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What is the YYA Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Fund?

Diversion helps individuals quickly secure permanent or temporary housing outside of the homeless response system through creative brainstorming that identifies solutions to meet young people's unique needs. Pairing creative conversations about housing with a flexible funding source allows providers to divert clients from the homelessness system or prevent homelessness altogether. A Way Home Washington launched the YYA Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Fund (HPDF) in Spokane, Pierce, Walla Walla and Yakima counties in 2020, and providers in these communities are trained to have diversion conversations and access funds on behalf of clients.

What can it pay for?

Almost anything that results in housing outside of the homelessness system within about 30 days. We encourage creativity! CDF funds can be used to pay for things that end young people's housing crises by...

- Eliminating a barrier to housing
- Creating a new opportunity for housing
- Making existing housing safer or more tenable
- Resolving a conflict that was threatening housing
- Other things that result in a client being housed permanently or temporarily outside of the homelessness system

How do I connect my client?

Contact your local CDF Administrator to be connected with a trained provider!

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Is my client eligible?

- Age 12-24
- Currently in Pierce, Yakima, Walla Walla or Spokane counties
- Unaccompanied or at imminent risk of becoming unaccompanied
- Experiencing a housing crisis:
 - Literally homeless
 - Staying in shelter
 - Unstable situations: Doubled up/couch surfing
 - Unsafe situations: Fleeing DV or trafficking situation
 - Imminent risk of becoming homeless

Not Eligible:

Young people currently staying in homeless housing programs.

Can I be trained?

Yes! Providers across the community can be trained to directly access the HPDF. Please contact Training & Engagement Director Kiki Serantes at kserantes@awayhomewa.org.