

**City of Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services
Youth Designated Access Point for CEA-BHRS
Questions and Answers**

1. Clarification: The email that was sent out linking to the Request for Information documentation indicated the application responses were due on Friday, September 18th. Both the Office of Homeless Services website and the Request for Information document indicated that responses were due on Friday, September 15th. **Please note that responses are due on Friday, September 15th by 5pm.**

2. **Question:** Is there designated funding available to organizations to operate a Youth Designated Access Point- for example, to support salary and overhead costs- or are the resources limited to those listed in the RFI, i.e. transportation, food vouchers, etc.?

Answer: At this point there is not funding available to support staffing requirements, therefore we are asking organizations to assess their ability to serve as an Access Point using existing staff resources. The Office of Homeless Services (Homeless Services) is looking into other resources we may be able to provide, which could include, but is not limited to, transportation resources (tokens), food vouchers, and access to translation services through a language line. In the narrative section of the RFI, we ask that respondents indicate what minimum resources they may need from Homeless Services to operate a Youth Designated Access Point.

We are looking for organizations with experience and competency in serving young people and are interested in expanding their services to include assessing the housing needs of young people ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness and connecting them to resources to end their housing crisis. This may include providing these services to current clients of the organization as well as for additional young people ages 18-24. Within HUD coordinated entry requirements, many of the “side door” housing program referral processes will close and organizations will no longer be able to make direct referrals to those programs for the youth they serve. Young people experiencing homelessness will be connected to housing programs through the coordinated entry process. Some organizations that currently provide a range of services to youth experiencing homelessness may be interested in becoming a Youth Designated Access Point in order to connect their own participants, as well as other young people experiencing homelessness, with resources and referrals to housing.