, &amp; FSS by county</a></p>
<b>Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)</b>	<p>Youth age 18 until under 25 years old at time of voucher issuance, who left foster care at age 16 or older or will leave foster care within 90 days, and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.*</p> <p><i>*Includes youth supervised by juvenile probation who had court-ordered out-of-home placement on 16th birthday.</i></p>	<p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✗ SERVICES</p> <p>FYI provides Housing Choice Vouchers for up to 3 years, coupled with supportive services.*</p> <p><i>*The voucher can be extended for an additional 2 years through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), or if FSS is unavailable, through participation in work or school.</i></p>	<p><b>FEDERAL GOV'T → PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES</b></p> <p>HUD administers Housing Choice Vouchers to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that partner with their local county child welfare agency. The child welfare agency provides (or contracts to provide) supportive services.</p> <p>FYI is administered via a traditional NOFA process in addition to an "on-demand" method where PHAs can request vouchers on an as-needed basis.</p>	<p>There are at least 190 FYI vouchers in CA, with this number expected to grow with the on-demand FYI vouchers; funding based on Fair Market Rent. The required supportive services are not funded by HUD.</p>	<p><a href="#">HUD FYI webpage</a></p> <p><a href="#">California Public Housing Authorities that administer FUP, FYI, &amp; FSS by county</a></p>

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<b>Transitional Housing Placement for Non-Minor Dependents (THP-NMD)</b>	Youth age 18 and not yet 21 who are participating in extended foster care ("non-minor dependents").	<p>✓ <b>OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</b></p> <p>✓ <b>SERVICES</b></p> <p>A foster care placement that provides transitional housing and supportive services using a single site, remote (same as scattered) site or host family model. The remote site is the most common housing model. The placement is modeled programmatically after THP-Plus. Youth in extended foster care are provided court oversight and child welfare case management.</p>	<p><b>COUNTIES → LICENSED FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS</b></p> <p>THP-NMD providers, which are usually non-profit organizations, are licensed by the California Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing Division and certified at the county level. Counties engage in placement agreements with THP-NMD providers to place individual youth in their programs, although some counties also execute contracts with providers for a specified number of youth.</p>	<p>N/A – foster care is a federal entitlement and is funded through a combination of county, state and federal funding in accordance with current <a href="#">foster care rates</a>, which for THP-NMD is a monthly rate of \$3,679 per youth in 21-22.</p> <p>Providers also receive a THP-NMD Housing Supplement to cover higher rent costs if they are eligible according to the local rental costs in their county. See page 6 of this <a href="#">ACL</a> for amounts.</p>	<a href="#">THP-NMD Provider Roster</a>



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