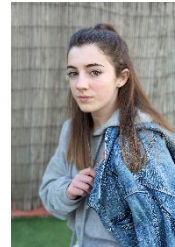


NEW SOLUTIONS for YOUTH FACING HOMELESSNESS

in Columbus & Franklin County, Ohio

Community Shelter Board has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to dramatically reduce homelessness among youth, age 24 and younger. The federal award is being blended with resources from the local public and private sectors, in keeping with CSB's longstanding tradition of public/private partnerships.

More than
3,000
youth age 24 and
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in Columbus last year.

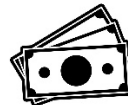


KEY FINDINGS FROM NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Relationships & connections

- #1 reported reason for homelessness is broken relationships
- What youth desire most = relationships & connections
- 36% had experiences with foster care



Life skills & financial management

- 39% have less than a high school degree, compared to 11% of general population
- Youth report lack of these skills as barriers to maintaining housing



Mental health, substance abuse, & trauma

- 46% have a mental health challenge
- Youth with substance abuse & mental illness are more than 2 times likely to return to homelessness



Developmentally appropriate & culturally competent services

- 72% are African American
- LGBTQ youth are 2.2 times more likely to become homeless

RESOURCES

The federal funding award is part of a larger funding strategy to build a comprehensive response to youth homelessness in our community. The \$3M award requires a 25% local match and is renewable annually. A committee of stakeholders worked together to develop a comprehensive, coordinated community plan for a variety of new housing and service options.

Match funding is being provided by

- Central Benefits Healthcare Foundation
- City of Columbus
- The Columbus Foundation
- Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Ohio Attorney General
- United Way of Central Ohio

TIMING

Nov 13, 2018	Draft plan submitted to HUD	Jan 2019	CSB issues request for proposals
Nov 2018- Feb 2019	Workgroups continue to meet	Mar 2019	Final plan approved by HUD
		Jul 2019	New programs & services begin

LEADING THE EFFORT FOR YOUTH



The federal award for youth does not diminish the need for funds to operate the current homeless system of care that serves 12,000 people a year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.