



What is in the FY 2024 Minibus to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness?

On March 23, 2024, Congress passed the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget package. NN4Y advocated for increased funding for programs targeted to prevent and respond to youth homelessness and several other policy provisions. Read our summary below to see where federal programs we care about landed for FY24.

Also, a special congratulations to the youth-serving community-based organizations that received a community project funding/congressionally directed spending award, also known as earmarks. Many of these awards are directed to youth outreach, youth homelessness prevention, community-based services, foster youth transitional housing and services, and youth employment programs. To learn more about how to request and secure earmarks, please refer to our [FY 2025 Earmarks Fact Sheet](#).

Top Four FY23 Youth Homelessness Budget Items

1. HHS: Runaway and Homeless Youth Act is funded at \$146.28 million.
2. ED: McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth is funded at \$129 million.
3. HUD: Youth Homeless Demonstration Program is funded at \$57 million, of which up to \$10 million is for technical assistance.
4. HUD: Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grants are funded at \$25 million.

Chart of Federal Programs: FY21, FY22, FY23, FY24 Funding Levels

PROGRAMS	FY 2021 ¹	FY 2022 ²	FY 2023 ³	FY 2024 ⁴
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Programs	\$136.7 million	\$140.28 million - of which \$20M is for Street Outreach (+\$3.5M)	\$146.28 million - of which \$21M is for Street Outreach	\$146.3 million
Head Start and Early Head Start	\$10.85 billion	\$11.03 billion (+\$289M)	\$11.99 billion	\$12.3 billion
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$5.9 billion	\$6.16 billion (+\$254M)	\$8.02 billion	\$8.75 billion

PROGRAMS	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
EDUCATION				
McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act Program	\$106.5 million	\$114 million (+7.5M)	\$129 million	\$129 million
Title 1 (Education for the Disadvantaged)	\$15.5 billion	\$17.5 billion (+\$2B)	\$18.38 billion	\$19.1 billion
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant Program (for up to 25 communities)	\$82 million	\$82 million	\$57 million (up to \$10M for technical assistance)	\$57 million (up to \$10M for technical assistance)
Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grants	-	\$25 million	Not less than \$25 million	Not less than \$25 million
Continuum of Care	\$2.6 billion	\$2.8 billion	\$3.63 billion	\$3.8 billion
Emergency Solutions Grants	\$290 million	\$290 million	\$290 million	\$290 million
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$25.777 billion	\$27.3 billion	\$30.25 billion	\$32.4 billion
Project Based Rental Assistance	\$13.465 billion	\$13.9 billion	\$14.9 billion	\$16 billion
Incremental Family Unification Vouchers	-	\$25 million (foster youth)	\$30 million	-
LABOR				
Registered Apprenticeships	\$185 million	\$235 million	\$235 million	\$285 million
YouthBuild	\$96.5 million	\$99 million	\$105 million	\$105 million
Job Corps	\$1.74 billion	\$1.74 billion	\$1.76 billion	\$1.8 billion
Strengthening Community College Training Grants	\$45 million	\$50 million	\$65 million	\$65 million

PROGRAMS	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
LABOR				
Youth Mentoring Grants	\$100 Million	\$102 Million	\$107 Million	\$107 Million
Title V Delinquency Prevention Programs	\$62 Million	\$49.5 Million	\$65 Million	-
Title II Formula Grant Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program	\$67 Million	\$70 Million	\$75 Million	\$55 Million

Report Language by Federal Agency

Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Report Language

Child, Youth, and Family Homelessness.—*The Committee is concerned about the impact of homelessness on the wellbeing and development of children, youth, and families, including the instability and overcrowding that accompany child, youth, and family homelessness. In light of this, the Committee urges ACF to assess the current state of child, youth, and family homelessness, including the strengths, barriers, and opportunities across ACF and HHS to provide two-generation services to end the cycle of homelessness.*

In particular, the Committee urges ACF to develop a plan to lead and coordinate efforts to provide holistic services to homeless children, youth, and families to break the cycle of homelessness, including by identifying existing resources and gaps. The Committee directs ACF to provide a report to Congress outlining progress on these efforts not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this act.

Emergency Relief for Foster Youth.—*The Committee urges ACF to establish a demonstration program to provide emergency relief, including clothes and basic necessities, to youth entering the foster care system and improve pre-placement services offered by foster care stabilization agencies. Additionally, the Committee continues to be concerned by the high rates of homelessness among children who age-out of the foster care system. The Committee encourages HHS to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative programs that effectively serve vulnerable populations of youth transitioning out of the foster care system.*

Preventing Youth Homelessness.—*The Committee includes \$3,000,000 for a demonstration program to identify and implement strategies and services for youth between ages 12 and 26 in order to prevent homelessness, including strategies designed to serve youth and young adult populations with a high likelihood of imminently experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or other forms of victimization as human trafficking to include individuals transitioning out of foster care, the juvenile justice system, or a residential behavioral health system.*

Funds shall be made available to State agencies, tribes, counties, cities, or other unit of local government for demonstration grants to provide primary prevention services for youth at risk of homelessness and implement or improve cross-system collaboration with key partners within the community that serve youth at risk of homelessness.

Grantees shall show collaboration with youth with lived expertise in project design and implementation, including establishment of local youth advisory boards. The Committee requests a briefing 1 year after award of such grants on the initial findings of this demonstration program. Further, the Committee notes that this demonstration program is in addition to other, ongoing Family and Youth Services Bureau initiatives.

Consolidated Runaway and Homeless Youth Program

The Committee recommendation includes \$125,283,000 for the Consolidated Runaway and Homeless Youth program. This program supports the Basic Centers program, which provides temporary shelter, counseling, and after-care services to runaway and homeless youth under age 18 and their families; the Transitional Living Program, which provides longer-term shelter and services for older youth; and a national toll-free runaway and homeless youth crisis hotline. The Committee continues to support the ability of grantees to provide prevention services such as counseling and case management, regardless of their enrollment in residential services. The Committee urges ACF to advise grantees that they are not required to enroll youth in shelter or residential services, nor require the young person to physically travel to the grantee's location in order for an at-risk youth to receive prevention and supportive services.

The Committee continues to encourage the program to notify applicants if grant applications are successful at least 30 days before the grant begins or no less than 30 days before an existing grant is set to end. The Committee again strongly urges the program to ensure that service delivery and staff training comprehensively address the individual strengths and needs of youth, as well as language-appropriate, gender-appropriate interventions that are culturally sensitive and respectful of the complex social identities of youth. The Committee strongly believes that no runaway youth or homeless youth should be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, based on any of the conditions outlined in this paragraph.

Adolescent Mental Health. -The agreement directs the Secretary of HHS, through SAMHSA, to work across HHS, and in consultation with other Departments as appropriate, to develop a comprehensive interagency coordinating plan to improve adolescent mental health. The agreement requests a briefing outlining these efforts within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Homelessness.-The agreement directs SAMHSA to provide a report within 180 days of enactment of this Act on how SAMHSA currently prioritizes substance use and mental health programs specifically related to populations that are at high risk of becoming homeless, evaluates the efficacy of current policies, and considers new policies that lead toward better outcomes.

Department of Education (ED) Report Language

Students Experiencing Homelessness.—The Committee continues to be concerned by the challenges faced by students experiencing homelessness and the continued lack of compliance by LEAs with requirements intended to ensure such students receive necessary amounts required to be reserved under section 1113(c)(3)(A) of the ESEA for a wide variety of services, including those not ordinarily provided with title I–A funds to other students served by title I–A programs such as all or part of the homeless liaison’s salary, education-related fees, and other necessary items or services. The Department has taken important steps by recently revising its monitoring protocol and planning to work with SEAs to ensure they provide guidance on coordination between the LEA’s title I and McKinney-Vento staff and provide training on methods for determining required set-aside amounts.

The Committee looks forward to seeing the changes that result from these and other efforts and directs the Department to report in its fiscal year 2025 CJ the specific State policy changes resulting from these efforts. In addition, the Department should widely disseminate specific State policy changes resulting from monitoring findings and recommendations that produce more collaborative and transparent approaches to the determination of set-aside amounts under such section providing necessary resources to fulfill needs assessments conducted for students experiencing homelessness to meet State challenging academic standards and effectively take advantage of educational Opportunities.

In addition, as was noted in the explanatory statement accompanying last year’s appropriations act, more must be done to improve transparency on amounts reserved by LEAs under section 1113(c)(3)(A). The Committee understands the Department is planning to analyze the variation of per-homeless-pupil amounts across LEAs within a State and take other steps to improve the quality of reported data. However, this must be accompanied with actions to provide transparency on amounts reserved and spent with funds available under such section, including effective technical assistance and support being provided to title I SEA and LEA leaders on the wide variety of services supported by these funds, implementation of an adequate needs assessment, and determination of a sufficient reservation under such section. The Committee requests a briefing on actions taken and planned on these issues not later than 45 days after enactment of this act.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2024

Comprehensive Interventions to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness *in up to 25 communities with a priority for communities with substantial rural populations in up to eight locations, can dramatically reduce youth homelessness:*

The Secretary may use up to 10 percent of the amount made available under the preceding proviso [up to \$10M of Technical Assistance] to build the capacity of current technical assistance providers or to train new technical assistance providers with verifiable prior experience with systems and programs for youth experiencing homelessness

\$7,000,000 shall be available for the national homeless data analysis project. *-Provided, That notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977 (31 U.S.C. 8 6301–6308), the amounts made available under this paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances under this heading for such purposes in prior Acts may be used by the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with such entities as may be determined by the Secretary, including public and private organizations, agencies, and institutions.*

Continuum of Care Program *under this paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances under this heading in prior Acts may be used to competitively or non-competitively renew or replace grants for youth homeless demonstration projects under the Continuum of Care program, notwithstanding any conflict with the requirements of the Continuum of Care program.*

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continues from FY 2023 to FY 2024

Comprehensive Interventions to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness. *-The agreement directs HUD to ensure that sufficient technical assistance resources and equal consideration for youth homelessness system improvement grants are provided to rural areas. When determining grant awards, the agreement encourages HUD to incorporate the following components as objectives for grantees: youth collaboration in project design and implementation, including establishment of local youth advisory boards; quality data collection, management, utilization, and evaluation; direct coordination and communication with service providers; cross-system partnerships including juvenile justice, child welfare, and education systems; and prevention and diversion strategies. The agreement prohibits the use of these funds for direct services or housing.*

The agreement directs HUD to provide the new evaluation of the youth homelessness demonstration program [YHDP] to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than November 1, 2023.

The agreement reminds the Department and CoCs that renewal funding provided for YHDP projects may only be used for eligible youth-specific activities upon reaching renewal status. HUD is encouraged to provide public-facing information to grantees regarding the YHDP renewal process.

Tribal inclusion in YHDP.-The agreement encourages HUD to include Tribes and tribally designated housing entities as eligible recipients in the fiscal year 2023 YHDP NOFO.

Clarifying eligibility and documentation requirements for homeless youth.-*The agreement encourages the Department to continue to clarify program requirements regarding the waived requirement for youth ages 24 and under to provide third party documentation to receive housing and services through guidance, notice, and webcasts, as appropriate.*

Annual homeless assessment report {AHAR}.-*The agreement directs HUD to incorporate additional Federal data on homelessness, particularly as it relates to youth homelessness, into the AHAR and to submit the report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by August 31, 2023.*

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2021) Fiscal Year 2022 Administration for Children and Families Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees.

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/olab/fy_2022_congressional_justification.pdf

² Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus bill released March 8, 2022:

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-117HR2471SA-RCP-117-35.pdf>

³ Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus bill released December 20, 2022:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/JRQ121922.PDF>

⁴ Fiscal Year 2024 Minibus bill released March 3, 2024: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/JRQ121922.PDF>