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TAY FAQ's

Q. What is the TAY program?

Transitional Age Youth (TAY). TAY is a singular umbrella name encompassing THP, HNMP, and THP+ within a single contract. Allocations are separated into individual activities under the Transitional Housing Program, Housing Navigators Maintenance Program, and Transitional Housing Program Plus.

Q. What is the difference between HNP and HNMP?

The Housing Navigators Program (HNP) underwent a name and guideline change in 2023. HNP became the Housing Navigators Maintenance Program (HNMP). This also included a change to the eligibility age range from 18 to 21 to 18 to 24 (inclusive) years of age.

Q. What is the anticipated target population for TAY funds?

The target population is youth aged 18 to 24 (inclusive) transitioning out of foster care or the probation system as the priority but also can assist others in the same age range needing assistance finding a place to live and paying for related housing costs.

Q. Can TAY funds be used for car repairs?

TAY funds can only be used for housing and/or housing-related expenditures.

Q. What is the difference between HNMP and THP funds?

HNMP funds cover the cost of running the HNMP program, such as Navigator salaries, benefits, light office equipment, and supplies, i.e., a laptop computer, copy paper, etc. THP funds are generally used to fund the assistance prescribed by the Navigators.

Q. Can THP funds be used to fund HNMP activities?

THP and HNMP funds can cross over to supplement costs in either program.

Q. Can THP/HNMP funds be used in conjunction with other programs?

Yes. There are no restrictions for the use of funds with other programs as long as the target population is served and the funds are applied to housing or housing-related costs.

Q. Can THP/HNP funds be used to supplement the THP+ program?

Yes.

Q. Who administers the disbursement of the TAY funds?

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the disbursement of TAY funds in accordance with Senate Bill 80, Statutes of 2019.

Q. Who are the eligible applicants for TAY programs?

Eligible applicants of the THP program are county child welfare services agencies that demonstrate a need to provide housing for young adults aged 18 to 24 years (inclusive).

Q. What are the eligible uses of funds for the THP program?

The THP funds must be used to help young adults who are 18 to 24 years of age (inclusive) secure and maintain housing. Use of funds may include, but is not limited to:

- Identifying and assisting with housing services for this population within each community.
- Helping this population secure and maintain housing (with priority given to those formerly in the state foster care or probation systems).
- Improving coordination of services and linkages to community resources within the child welfare system and the Homeless Continuum of Care.
- Outreach and targeting to serve those with the most severe needs.

Q. Can a county use THP funds to support funds for other housing programs?

The allocation formula has taken into consideration the needs of each county and has made funds available accordingly. THP does not condition the use of Program funds on the availability of, or use of, other potential alternative funding sources. However, it is anticipated that counties will have a comprehensive strategy designed to fully meet the needs of the target population (young adults aged 18 to 24 years of age (inclusive), with priority given to those formerly in the foster care or probation systems to find and maintain housing.

Q. Is the TAY program a one-time or ongoing funding?

Future rounds of funding are subject to an appropriation by future annual Budget Acts, however, it is anticipated that funding will continue into the foreseeable future.

Q. How will HCD claim/reconcile any unexpended THP funds?

If a county does not expend THP funds by the deadline(s) as detailed in the standard agreement, HCD will require the county to return the unexpended funds.