

# Youth & Young Adult Collective Funding Pool

Lasting social change occurs only when solutions to community challenges are developed in partnership with and leadership from those who are most impacted. The Youth and Young Adult Collective Funding Pool is setting a new path for investing in the homeless response system, one led by young people with lived expertise, in partnership with funders and providers.

The Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Collective Funding Pool (The Collective) is a collaborative, youth-led effort to prevent and, ultimately, end youth homelessness in Los Angeles. With a goal of granting more than \$6 million in flexible private philanthropic funding over the next two years, The Collective will support compensated youth collaboration and housing and supportive services projects, along with capacity-building technical assistance, for youth-serving organizations. The Collective has an intentional focus on supporting small, BIPOC- and/or LGBTQIA+-led organizations.

This effort builds on the momentum of the two-year, \$15 million federally funded Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) managed by LAHSA, with a focus on agencies and projects that are not yet eligible or appropriate for YHDP funding. This could include organizations that applied for YHDP funds but were not successful due to low capacity or eligibility issues, as well as projects that focus on populations not included in YHDP's target population and/or projects that include critical innovative components that are not yet eligible uses of YHDP funds.

With seed funding from Cedars-Sinai and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, The Collective has released its Cycle 1 RFP and is awaiting applications for the available \$1.6 million in grant funding. The RFP and its prioritization, scoring, and ongoing reporting processes were developed and will be administered by youth. Once the grantee cohort is selected, youth leaders will convene and lead regular conversations and collaboration among grantees and funders, bolstering the movement towards a system that works for YYA experiencing homelessness. Lessons learned will encourage youth-led decision-making and leadership practices related to funding stewardship and YYA homeless services delivery and will also inform future funding for Cycle 2 and beyond with the overall aim of driving systemic change and innovation that can meaningfully impact homelessness among YYA in Los Angeles County.

## Project Timeline

Cycle 1 RFP (\$1.6M) Released	9/26/2022
Cycle 1 Proposals Due	11/4/2022
Cycle 1 Grants Awarded	December 2022
Youth-led collaborative conversations with grantees and funders established	Quarter 1 2023
Cycle 2 RFP (\$4.8M) Released	Spring/Summer 2023

## Collective Partners

Cedars-Sinai  
Center for Strategic Partnerships  
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation  
Housing Justice Collective  
LAC Office of the CEO-Homeless Initiative  
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Shelter Partnership  
True Colors United  
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