

## District of Columbia Department of Human Services Family Services Administration (FSA)

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABITY

Fiscal Year 2026
Pregnant and Parenting Youth Shelter
(RFA): PPYS-FSA-Pregnant and Parenting youth Shelter-001-26

Announcement Date: July 24, 2025 RFP Release Date: July 24, 2025

Pre-application Conference Date: July 31, 2025 Application Submission Deadline: August 21, 2025

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### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (FSA)

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Pregnant and Parenting Youth Shelter

The District of Columbia, Department of Human Services, Family Services Administration invites the submission of applications for funding for the provision of Pregnant and Parenting Youth Shelter (herby referred to as "Pregnant and Parenting Youth"). The total amount available for the solicitation is up to \$675,000.00.

**Purpose/Description of the Project:** The District of Columbia (District), Department of Human Services (DHS), Family Services Administration (FSA), is seeking applications to provide temporary shelter and supportive services for the Pregnant and Parenting Youth through funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

Through this RFA the District will continue to provide youth ages 16-21 with temporary shelter for the youth and their dependent child(ren) to stay during the crisis period of being homeless or at risk of being homeless (up to 90 days). Priority shall be given to youth under the age of 18. DHS seeks to fund up to 8 temporary youth shelter beds.

### **Target Population**

The Program's target population are pregnant and parenting youth ages 16-21 who are economically or emotionally detached from their families. The youth also lack adequate or fixed residence, including youth who are homeless, unstably housed, living in doubled up circumstances, in, or on the street. The target population at program entry includes youth who are (1) Pregnant (no other dependents) or (2) Pregnant plus no more than 1 dependent(s) no older than 3 years of age or (3) Not pregnant but have no more than 2 dependent (s) no older than 3 years of age.

#### **Eligible Organizations/Entities**

Non-profit community organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations, faith-based organizations, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, or religiously based social service affiliates of such organizations, and private enterprises located in the District that have demonstrated experience working with and serving unaccompanied individuals ages 16-21 under experiencing homelessness or housing instability are encouraged to apply. Applications are also encouraged from collaborating community-based and faith-based organizations.



On the same basis as any other applicants, religious organizations are eligible to participate as long as the services funded by this grant are provided consistent with the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause or the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, in accordance with United States Executive Order 13279 of December 12, 2002.

Eligible Prospective Grantees are expected to demonstrate their experience working with homeless individuals, including particular experience working with teens and young adult parents. In addition to having the appropriate staff qualifications and experience performing services similar in size and scope to the requirements of this grant, eligible Prospective Grantees shall elaborate on their intent and ability to:

- Establish effective and efficient communication channels with, shelters, drop-in centers and day service programs, homeless service providers within the Continuum of Care, and the central coordinating entity;
- Provide the required services and deliverables in a manner that is culturally competent, trauma informed, and utilizes a harm-reduction approach;
- Leverage non-governmental assets and coordinate with other organizations in the homeless services Continuum of Care; and
- Offer services at scale while maintaining client confidentiality.

Continuing conditions of eligibility are that the information in the application is complete and truthful and that the Applicant at all times is able to meet any material conditions stated in its application. For instance, if an Applicant's ability to fulfill the terms of the grant is based on the availability of skilled staff and those staff should leave after the application's submittal or the grant award to the Applicant, the Applicant has the responsibility to advise DHS/ in writing of this change in material conditions. Another example of change in material conditions that could result in the loss of eligibility would be the loss of Applicant's tax-exempt status.

Length of Grant Award and Available Funding: The Grantee(s) will be awarded funding based on their capacity to meet the requirements of the program.

The award period for the grant will be from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

The amount available for the project is up to approximately \$675,000.00 for one base year and four option years, subject to funding availability dispersed between up to three grant awards.

**RFA Release:** The RFA will be released on July 24, 2025. A copy of the RFA may be obtained by the following means:

**Download** from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website under the District Grants Clearinghouse (<a href="http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse">http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse</a>).

**Download** from the DC Department of Human Services Website (https://dhs.dc.gov/page/family-services-administration-grant-opportunities).

**Email** a request to Keisha Jefferson at Keisha.jefferson@dc.gov with:

"Request copy of RFA # DIC-FSA-Youth Drop in Center-001-26 in the subject line.



Deadline for Applications: The deadline for application submissions is Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM EST. The applications shall be submitted via email to Keisha Jefferson at Keisha.jefferson@dc.gov Late or incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.

For additional information, contact Keisha Jefferson at Keisha.jefferson@dc.gov