



## CT BOS HUD CoC Renewal Application Webinar 8/15/2024



## Agenda

- Welcome
- New and Notable
- Introduction to E-snaps
- Applicant Profile
- Renewal Project Applications
- DOH Con Plan Cert Form
- YHDP
- Timeline
- Resources





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New and Notable



#### New and Notable

Align applications with HUD strategic goals and objectives, for example:

- Ending Homelessness for all
- Housing First
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Improve System Performance: additional emphasis on using System Performance Measures in review, ranking and selection process
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
- Racial Equity
- Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals
- Persons with Lived Experience (PLE)
- Building an Effective Workforce [new priority for 2024]
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

## Rural Cost Budget Line Available to Renewals

Renewals in Geocode 099005 (Litchfield County) can move up to 10% of budget line item to the following activities:

- Short-term emergency lodging to include housing in motels or shelters, either by providing direct funding or through vouchers
- Repairs to housing units in where individuals and families experiencing homelessness will be housed, including housing units.
- Staff Training to include professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.



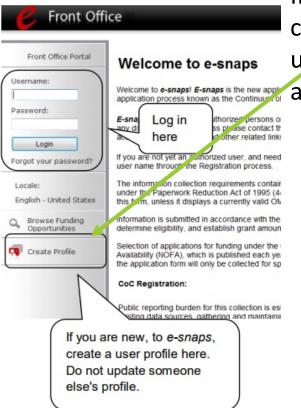
## New to E-snaps



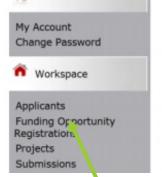
## What is **E-snaps**?

- e-snaps electronic platform, from which applications are submitted during annual competition under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- In e-snaps
  - CoC Collaborative Applicants (CAs) complete
     CoC Applicant Profile and submit CoC
     Registration, CoC Review, and CoC application
  - Homeless Assistance Providers complete the project applicant's Applicant Profile and submit one or more project applications.

## Getting Started in E-snaps



If new to e-snaps, must create profile (requires username, valid email, and password)





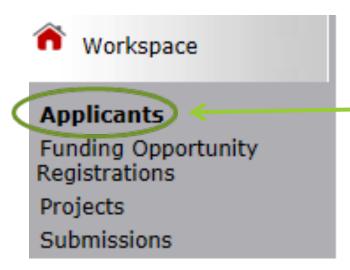
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"Applicant", then click person icon for "Registrants." Click on paperclip to add registrants to organization's esnaps account.

## Getting Started In E-snaps (2)

Make sure you are linked to the grantee's e-snaps account

Project Applicant Profile Navigational Guide (hudexchange.info)



Start by clicking on 'applicants'

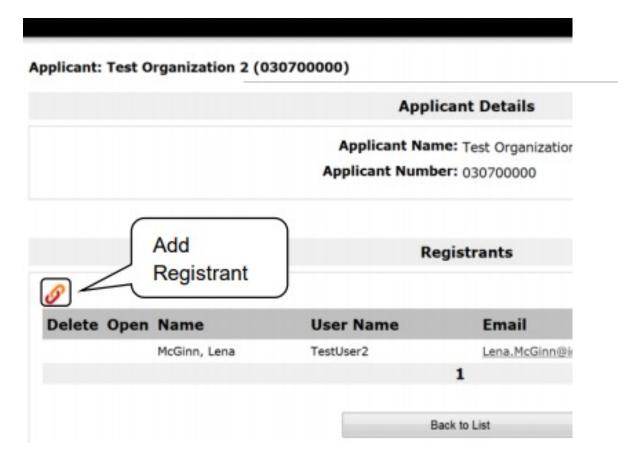


## E-snaps users

Optional: Add Myles Wensek at <a href="mylesw@housinginnovations.us">mylesw@housinginnovations.us</a> as a user

 Ensure 2 e-snaps users per agency and that both are familiar with the system and can step in as needed





## HELLO MY NAME IS

- Projects expiring between 1/1/25 and 12/31/25 are eligible to renew
- SNOFO projects are 3-year awards and not renewing at this time

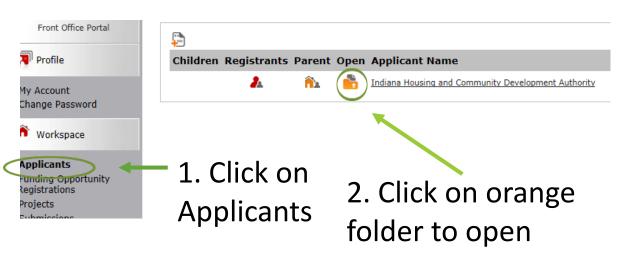
## Project Name!

Please use the project name listed here for your renewal project

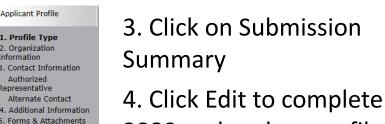
2024-Project-Name-List.pdf



## Applicant Profile Open & Review: All must update



applicant profile. All applicant profiles MUST be updated during competition period.



Applicant Profile

1. Profile Type

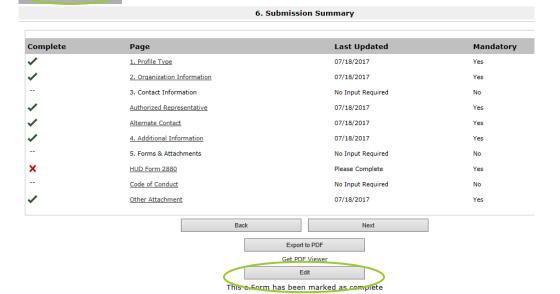
2. Organization

Authorized epresentative

HUD Form 2880 Code of Conduct

Other Attachment . Submission Summary

nformation



2880 and update profile

## Applicant Profile HUD Form 2880

#### Part I Threshold Determinations

1. Are you applying for assistance for a specific project or activity?  $Y_{es} \lor$ (For further information, see 24 CFR Sec. 4.3).

\* 2. Have you received or do you expect to receive assistance within the jurisdiction of the Department (HUD), involving -- select -- v the project or activity in this application, in excess of \$200,000 during this fiscal year (Oct. 1 - Sep. 30)? For further information, see 24 CFR Sec. 4.9.



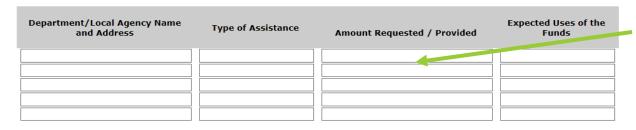
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This e.Form has been marked as complete

If applying for more than \$200,000 in this NOFO must indicate 'yes'

Part II Other Government Assistance Provided or Requested / Expected Sources and Use of Funds

Such assistance includes, but is not limited to, any grant, loan, subsidy, guarantee, insurance, payment, credit, or tax benefit.



Amounts must be consistent with all project applications submitted under NOFO.

Note: If additional sources of Government Assistance, please use the "Other Attachments" screen of the project applicant profile.

Note: If there are no other people included, write NA in the boxes.

## Applicant Profile Completion

- Review and Confirm that all information is up to date
  - Contact information
  - Applicant's Congressional Districts
  - HUD Form 2880
  - Confirm that <u>Code of Conduct</u> is <u>on file</u> with HUD
- Nonprofit applicants must attach 501c3 to applicant profile
- After verifying all information is correct, go to Submission Summary page and click 'complete'



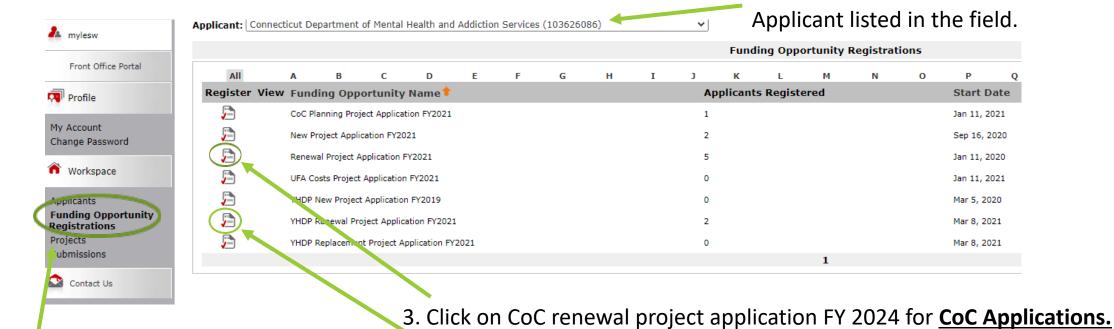


## Renewal Project Applications

## Creating Renewal Application

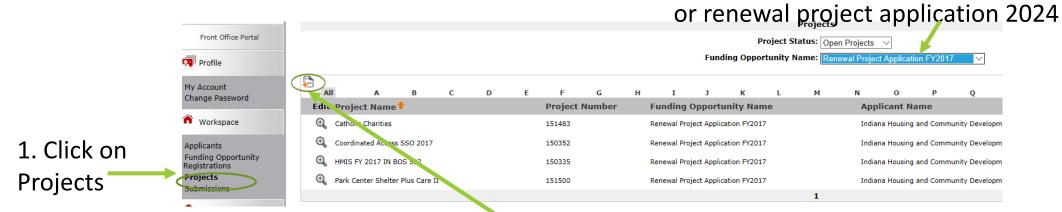
Complete section only once per applicant, regardless of number of renewal applications applicant has

2. Confirm the correct



 Click on Funding Opportunity Registrations. 4. Click on YHDP renewal project application FY 2024 for **YHDP Applications.** 

## Create Renewal Project



3. Click on the paper with + icon to open new project screen

2. Filter for correct project type, new

- Verify that all imported information is current and correct.
- Click save and/or save and next in order to save content and move forward.
- If nothing to change, click next.

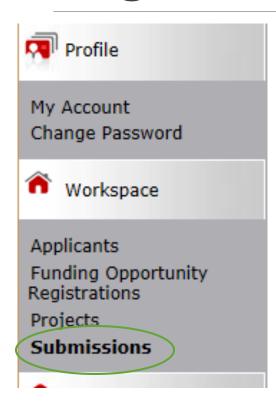
## Create Project Screen Import Last Year's Data

#### 1. Name new project here

Applicant: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (086870479) $\lor$	
	Create a Project
	Funding Opportunity Name: Renewal Project Application FY2017
	* Applicant: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (086870479)
	* Applicant Project Name:
	Import Data From: None
	Save Save & Add Artuner
	Save & Back Cancel

2. Import previous data here.

## Begin Renewal Application



#### **Before Starting**

Part 1 - Forms

1A. SF-424 Application

Type

1B. SF-424 Legal

Applicant

1C. SF-424 Application

Details

1D. SF-424

Congressional District(s)

1E. SF-424

Compliance

1F. SF-424 Declaration

1G. HUD-2880

1H. HUD-50070

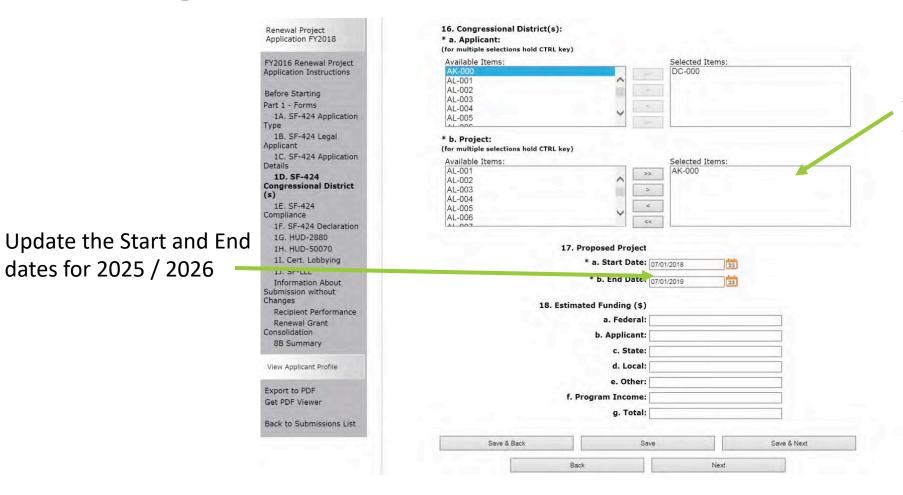
1I. Cert. Lobbying

1J. SF-LLL

IK. SF-424B

- Click Submissions, and then choose newly created app from menu
- Many of 1<sup>st</sup> screens are "certify" e.g., lobbying disclosure, drug free workplace, etc.
- 1A: Application Type PIN# in 5b. Is first 6 digits of Grant Number (e.g. CT1234)
- 1D: Congressional District 17.
   Ensure start and end dates correct
  - Start in 2024, End in 2025, except if start in 1/1/24

## Congressional District



Move the correct Congressional District(s) for the project into the box on the right

## Submission without changes

First time renewals may not submit without changes

#### Check **only** those screens that need changes.

- HUD notes to only change what needs changing. **Must note changes making** on bottom of Submission without Changes screen (bullets are preferable).
- Note: We are working on updating project descriptions to some DMHAS grants & will notify providers of action to take.

Once checked, must go to that screen and click 'save'

Submission Without Changes

\* 1. Are the requested renewal funds reduced from the previous award as a result of reallocation?

\* 2. Do you wish to submit this application without making changes? Please refer to the Make changes

▼

guidelines below to inform you of the requirements.

Select "No" for any project not reallocating some funds to the CoC this year.

Submit with Changes (2)

Applies only for CoC Renewal Application. YHDP Renewal Applications do not have this page.

Part 2 - Subrecipient Information 2A. Subrecipients Part 3 - Project Information 3A. Project Detail 3B. Description 3C. Dedicated Plus Part 4 - Housing Services and HMIS 4A. Services 4B. Housing Type Part 5 - Participants and Outreach Information 5A. Households 5B. Subpopulations Part 6 - Budget Information 6A. Funding Request 6D. Match 6E. Summary Budget Part 7 - Attachment(s) & Certification 7A. Attachment(s) 7B. Certification

3. Specify which screens require changes by clicking the checkbox next to the name and then clicking the Save button.

Check here if on <u>list</u> to update Project
Description

CH-CH-CH-CHANGES!

\* The applicant has selected "Make Changes" to Question 2 above. Please provide a brief description of the changes that will be made to the project information screens (bullets are appropriate):

## Projects that Submit with No Changes

#### Still Must Complete and/or review:

- Recipient Performance review/update
- \*Renewal Expansion
  - New projects selected for expansion must submit both renewal and expansion project applications
- \*Renewal Grant Consolidation Screen
- 3A. Project Detail Q 2b.
- 6A. Project Detail review Q related to VAWA
- 6D Sources of Match update if needed
- 6E. Summary Budget review VAWA, & add Admin
- Review Part 7 to ensure nothing to add
- All of Part 8
  - \* As applicable





#### Benefits:

- Fewer administrative responsibilities (e.g., APRs, project applications)
- Increased funding flexibility (e.g. moving 10% of budget line items)
- Consolidations must have same applicant and be of the same project type (PSH, RRH, etc.)
  - DMHAS consolidations must be same housing type (PRA, SRA or TRA)
- May consolidate up to 10 grants at a time
- Must submit separate applications for each individual project and then one for combined project
- If you haven't already, contact CT BOS ASAP if you would like to consolidate grants



## Housing First



\* 3a. Does the project quickly move participants into permanent housing Yes \* 3b. Does the project enroll program participants who have the following barriers? Select all that apply. Having too little or little income Active or history of substance use Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions History of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse) None of the above \* 3c. Will the project prevent program participant termination for the following reasons? Select all that apply. Failure to participate in supportive services Failure to make progress on a service plan Loss of income or failure to improve income Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found for unassisted persons in the project's  $\checkmark$ geographic area None of the above

\* 3d. Does the project follow a "Housing First" approach? Yes



#### I. For all supportive services available to participants, indicate who will provide them and how often they Click 'Save' to update.

#### **Supportive Services**

Assessment of Service Needs Assistance with Moving Costs

Case Management

Child Care

Education Services

Employment Assistance and Job Training

Food

Housing Search and Counseling Services

Legal Services

Life Skills Training

Mental Health Services

Outpatient Health Services

Outreach Services

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Transportation

Utility Deposits

# Provider Non-Rartner ▼ -- select -- ▼ Subrecipient ▼ -- select -- ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Subrecipient ▼ Subrecipient ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Subrecipient ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Subrecipient ▼ Non-Partner ▼ Subrecipient ▼ Subrecipient ▼

Subrecipient ▼

Frequency

Monthly

-- select

Bi-weekly

-- select --

As needed

Bi-weekly

Bi-weekly

Bi-weekly

As needed

Bi-monthly

Weekly

Monthly

Weekly

Monthly

Monthly

As needed

## 4A – Supportive Services

- For Provider, "partner" must have a signed formal agreement or MOU
  - If this does not exist, change response to "nonpartner"
- All supportive services costs included in the budget in this application, must have applicant or subrecipient listed as provider.
  - For example, if mental health services are included in the supportive services budget in Section 6, then the chart should indicate either recipient or subrecipient as the provider of mental health services.



## 4B Housing Type & Location

- Units must match 2024 GIW or grant agreement
- Total units & beds must be consistent with 5A. Households and 5B. Subpopulations and indicate maximum capacity at a point in time.
- Numbers reported must reflect the units and beds directly supported by CoC Program awarded funds.
  - Includes units supported only by supportive services costs without rental assistance, leasing, or operating costs

## Budgets

- In general, summary budget line items (BLIs) must correspond to GIW\*
- Budget changes of more than 10% of BLI are made through amendment not grant renewal
  - Reallocation is an exception
  - May move up to 10% of one BLI to another within the line items already existing in your project



\*Projects desiring to reallocate funding would reduce budget line items in section 6E - Summary Budget accordingly.



### Indirect Cost Rate Screen 6A: #4

Indirect cost rate proposals should be submitted as soon as the applicant is notified of a conditional award.

Applicants with an approved indirect cost rate must submit a copy of the approval with this application.

#### **Indirect Cost Resources:**

- Indirect Cost Rate Guidance
- Fiscal Issues Training
- Indirect Cost Training
- Indirect Cost Toolkit



## 6D – Match

Must equal 25% of total assistance requested including admin but excluding leasing costs

- Do not exceed 25% HUD monitors on entire amount and documentation will be required
- 1. "Does this project generate program income as described in 24 CFR 578.97 that will be used as Match for this grant?"
- If yes, enter description of program income source (e.g., tenant rent or occupancy charges paid to recipient or subrecipient)

For Third Party In-Kind Match – separate screen will appear to attach MOU documentation confirming the commitment

For more information review the relevant FAQs posted at <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/faqs">www.hudexchange.info/coc/faqs</a> by searching for the keyword "match"

## **Budget Screens**

Renewal projects need not submit detailed budgets for: leased structures, supportive services, operating or HMIS budgets

Review and update screens for rental assistance (RA) and leasing units (type of RA, FMR area, whether full FMR is requested, unit distribution)

## Admin fees must be added to summary budget

All BLIs must match GIW: Exceptions for reallocation and up to 10% adjustments



Save & Next

Eligible Costs	Total Assistance Requested for 1 year Grant Term (Applicant)
1a. Leased Units	SC
1b. Leased Structures	\$0
2. Rental Assistance	\$0
3. Supportive Services	\$0
4. Operating	\$0
5. HMIS	\$0
6. Sub-total Costs	SC
Requested	,
7. Admin (Up to 10%) 8. Total Assistance	SO
plus Admin Requested	30
9. Cash Match	
10. In-Kind Match	
11. Total Match	SC
12. Total Budget	SC

Save & Back

## 7A. Attachments

### Required:

- Non-profit documentation: for projects with non-profit sub-recipients
- Third party in-kind match commitment, if applicable
- Replacement reserve supporting documentation, if applicable
- Federally approved indirect cost rate approved agreement, if applicable



## CT Department of Housing Con Plan Cert Provider forms

- Each year projects that are located in the DOH Con Plan region are required to complete the form
- Forms are due 8/21/24
- Provider DOH Con Plan
   Cert Form



## Avoiding Common Pitfalls

- **Dates**: HUD guidance says enter start date & end date of renewing project as ID'd from e-LOCCS.
- APR Spending if your grant was underspent, note this & provide explanation
- VAWA auto-checked in 2024, but not required to use
- Budget must match GIW. Exceptions for moving 10% from one line item to another or reallocating part of the grant. Total budget must still match GIW.
- Make sure you include attachments for example,
   501c3, in-kind match documentation
- Population and sub-pops need to match from number of units in Section 4 to Persons Served in Section 5.





### Youth Homeless Demonstration Projects (YHDP)

#### YHDP New and Notable

#### New Questions on:

- Youth Action Board:
  - How will your project with work with the Youth Action board during project implementation?
  - How will the project work with the Youth Action Board to develop and implement a Continuous Quality Improvement plan?
- Innovative Activities
  - Is the applicant requesting an innovative activity that is not currently allowed under 24 FR 578 or the above YHDP Special Activities?



#### YHDP New and Notable

4A: Supportive Services for Participants
Two Supportive Services Sections

- Staff Costs
- Activity Costs

61: Summary Budget page

Breakout of BLI costs



#### YHDP Replacement Projects

- May be used to change component types (must be approved by the YAB and CAN and notify CT BOS and DOH asap; must be consistent with Coordinated Community Plan) or to consolidate YHDP projects
- May replace portions of its current program design, to conduct YHDP Special Activities
- Must demonstrate it will directly address youth homelessness



### YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities

- Have leases for a minimum term of 1 month under RA BLI budget
- Leasing, sponsor-based rental assistance, and project-based rental assistance in RRH projects
- Use admin funds to:
  - support costs associated with involving youth with lived experience in project implementation, execution, and improvement
  - attend conferences/trainings that are NOT HUD-sponsored/approved, subject matter must be relevant to youth homelessness



### YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (2)

- May employ youth receiving services (including housing) from organization.
  - Must maintain documentation disclosing nature of work and youth is not in position that creates a conflict of interest.
- May use habitability standards in <u>24 CFR</u>
   <u>476.403(c)</u> rather than Housing Quality Standards in 24 CFR 578.75 for housing assistance.
  - Must document which standards are applied to units and proof units complied with standards before assistance is provided for every unit funded.



### YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (3)

- Provide moving expenses more than one-time
- Provide payments of up to \$500/month for families providing housing under host home and kinship care model to offset increased costs associated with having youth housed in the unit
- Provide payments of up to \$1000/month for families providing housing under host home and kinship care model, provided recipient can show that additional cost is necessary to recruit hosts to the program



## YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (4)



- May be used for the following if necessary to assist participants obtain and maintain housing. Must maintain records - how it was determined paying the costs was necessary for participant to do so and must also conduct an annual assessment of participant needs and adjust costs accordingly:
  - Security deposits in an amount not to exceed 2 mo. rent.
  - Costs for damage to housing due to participant's action may be paid while the youth continues to reside in the unit. Total per participant not to exceed 2 mo. rent
  - Costs of providing household cleaning supplies to clients.
  - Housing start-up expenses, (e.g., furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods) not to exceed \$300 per participant.

## YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (5)

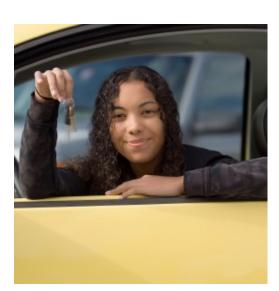


- CONT'D: May be used for the following if **necessary** to assist participants obtain and maintain housing.
  - 1-time cost of purchasing cell phone and service for participant use, provided access is necessary to obtain or maintain housing and costs of phone and services are reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404.
  - Cost of internet in participant's unit and costs of service is reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404.
  - Rental arrears consisting of a 1-time payment for up to 6 mo. of rent, including late fees on those arrears.
  - Utility arrears of up to 6 months per service
  - Up to 3 mo. utilities, based on utility costs schedule for unit size and location

### YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (6)

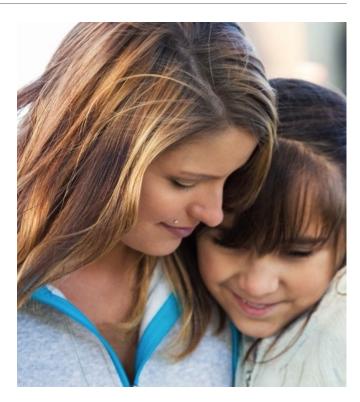


- In addition to transportation costs in 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15), may pay gas & mileage costs for participant's personal vehicle for trips to/from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.
- Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, & required courses & equipment.
- Past driving fines/fees blocking participant from being able to obtain/renew driver's license and impacting ability to obtain or maintain housing.
  - Additionally, costs for insurance and registration for personal vehicles, if vehicle is necessary to reach – medical care, etc. from bullet 2



# YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (7)

- Provide up to 36 months of RRH RA to participants if recipient demonstrates:
  - How determined which youth need rental assistance beyond 24 months and
  - services/resources offered to ensure youth can sustain their housing at the end of the 36 mos. of assistance
- Continue providing supportive services to participants for up to 24 mos. after participant exits homelessness, TH or after end of housing assistance if recipient demonstrates:
  - 1. proposed length of extended services to be provided;
  - 2. how determined services are still necessary; and
  - 3. how those services will result in self-sufficiency and ensure stable housing for the participant

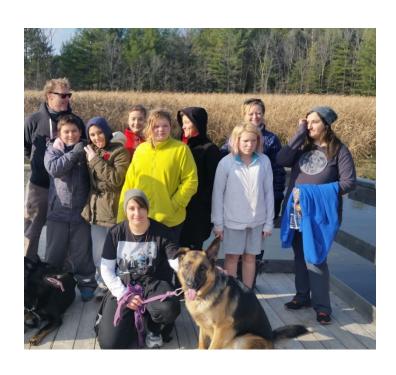


# YHDP Replacement Application Eligible Activities (8)

- Continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 36 months after participant exits homelessness, if services in connection with housing assistance (e.g., Foster Youth to Independence initiative), or if recipient can demonstrate extended services ensure continuity of case workers for participants
- Rental assistance may be combined with leasing or operating funds in the same building, provided recipient submits project plan that includes safeguards to ensure no receipt of double subsidy



#### YHDP - Match Requirements



 Applicants intending to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match.

#### If you are interested in a YHDP Replacement Project:

- contact BOS: ctboscoc@gmail.com
- Contact Katie Durand at DOH: kathleen.durand@ct.gov



#### Timeline

Renewal Applications due in

Zengine: 8/21/24

HI Office Hours: 8/20/24

**Zoom Link** 

Meeting ID: 862 3330 3697

Passcode: 071634

Phone: 646-876-9923

Make revisions as necessary and submit to reviewer or esnaps: 3 days

Please have more than one person available to complete app

Thank you!





Questions???



### USE HUD Guides and Resources

Renewal/Replacement Resources: Project Applicant Profile Navigational Guide

**How to Access Project Applications** 

**2024 Renewal Project Naming Conventions** 

•To be used to determine if application is already created and to determine what the renewal project will be named

**Renewal Projects Detailed Instructions** 

Renewal Projects Navigational Guide

**Renewal YHDP Detailed Instructions** 

Renewal YHDP Navigational Guide

YHDP Replacement and Reallocation Detailed Instructions

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Please put in the email subject line "Renewal Application or New Application Question(s)" for a quicker turn-around.

