

Homekey & 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 rounds 1-3 funded the purchase, rehabilitation, and construction of interim and permanent housing. Like the first three rounds of Homekey, “Homekey+” also provides capital development funding, but for Permanent Supportive Housing only. Like Homekey, 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.

While the programs outlined in this document specifically provide funding for youth-

focused initiatives, projects serving youth may also access general funding sources for homelessness. Additionally, the funding sources outlined primarily support operating costs, rental subsidies, and non-clinical support services. For Permanent Supportive Housing projects under Homekey+, it is also important to explore behavioral health funding sources.

For more information about Homekey+, visit the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s website:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/homekey-plus>

For information about Homekey rounds 1-3, visit:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/homekey>



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| Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program | 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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES ✓ SERVICES 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 6 NOFA on pages 6-11. | STATE → LOCAL CONTINUUMS OF CARE, COUNTIES & CITIES The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers formula-funded, non-competitive onetime 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 four funded rounds (2021/22 - 2024/25) were each funded with \$1 billion with 10% (\$100 million) set aside for unaccompanied youth between 12-24 years old. See Cal ICH webpage for annual allocations by CoC, city and county. | HCD HHAP webpage |

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| <p>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)</p> | <p>Unaccompanied homeless youth younger than 25 years old.*</p> <p><i>**“Homeless” definition includes HUD categories 1-4</i></p> | <p>✓ OPERATING/ RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✓ SERVICES</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>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT → LOCAL CONTINUUMS OF CARE</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) administers grants to Continuums of Care.</p> | <p>Award amounts vary. Once awarded, CoCs can renew a portion of the funding annually. A total of 12 California communities have received a YHDP award between 2016 and 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakersfield/Kern: \$5.26M (2023) • Humboldt: \$1.13M (2023) • Los Angeles: \$15M (2021) • Oakland, Berkeley Alameda: \$6.57M (2021) • Riverside: \$7.50M (2022) • Sacramento: \$6.51M (2021) • Salinas/Monterey, San Benito: \$5.28M (2021) • San Jose/Santa Clara: \$10.19M (2021) • San Diego: \$7.94M (2017) • San Francisco: \$2.9M (2016) • Santa Cruz: \$2.2M (2016) • Santa Maria/Barbara: \$5.17M (2021) | <p>HCD HHAP webpage</p> |



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| <p>Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program</p> | <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>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✓ SERVICES</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>STATE → COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS</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>2021-22 RFP</p> |
| <p>Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Home (MGH)</p> | <p>Youth ages 16 to under 22 years old who cannot safely live with their own families.</p> | <p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>✓ SERVICES</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>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT → COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS & PUBLIC AGENCIES</p> <p>Family & Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services’ Administration for Children & Families administers grants to public and private organizations who provide the programs directly.</p> | <p>Award amounts vary; most recent California awards totaled \$3 million across 11 organizations.</p> | <p>List of current California RHY providers</p> |

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| Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) | Young adults who are 18 and not yet 25 who left foster care at age 18 or older.* <i>*Includes youth supervised by juvenile probation who had court-ordered out-of-home placement on 18th birthday.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES ✓ SERVICES 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. | COUNTIES → COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS 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. | \$34.9 million annually See page 25 of CFL 11/12-18 for counties' realigned THP-Plus distributions.* *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. | THP-Plus County Representatives Roster THP-Plus Provider Roster |
| Transitional Housing Program (THP) | Young adults who are 18 and not yet 25, with priority given to youth formerly in the foster care or probation system. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES ✓ SERVICES Provides funding for programming to help young adults secure and maintain housing. Many counties utilize this funding for their THP-Plus programs. | STATES → COUNTIES The California Department of Housing & Community Development administers formula-funded annual disbursements to county child welfare agencies. | \$33.3 million annually Allocation amounts can be found on the HCD TAY Programs webpage under "awards" | HCD TAY Programs webpage |
| Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) | Young adults who are 18 and not yet 25, with priority given to current and former foster youth. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES ✓ SERVICES Provides funding for housing navigators to help young adults secure and maintain housing. | STATES → COUNTIES The California Department of Housing & Community Development administers formula-funded annual disbursements to county child welfare agencies. | \$13.7 million annually Allocation amounts can be found on the HCD TAY Programs webpage under "awards" | HCD TAY Programs webpage |



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| <p>Housing Choice Vouchers through the Family Unification Program (FUP) or Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative</p> | <p>Youth age 18 until under 25 years old who have exited foster care or will exit foster care within 90 days.</p> | <p>✓ OPERATING/RENTAL SUBSIDIES</p> <p>× SERVICES</p> <p>FYI/FUP provides Housing Choice Vouchers to youth 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>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT → PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES</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 over 2,000 FYI/FUP vouchers for youth in CA; funding based on Fair Market Rent. The required supportive services are not funded by HUD.</p> | <p>HUD FUP webpage</p> <p>HUD FYI webpage</p> <p>FYI/FUP Points-of-Contact Roster</p> |



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