

Division: Housing Placement & Retention

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) is a collaborative network of nonprofits, including culturally specific providers, dedicated to helping youth up to age 25. By offering both on-site and mobile support, the team provides culturally responsive care tailored to the developmental needs of youth throughout the county. This program offer leverages federal long-term rent assistance vouchers to help young people find, move into, and keep their own housing.

This program offer funds:

Case Management: providing linkages to education, employment, health, behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment, housing services, on-going housing stability and support for pregnant and parenting youth.

Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services: provided by certified staff and peer mentors who engage youth in recovery supports, conduct assessments, and connect youth to formal treatment programs, provide follow up care, on-going supports, and healthy recreation alternatives.

Developmentally Appropriate Housing: a range of options including onsite transitional housing with 24-hour staffing, scattered-site housing, rapid rehousing, and shared housing. Housing navigators assist youth to access housing options and provide retention support.

Equity Statement

To reduce racial disparities in the experience of homelessness, Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) communities are prioritized. Approximately 93% of youth served have substance use or behavioral health issues, with 53% reporting co-occurring issues. Over 65% of youth served in the HYC last year identified as BIPOC. Strategies for advancing equity includes soliciting feedback from youth about program design and how programs can meet their identity needs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$342,142	\$0	\$271,581
Contractual Services	\$4,219,505	\$2,982,318	\$5,220,410	\$1,988,967
Internal Services	\$0	\$166,555	\$0	\$205,450
Total GF/non-GF	\$4,219,505	\$3,491,015	\$5,220,410	\$2,465,998
Total Expenses:	\$7,710,520		\$7,686,408	
Program FTE	0.00	2.00	0.00	1.50
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,010,218	\$0	\$2,117,263
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$480,797	\$0	\$348,735
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,491,015	\$0	\$2,465,998

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of participants newly placed in housing	66	112	144
Number of participants receiving ongoing retention support (sustained)	236	210	216