



Addendum #1 - Triangle Youth Homelessness System Mapping and Needs Assessment -- Released: April 1st, 2025

Q. Is there a budget range for the project?

A. Applicant's budgets will be considered alongside the other eligibility criteria and should accurately reflect their projected costs for the project. Applicants will receive points for demonstrating cost efficiency and innovative approaches to the work.

Q. What software and/or platforms are you currently using if any? Do you have a preferred platform for the mapping project?

A. CPRC uses Microsoft Office Suite (including SharePoint) for file sharing and work products. ArcGIS (under the ESRI suite) is used for internal mapping projects. There is **no** preferred platform for the mapping project. However, we will take sustainability of the tool(s) used and related expenses into account.

Q. Is there a Coordinated Entry System project associated with the YHSI grant? If so, how do you envision this project aligning with or informing the work being done with the CES?

A. Yes, CPRC's YHSI grant award includes a Coordinated Entry component, with our own outlined objectives and metrics that we are striving to meet throughout this project. The Needs Assessment/System Mapping process will be collaborative, however, and recommendations made will help inform plans for future coordinated entry system changes and improvements implemented by CPRC.

Q. In your estimation, how connected are youth-serving systems across the counties (e.g., child welfare, schools, juvenile justice, higher education) with the YHSI project currently?

- **A.** Each of the four CoCs across the counties have varying levels of connection within their own county's youth-serving systems. Partners from different sectors were consulted during the application process but have not been fully brought into the YHSI project yet. Additionally, there is various levels of communication occurring that cross jurisdictional boundaries, and the selected consultant will help us identify where these connectivity's are or are not working well.
- **Q**. Will the CVs of our subcontractors need to be submitted for HUD approval, or will they only be reviewed by the Central Pines Regional Council?
- **A.** No, CVs do not need to be submitted for HUD approval. Central Pines Regional Council will review submissions internally. If requested by HUD, we will share RFPs and supporting documentation with them.
- **Q.** How do you partner with LME/MCO(s) to support the needs of youth experiencing homelessness?
- **A.** We do not currently have a formal partnership with our Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) through the YHSI project. It is possible that the individual CoCs have established partnerships or would like to explore them.
- **Q.** What County/CoC data do you collect and could share (e.g. Point-in-Time counts) related to youth homelessness?
- **A.** Each of the four CoCs have agreed to participate in YHSI and the system mapping project. Also, our Triangle Youth Assistance Coalition is working on data sharing agreements and cross CoC HMIS access for later in the YHSI project. It is expected that there will be a high level of data sharing across all four CoCs for youth focused data and reports. Additionally, a lot of our YHSI project/work is focused on strengthening data collection and aggregation practices as they relate to the youth homelessness population.

Central Pines Regional Council hosted a pre-submittal call on March 20th, 2025.

Link to pre-submittal video here: <u>Pre-Submittal Call - Youth Homelessness RFP-20250320_093438-Meeting Recording.mp4</u>