

**DC**DEPARTMENT of
HUMAN SERVICES

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FOR

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOMELESS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING YOUTH EXTENDED TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING PROGRAM**

Background

The District of Columbia (District), Department of Human Services (DHS) is soliciting detailed proposals to establish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ) Youth Extended Transitional Housing (ETH) beds in the District pursuant to the End Youth Homelessness Amendment Act of 2014, D.C. Law 20-155 which amended the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35, D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 et seq), and the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Homelessness (CPEYH), Solid Foundations DC: Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness.

https://ich.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ich/page_content/attachments/Solid%20Foundations%20DC%20_web%201.5.pdf

In accordance with HSRA, DHS is authorized to provide funding to establish twelve (12) LGBTQ youth ETH beds in the District. The District seeks to expand the availability of youth-friendly ETH and homeless services to LGBTQ youth ages eighteen (18) through twenty-four (24) facing housing crises and in need of services and resources to enable them to grow and move toward stability and self-sufficiency.

Applications must demonstrate their intent and ability to leverage non-governmental assets; coordinate with other organizations in the homeless services Continuum of Care; and demonstrate a LGBTQ culturally competent, youth centric plan to support and facilitate transitions into adulthood. DHS anticipates executing up to two (2) awards for the services discussed herein.

Target Population

The District of Columbia ETH programs' target population includes:

- LGBTQ youth between the ages of 18 and 24 who are economically or emotionally detached from their families and lack an adequate or fixed residence, including youth who are unstably housed, living in doubled up circumstances, in transitional housing, in shelter, or on the street.
 - This excludes youth who are in the physical or legal custody of the



District; and

- Youth assessed by DHS and/or Grantee as needing long-term transitional housing due to significant barriers to self-sufficiency such as behavioral health issues, alcohol and/or drug abuse, education or employment barriers, and /or risk of chronic homelessness.

Eligibility

Organizations who meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application may apply:

Local social services organizations, not-for-profit corporations, non-profit organizations and charitable organizations, including faith-based organizations based in and serving the target population in the District of Columbia

Program Scope:

Grantees will be required, at minimum, for the following requirements:

- Comply with all provisions of the Homeless Services Reform Act (HSRA) and corresponding regulations;
- Provide 24-hour staffing to ensure the appropriate staff is available to clients;
- Utilize a LGBTQ culturally-competent youth development approach to facilitate developing rapport with clients of various races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities, as well as language accessibility;
- Report client data via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS);
- Hire one bilingual staff member or otherwise delineate clear plans for working with clients who speak languages other than English;
- Coordinate, monitor, and evaluate supportive services provided to clients; this may require accompanying the client to scheduled appointments and/or coordinating/communicating with service Providers via another forum;
- Help clients set and obtain employment and/or education goals as the client is ready to pursue them; and
- Serve as a mediator/liaison for assigned clients.
- Specific details on the program scope are listed in the RFA.

Release Date of RFA:	Friday, August 28 th , 2020
Availability of RFA:	The RFA will be posted on the District's Grant Clearinghouse Website
Total Estimated Available Funding:	Up to six hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$600,000) for Extended Transitional Housing
Total Estimated Number of Awards:	Up to two (2) awards for Extended Transitional Housing

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Total Estimated Amount per Award:	Eligible organizations can be awarded up to six hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$600,000.00). No single award will exceed six hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$600,000.00).
Period of Performance:	October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021
Length of Award:	Time of award to the end of the fiscal year with up to five (5) additional option years
Pre-Bidder's Conference:	Tuesday, September 8 th , 2020, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Virtual platform hosted by The Department of Human Services Headquarters Meeting link provided upon RSVP
Deadline for Submission:	4:00 PM, September 25 th , 2020 to Mariah Green mariah.green@dc.gov
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