

FACT SHEET:
**FISCAL YEAR 2027
APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS
TO PREVENT AND END
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS**



Every year, 4.2 million young people and families experience homelessness in American communities. One in five young adults experiencing homelessness will also experience trafficking. Investing in these programs will strengthen families, stabilize young people, and ensure that no one experiences homelessness.

Young people have unique needs and face different challenges than older adults experiencing homelessness. The positive outcomes we look for from young people experiencing homelessness are different from older adults, given that they are at a different stage in life. Young people need to be plugged into networks of support to sustainably exit homelessness and achieve their fullest potential. **Federal investments reflect our country's level of commitment to the future of our young people in the most vulnerable situations.**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)

For over 50 years, RHYA has provided the foundation for American communities' responses to prevent and end youth homelessness and human trafficking. Its programs include short-term housing and family reunification for minors, long-term housing and supportive services for youth up to age 22, including pregnant or parenting youth, and street outreach to connect youth with supportive services and prevent trafficking.

FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Funding Request
\$146.28 million	\$146.28 million	\$304 million

Why a \$300 Million Investment in RHYA?

- ★ RHYA programs successfully help youth exit homelessness and gain skills to become self-sustaining adults.
- ★ This investment would support approximately 1,400 RHYA programs, allow nearly 50,000 young people to access housing, and help 70,000 youth connect with street outreach and drop-in centers.
- ★ Successfully preventing and ending youth homelessness saves money and dramatically reduces chronic adult homelessness.

The U.S. Department of Education

McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)

EHCY is the only federal education program that removes barriers faced by students experiencing homelessness to school enrollment, attendance, and academic success. Funding is distributed to State Education Agencies that subgrant to Local Education Agencies. EHCY subgrants are used for identifying students experiencing homelessness, enrollment assistance, transportation, tutoring, counseling, school supplies, referrals for community services, and more.

FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Funding Request
\$129 million	\$129 million (House and Senate)	\$200 million

Why a \$200 Million Investment in EHCY?

- ★ Only 24 percent of public schools receive EHCY subgrants. This insufficient funding restricts schools from properly identifying homeless students, ensuring they are in school, and connecting them to supportive services.
- ★ This investment can also expand access to career opportunities and remove barriers to educational pathways for youth experiencing homelessness to achieve economic mobility.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)

YHDP is a competitive grant program that provides funding for local Continuums of Care (CoC) to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in their communities. YHDP projects work in partnership with community stakeholders and Youth Action Boards.

FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Funding Request
\$72 million	\$72 million	\$100 million

Why a \$100 Million Investment in YHDP?

- ★ As of FY2024, only 124 out of 387 CoCs have received YHDP funding. We must continue funding YHDP until every CoC has received funding to serve youth experiencing homelessness.

Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI)

YHSI grants support communities and states in implementing targeted, aligned systems of care for youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Funding Request
Not less than \$25 million	Not less than \$25 million (House and Senate)	Not less than \$25 million

Why a \$25 Million Investment in YHSI?

- ★ This modest investment will continue to improve communities' ability to identify youth in need and make it easier for them to navigate the services that are already available in that community or state.

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

ESG funds can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and a community's Homeless Management Information System.

FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Funding Request
\$290 million	\$290 million	\$300 million

Why a \$300 Million Investment in ESG?

- ★ This investment will increase the number of emergency housing options available for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and improve the quality of existing ones. It can also be used for preventative services.