



Local Cross-System Collaborative (LCSC) 2026 Cohort Application Factsheet

Frequently Asked Questions

The LCSC application is open between June 24 to July 22, 2026. [See the application here.](#)

What is an LCSC?

An LCSC is a community-based partnership made up of people and systems that coordinate to prevent and reduce youth homelessness within their own community.

An LCSC brings young people with lived experience to the table alongside youth-serving organizations, housing and homelessness providers, schools, child welfare agencies, workforce systems, health and behavioral health providers, legal and public-sector partners, and community decision-makers.

NN4Y partners with one lead organization with strong roots in the community to coordinate and sustain the collaborative.

What Support Does NN4Y Provide?

Selected communities receive up to 18 months of direct support:

- Facilitation and strategic planning
- Coaching and technical assistance
- Cross-system collaboration support
- Youth leadership development
- Policy and advocacy connections
- Training and capacity-building
- Peer learning with communities doing this work across the country
- Scholarships for NN4Y programs and events

What Does the Work Look Like?

It starts with an in-person convening where NN4Y helps community partners build relationships, surface strengths and gaps, understand local barriers, develop shared priorities, and create a strategic action plan together.

From there, NN4Y meets with the lead organization at least twice a month. All LCSC partners meet at least monthly. Communities receive ongoing coaching, resources, and support throughout the engagement.

Who Should Apply?

The lead applicant should be an organization with real community relationships and the ability to bring partners to the table. That could be a youth-serving nonprofit, a Continuum of Care, a coalition, a Tribal government or Tribal-serving organization, a public system, or another organization committed to ending youth homelessness.

What Makes a Strong Application?

We're looking for communities that:

- Are committed to working across systems, not just within one
- Meaningfully engage young people and share decision-making power with them
- Are willing to compensate youth for their time and expertise
- Have identified who will lead and coordinate the work
- Are in it for long-term systems change, not a short-term project

What's Included in the Application?

You'll share information about your community context and priorities, current partnerships, youth leadership practices, funding and sustainability thinking, and the systems and policy challenges you're facing.

You will need to submit three letters of support:

- One from a community or service provider partner
- One from a public systems or government partner
- One from a youth or young adult

Timeline

Applications Open: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Applications Due: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Cohort Launch: Fall 2026

Engagement Length: Up to 18 months

Questions?

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