

# ROUND 7 SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

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# WHAT ARE SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES?

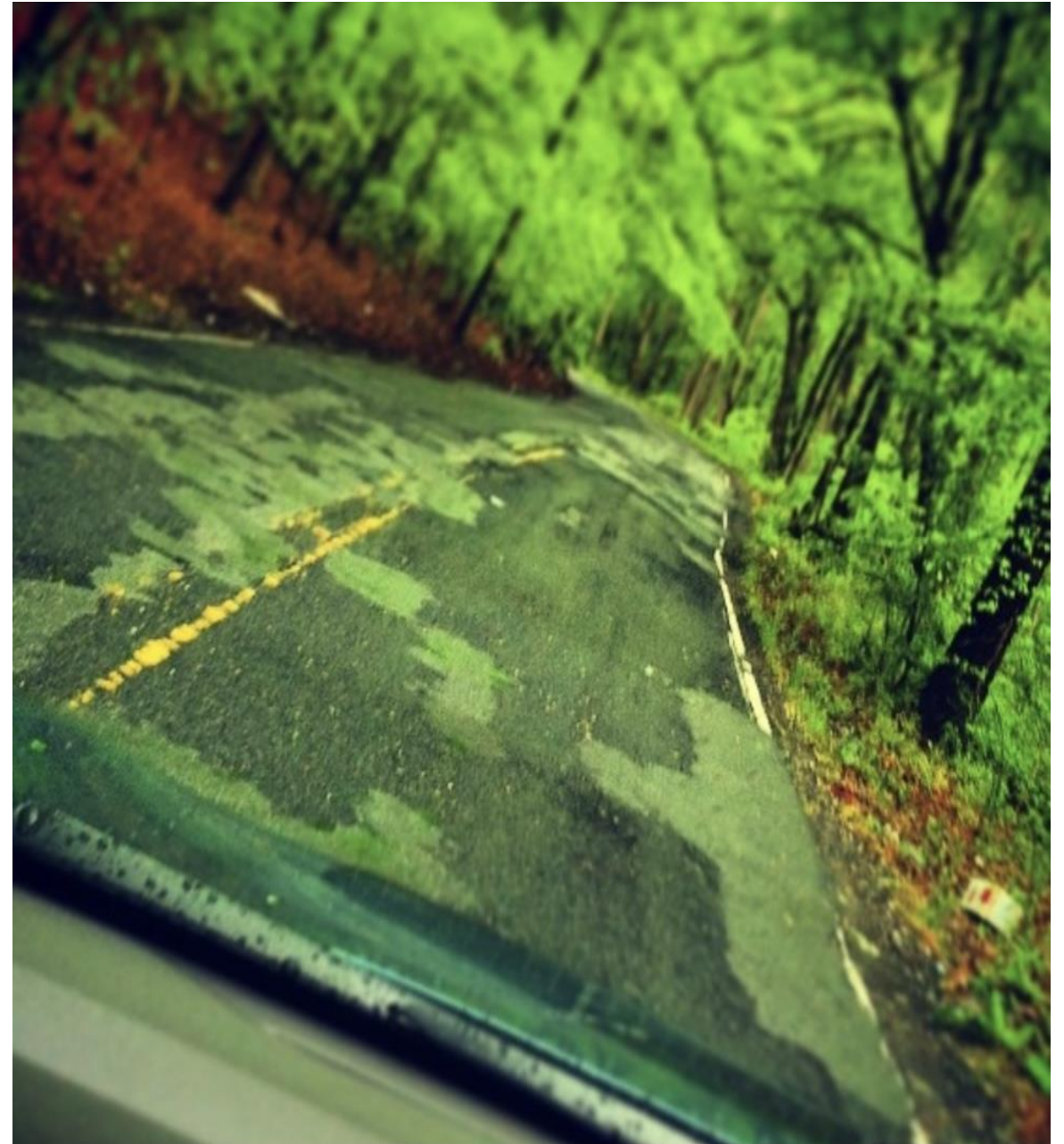
Allows selected YHDP communities to implement Special YHDP activities as alternatives to the CoC regulations and program requirements to carry out YHDP projects as outlined in Appendix A in the NOFO.



Special YHDP activities are divided into two categories:

Requests for special YHDP activities simply require notification to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, subject to requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105. Communities do not need to wait for approval from HUD.

Requests for special YHDP activities are subject to approval by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs and requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105.



# I.C.1.A SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

<p>1.C.1.a(1) Leases under 12 months (minimum 1 month). <b>Eligible only for PH, TH &amp; JOINT</b></p>	<p>1.C.1.a(2) Use of leasing, Sponsored Based Rental Assistance (SRA) and Project Based Rental Assistance (PRA) in Rapid Rehousing (RRH). <b>Eligible only for PH &amp; JOINT</b></p>	<p>1.C.1.a(3) Use 10% of total YHDP funding for Planning grants. <b>Eligible only for Planning</b></p>	<p>1.C.1.a(4) YHDP Planning and Admin funds may be used for capacity building activities for YAB members or recipient staff who are also <u>youth</u> with lived experience. <b>Eligible only for Planning or projects with ADMIN BLI</b></p>	<p>1.C.1.a(5) Project admin funds used to employ youth with lived experience for project implementation, execution, and improvement. <b>Eligible only for projects with an ADMIN BLI</b></p>
<p>1.C.1.a(6) Project admin funds used to attend non-HUD sponsored or approved conferences</p>	<p>1.C.1.a(7) Employ youth receiving recipient services <b>Eligible only for PH, TH, JOINT &amp; SSO</b></p>	<p>1.C.1.a(8) Use habitability standards in 24 CFR 576.403© rather than HQS in 24 CFR 578.75 for up 24 months</p>	<p>1.C.1.a(9) Provide moving expense more than one time to a program participant. <b>Eligible only for PH, TH, JOINT &amp; SSO</b></p>	<p>1.C.1.a(10) Provide payments for families that provide housing under host homes and kinship care. <b>Eligible only for Host Home &amp; Kinship Care</b></p>

	Assistance w/ Moving Costs	Operating Costs	Life Skills	Housing & Counseling Services	Transportation	Legal Services
I.C.1.a(9) Provide moving expense more than one time to a program participant	X					
I.C.1.a(10) Provide payments for families that provide housing under host homes and kinship care		X				
I.C.1.a(10)(a) Security deposits (not to exceed 2 months of rent) – Only required in the SS budget if there is no RA budget.	X					
I.C.1.a(10)(b) Pay for damage to units (not to exceed 2 months rent) - Only required in the SS budget if there is no RA budget.	X					
I.C.1.a(10)(c) Costs to provide household cleaning supplies			X			



Applicant request special YHDP Activity

HUD reviewer assess whether the special YHDP activity is eligible for the project component

If Yes, the special activity will be included in the Grant Agreement

If No, the HUD reviewer will remove the special activity and it will not be included in the Grant Agreement

## I.C.1.A SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES APPROVAL PROCESS



**QUESTION: CAN AN APPLICANT REQUEST ALL THE I.C.1.A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR PROJECT?**

**ANSWER: ROUND 7 YHDP APPLICANTS CAN SELECT THOSE APPLICABLE I.C.1.A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THAT PROJECT COMPONENT. HOWEVER, EVEN IF A SPECIAL ACTIVITY IS ELIGIBLE, THE PROJECT DESIGN/SCOPE OF THE PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ANY AND ALL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE REQUESTED.**

# 1.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES

I.C.1.b(1) A recipient may provide up to 36 months of Rapid Rehousing rental assistance to a program participant if the recipient demonstrates (1) the method it will use to determine which youth need rental assistance beyond 24 months and (2) the services and resources that will be offered to ensure youth are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance. **Eligible Only for PH-RRH & JOINT**



**SAMPLE NARRATIVE:** I.C.1.B(1) A RECIPIENT MAY PROVIDE UP TO 36 MONTHS OF RAPID REHOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IF THE RECIPIENT DEMONSTRATES (1) THE METHOD IT WILL USE TO DETERMINE WHICH YOUTH NEED RENTAL ASSISTANCE BEYOND 24 MONTHS AND (2) THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT WILL BE OFFERED TO ENSURE YOUTH ARE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEIR HOUSING AT THE END OF THE 36 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE.

## WRONG

The ABC organization will use a method to determine which youth are eligible to receive rental assistance beyond the 24 month. We will provide resources to those youth, so they are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance.

## CORRECT

To determine which program participant is eligible to receive rental assistance beyond the 24 months, in addition to annual income recertifications, we will meet with each participant prior to the end of their assistance if its determine that the program participant fall under one or more of the following criteria:

1. income results in them paying more than 30% of their income on rent based on income verification 3 months prior to exit
2. If they have lost employment more than 3 times within the past 12 months.
3. If they are two or more months behind on utility payments after receiving the 3- month utility assistance allowed through the program.

Those eligible program participants that will receive rental assistance beyond the 24 months will also be connected with services and resources such as but not limited to, mental health services, childcare vouchers through State partnership program, educational and job placement opportunities through local Labor organizations.

# 1.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES: MATCH EXEMPTION

I.C.1.b(3) Recipients will not be required to meet the 25% match requirement if the Recipient is able to identify multiple non-YHDP resources in the community that assist youth experiencing homelessness and can provide a narrative description of 1) how the resources will assist youth who are clients under the YHDP project and 2) how the recipient will facilitate connections to these resources to ensure that youth are aware of them and able to access the resources

[Eligible for All Projects](#)

**SAMPLE NARRATIVE: I.C.1.B(3) RECIPIENTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE 25% MATCH REQUIREMENT IF THE RECIPIENT IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY MULTIPLE NON-YHDP RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ASSIST YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND CAN PROVIDE A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF 1) HOW THE RESOURCES WILL ASSIST YOUTH WHO ARE CLIENTS UNDER THE YHDP PROJECT AND 2) HOW THE RECIPIENT WILL FACILITATE CONNECTIONS TO THESE RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH ARE AWARE OF THEM AND ABLE TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES**

**WRONG**

The ABC organization has many connections with non-YHDP resources that will assist any eligible youth under this YHDP project. We will facilitate connections to these resources to ensure that the youth are aware of them and able to access the resources.

**CORRECT**

The ABC organization is requesting the 25% match waiver because we have several partnerships with non-YHDP resources that include but not limited to:

1. Dept. Of Health and Human Services to provide mental and behavioral health services
2. Local Direct Cash Transfer Fund through the Dept. Of Community Affairs
3. State Dept. Of Labor Relations Providing a job coach, and 2-month guarantee job placement
4. Community College 2-yr Free Tuition/Books

These non-YHDP resources as well as food banks, childcare, and life skill resources have been committed to be used as a direct referral as soon as eligibility is determined. These resources will assist our youth in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing by providing tailored resources that will aide in their success in this Program. To facilitate connections to these resources, once we develop a case management plan (with the youth) we will schedule a meeting with our partner organizations, including the youth to determine what resources are available and eligibility. We follow up with partner organization, as needed to ensure that all eligible youth have been connected and are accessing available resources.

Applicant request special YHDP Activity

HUD reviewer assess whether the special YHDP activity is eligible for the project component

HUD reviewer sends the special activity and applicant's response to the criteria to the YHDP Resolution Team

YHDP Resolution Team reviews the response to determine if it meets the criteria. If it meets the criteria, it will be included in the Grant Agreement.

If all or a portion of the response does not meet the criteria, the HUD reviewer will be instructed to place a condition on the project. The condition will need to be satisfied prior to post award.

## I.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES APPROVAL PROCESS



**QUESTION: IF AN APPLICANT REQUEST AND RECEIVES A HUD-APPROVED I.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES, WILL THE APPLICANT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THAT SPECIAL ACTIVITY?**

**ANSWER:** No, applicants that receive a HUD-approved I.C.1.B special activity will only receive 24 months of YHDP funding; therefore, the applicant needs to budget for any additional assistance that goes beyond the 24 months and/or leverage other non-YHDP funding to support assistance beyond the 24 months. It's strongly recommended that the applicant partner with community partners and use match funds, if applicable.

# 1.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES: INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES

In addition to the specific activities authorized above or in 24 CFR part 578, other innovative activities to reduce youth homelessness may be carried out using YHDP funds, provided that the recipient can demonstrate that the activity meets the following criteria:

- a) The activity is supported by both the Youth Action Board and the Continuum of Care, as evidenced by letters of support from each organization;
- b) The activity will be testing or likely to achieve a positive outcome in at least one of the four core outcomes for youth experiencing homelessness (stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and well-being);<sup>1</sup>
- c) The activity is cost effective; and
- d) The activity is not in conflict with fair housing, civil rights, or environmental regulations.

Applicant request Innovative Activity

Assigned YHDP DDO review the Innovative Activity response and sends to the YHDP Resolution Team

If no clarification is needed, DDO will package to brief the DAS for from approval during post award

If clarification is needed, the DDO will follow up with the applicant

DDO will present the Innovate Activity to the DAS for final approval. If approved it will be included in the Grant Agreement. If not, DDO will follow up with the applicant and it will not be included in the Grant Agreement

## I.C.1.B SPECIAL YHDP ACTIVITIES- INNOVATIVE ACTIVITY APPROVAL PROCESS



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# RESOURCES

Round 7 NOFO:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY22-YHDP-NOFO.pdf>

Appendix A:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Appendix-A.pdf>

Round 7 Detailed Instructions:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Round-7-YHDP-New-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>

NEXT ROUND 7 YHDP TRAINING: OFFICE HOUR  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2024, 2:00PM (ET)-3:30PM (ET)



# QUESTIONS

