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Executive Summary

Notices:

- **On January 1, 2012, the Administration for Children and Families implemented required electronic application submission via www.grants.gov for discretionary grant applications. Please see *Section III.3. Disqualification Factors*, *Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission* and *Application Submission Options*, and *Section IV.3. Explanation of Due Dates and Times* for information on electronic application submission and the availability of exemptions allowing applicants to submit applications in paper format.**
- **This Fiscal Year (FY 2013) ACF has implemented a new application upload requirement. Each applicant applying electronically via www.grants.gov is required to upload only two electronic files, excluding Standard Forms and OMB-approved forms. No more than two files will be accepted for the review, and additional files will be removed. Standard Forms and OMB-approved forms will not be considered additional files. Please see *Section IV.2 Content and Form of Application Submission* for detailed information on this requirement.**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). The purpose of the SOP is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth with the ultimate goal being to keep youth safe and help them leave the streets.

ACYF is committed to facilitating healing and recovery and promoting the social and emotional well-being of children, youth, and families who have experienced maltreatment, exposure to violence, and/or trauma. This funding opportunity announcement and other discretionary spending this fiscal year are designed to ensure that effective interventions are in place to build skills and capacities that contribute to the healthy, positive, and productive functioning of children and youth into adulthood.

SOP grantees provide support services that aim to move youth into stable housing and prepare them for independence. The program's ultimate goal is to prevent the sexual abuse or exploitation of young people living on the streets or in unstable housing.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Statutory Authority

Grants for Runaway and Homeless Youth Street Outreach Programs (SOP) are authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5714-41, as most recently amended by the Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-378 on October 8, 2008. Text of this legislation can be located at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/aboutfysb/rhycomp08.htm>.

Description

BACKGROUND

Every day, in communities across the country, young people run from or are asked to leave homes characterized by abuse, neglect, or parental drug and alcohol abuse. Once on the streets, these young people often lose touch with the caring adults in their extended families, schools, and communities that can help and protect them. As a result, they frequently fall victim to exploitation and abuse. Young people disproportionately suffer from serious health, behavioral, and emotional problems. Often, they are unable to find or keep the safe, stable housing that is so crucial to a successful transition to adulthood.

Since 1996, projects funded by the SOP have provided services to youth living on the streets and in unstable situations by reaching out to them. These projects aim to increase young people's safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with caring adults, with the goal of getting them off the streets.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, \$16.3 million was allocated for SOP, which funded 41 new projects and 97 continuation projects in their second or third year of operation.

Ensuring the Well-Being of Vulnerable Children and Families

Children, youth, and families who have experienced maltreatment, exposure to violence, and/or trauma are impacted along several domains, each of which must be addressed in order to foster social and emotional well-being and promote healthy, positive functioning:

- **Understanding Experiences:** A fundamental aspect of the human experience is the development of a world view through which one's experiences are understood. Whether that perspective is generally positive or negative impacts how experiences are interpreted and integrated. For example, one is more likely to approach a challenge as a surmountable, temporary obstacle if his or her frame includes a sense that "things will turn out alright." On the contrary, negative experiences can color how future experiences are understood. Ongoing exposure to family violence might lead children, youth, and adults to believe that relationships are generally hostile in nature and affect their ability to enter into and stay engaged in safe and healthy relationships. Interventions must seek to address how children, youth, and adults frame what has happened to them in the past and shape their beliefs about the future.
- **Developmental Tasks:** People grow physically and psychosocially along a fairly predictable course, encountering normal challenges and establishing competencies as they pass from one developmental stage to another. However, adverse events have a marked effect on the trajectory of normal social and emotional development, delaying the growth of certain capacities, and, in many cases, accelerating the maturation of others. Intervention strategies must be attuned to the developmental impact of negative experiences and address related strengths and deficits to ensure children, youth, and families develop along a healthy trajectory.
- **Coping Strategies:** The methods that children, youth, and families develop to manage challenges

both large and small are learned in childhood, honed in adolescence, and practiced in adulthood. Those who have been presented with healthy stressors and opportunities to overcome them with appropriate encouragement and support are more likely to have an array of positive, productive coping strategies available to them as they go through life. For children, youth, and families who grow up in unsafe, unpredictable environments, the coping strategies that may have been protective in that context may not be appropriate for safer, more regulated situations. Interventions must help children, youth, and families transform maladaptive coping methods into healthier, more productive strategies.

- **Protective Factors:** A wealth of research has demonstrated that the presence of certain contextual factors (e.g., supportive relatives, involvement in after-school activities) and characteristics (e.g., self-esteem, relationship skills) can moderate the impacts of past and future negative experiences. These protective factors are fundamental to resilience; building them is integral to successful intervention with children, youth, and families.

The skills and capacities in these areas support children, youth, and families as challenges, risks, and opportunities arise. In particular, each domain impacts the capacity of children, youth, and families to establish and maintain positive relationships with caring adults and supportive peers. The necessity of these relationships to social and emotional well-being and lifelong success in school, community, and at home cannot be overstated and should be central to all interventions with vulnerable children, youth, and families.

An important component of promoting social and emotional well-being includes addressing the impact of trauma, which can have a profound effect on the overall functioning of children, youth, and families. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) promotes a trauma-informed approach, which involves understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across the domains outlined above, as well as the behavioral and mental health consequences of trauma.

ACYF anticipates a continued focus on social and emotional well-being as a critical component of its overall mission to ensure positive outcomes for all children, youth, and families.

Using evidence-based and/or evidence-informed practices derived from the best available research, professional expertise, and input from youth and families, projects focus on boosting the "protective factors" around street youth. Protective factors are the positive influences that reduce the effects of stressful life events on young people, increase their ability to make good decisions, and promote the social and emotional competence that will help them thrive now and in the future.

According to the National Research Council in its 2009 report *Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders in Young People*, proven protective factors include:

- Physical and psychological safety and security;
- Clear expectations for behavior, as well as increasing opportunities to make decisions, to participate in governance and rule-making, and to take on leadership roles as one matures and gains more expertise;
- Emotional and moral support from supportive adult relationships;
- Opportunities to form connections with peers that support and reinforce healthy behaviors;
- A sense of belonging and personal value;
- Opportunities to develop positive social values and norms;
- Opportunities for skill building and mastery;
- Opportunities to make a contribution to their community and to develop a sense of mattering; and
- Strong links between families, schools, and broader community resources.

In order to build protective factors, street outreach staff build relationships by meeting with runaway, homeless, and street youth where they congregate, using an array of proven and effective outreach strategies that are language appropriate, culturally sensitive, and respectful of the complex identities of

youth. Projects first address the immediate needs of street youth (food, clothing, shelter, etc.) through direct interventions or appropriate referrals. Then they work on improving the behavioral, psychological, and physical health of street youth, providing them with employment and educational supports, and either reunifying them with family or finding alternative, safe residential placements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Positive Youth Development (PYD): In keeping with the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Act (42 U.S.C. § 5701(3)), grantees are required to develop and implement their programs using a PYD approach. PYD is based on a body of research suggesting that certain protective factors, like those listed in the section above, can help young people succeed and keep them from having problems. PYD is a comprehensive framework outlining the supports all young people need to be successful. Runaway and homeless youth programs that embrace this developmental model provide ongoing and intentional opportunities for young people to participate in meaningful activities. A variety of opportunities, that have real life application, are available for youth to design, implement, and evaluate the types of services they receive to best meet their needs. The program environment is caring and supportive, has high expectations, and offers youth the chance to develop positive relationships and connection with adults, peers, and the larger community. Youth development views young people as “resources” who have much to offer rather than as “problems” that need to be treated or fixed.

B. Service Activities:

i. **Operations:** Grantees are required to have an operational structure that utilizes effective practices or evidence-based approaches to adequately address the needs of street youth. The program model must meet the needs of the target community by demonstrating appropriate hours of operation, supporting the projected number of youth to receive services, and utilizing a flexible staffing plan and schedule that supports adequate supervision and services. Required services can be provided through subawards.

ii. Program Activities:

Grantees are required to provide services to runaway, homeless, and street youth designed to increase their safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency, and help them build permanent connections with caring adults. At a minimum, activities should include:

- Contacting runaway, homeless, or street youth through street-based or site-based outreach and/or a drop-in center;
- Engaging street youth through harm-reduction and trauma-informed approaches that build trusting and meaningful relationships between street outreach staff and youth;
- Providing information on employment, job readiness, and support services at the local, State, and Federal levels;
- Responding to the educational needs of youth by informing them of their rights and working with the appropriate McKinney-Vento liaison to ensure their rights are honored. (The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act. This federal law ensures that children and youth experiencing homelessness have full and equal access to an appropriate public education and that they experience success in school.);
- Offering education, prevention, and access to intervention services on issues related to domestic violence, sexual abuse, or exploitation affecting runaway, homeless, and street youth;
- Responding to the immediate needs of youth in crisis, including food, clothing, emergency shelter, survival aid, treatment, counseling and referrals, individual assessments, and follow-up support or aftercare; and
- Helping youth exit the street and achieve safe, stable living arrangements.

iii. **Access to Shelter:** Grantees must be able to guarantee runaway, homeless, and street youth access to age-appropriate emergency shelter. If shelter is provided through referral, grantees must have a signed agreement with the organization guaranteeing that street outreach staff can enter the shelter 24 hours a day to access clients in residence.

iv. Project Sustainability Plan: The organization must provide a plan for sustainability that details how the proposed project approach will create project self-sufficiency and help to ensure that the impact of the project will continue after Federal assistance has ended.

C. Administrative Activities:

- i. Training: Grantees must provide staff training on the following topics: effectively approaching and engaging youth on the street; safety protocols; ethics and boundaries; harm reduction; crisis intervention; trauma-informed care; positive youth development; basic counseling skills; healthy sexual behavior; gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues; cultural awareness and sensitivity; mental health awareness; alcohol, drug, and chemical dependency awareness; domestic trafficking, bullying, and harassment; and sexual exploitation and prostitution.
- ii. Safety Protocol: Grantees must have policies prohibiting harassment based on race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity (or expression), religion, and national origin. Grantees must have procedures established to monitor claims, address them seriously, and document their corrective action(s) so all participants are assured that programs are safe, inclusive, and non-stigmatizing by design and in operation.
- iii. Supervision: Grantees must ensure that there is sufficient supervision to provide for the safety and oversight of outreach workers.
- iv. Confidentiality: Grantees must protect the records containing the identity of individual youth and the rights of youth with respect to their confidential and personal information.
- v. Quality Improvement: Grantees must undertake periodic, formal assessments of program services to improve outcomes, specifically in respect to increasing the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of runaway, homeless, and street youth, and helping them build permanent connections with caring adults.
- vi. Emergency Preparedness and Management Plan: Grantees must have policies and procedures on how the organization will prepare, respond, and recover from disasters. For guidance on creating an emergency preparedness plan, please see FYSB's *Ready for Anything: A Disaster Planning Manual for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs* at: <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/tools/publications/ready-for-anything>.

For more information on requirements specific to this FOA, please reference *Section IV.2. The Project Description*.

II. Award Information

Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Funding:	\$9,000,000
Expected Number of Awards:	56
Award Ceiling:	\$200,000 Per Budget Period
Award Floor:	\$100,000 Per Budget Period
Average Projected Award Amount:	\$160,700 Per Budget Period

Length of Project Periods:

36-month project with three 12-month budget periods

Additional Information on Awards:

Awards made under this announcement are subject to the availability of federal funds.

Applications requesting an award amount that exceeds the *Award Ceiling* per budget period or per project period, as stated in this section, will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement. This disqualification applies only to the *Award Ceiling* listed for the first 12-month budget period for projects with multiple budget periods. If the project and budget period are the same, the disqualification applies to the *Award Ceiling* listed for the project period. Please see *Section III.3*.

Application Disqualification Factors.

Note: For those programs that require matching or cost sharing, grantees will be held accountable for projected commitments of non-federal resources in their application budgets and budget justifications by budget period or by project period for fully funded awards, even if the projected commitment exceeds the required amount of match or cost share. **A grantee's failure to provide the required matching amount may result in the disallowance of federal funds.**

Continuation of Project

An initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation grants beyond the initial 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of the grantee, and a determination that the continued funding would be in the best interest of the Federal Government.

Please see *Section IV.5 Funding Restrictions* for limitations on the use of federal funds awarded under this announcement.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible Applicants

Public and nonprofit private agencies are eligible for awards under this funding opportunity, in accordance with section 351 of the RHY Act. (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5714-41). They may include:

- State governments;
- County governments;
- City or township governments;
- Independent school districts;
- Private institutions of higher education;
- Special district governments;
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education;
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities;
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized);
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments);
- Nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Eligible applicants include public and non-profit private entities that include States, localities, and coordinated networks of such entities. Per the RHY Act section 351, for-profit organizations are not eligible.

In selecting eligible applicants to receive grants under this FOA, priority will be given to entities that have experience in providing shelter and services to runaway, homeless, or street youth as required by the RHY

Act.

Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards under this announcement. See *Section III.3. Other*.

Faith-based and community organizations that meet eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity announcement.

See "Legal Status of Applicant Entity" in *Section IV.2* for documentation required to support eligibility.

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement: Yes

Grantees are required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost, in accordance with **section 383 of the RHY Act. (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5716)**.

Grantees must provide at least **10** percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the ACF (federal) share and the non-federal share. The non-federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. For example, in order to meet the match requirements, a project requesting **\$200,000.00** in ACF (federal) funds must provide a non-federal share of the approved total project cost of at least **\$22,222.00**, which is **10** percent of total approved project cost of **\$222,222.00**.

Note: Grantees will be held accountable for projected commitments of non-federal resources in their application budgets and budget justifications, even when the projected non-federal commitment exceeds the required amount of matching or cost share. A grantee's failure to provide the required matching amount will result in the disallowance of federal funds. However, lack of supporting documentation at the time of application submission will not exclude the application from competitive review.

For examples of matching requirements based on specific award amounts, see "Appendix B: Sample Chart of Matching Funding Amounts" at the end of this announcement.

Matching requirements (including in-kind contributions) of less than \$200,000 (up to \$199,999) are waived under grants made to the governments of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (other than those consolidated under other provisions of 48 U.S.C. 1469) pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1469a(d). This waiver applies whether the matching required under the grant equals or exceeds \$200,000.

III.3. Other

DUNS Number and System for Award Management Eligibility Requirements (SAM.gov)

All applicants must have a DUNS number (www.dnb.com) and be registered with the System for Award Management (SAM, www.sam.gov) and maintain an active SAM registration until the application process is complete, and should a grant be made, throughout the life of the award. Finalize a new, or renew an existing, registration at least two weeks before the application deadline. This action should allow you time to resolve any issues that may arise. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in your inability to submit your application or receive an award. Maintain documentation (with dates) of your efforts to

register or renew at least two weeks before the deadline. See the SAM Quick Guide for Grantees at: [https:// www.sam.gov /sam /transcript /SAM Quick Guide Grants Registrations-v1.6.pdf](https://www.sam.gov/sam/transcript/SAM_Quick_Guide_Grants_Registrations-v1.6.pdf).

HHS requires all entities that plan to apply for, and ultimately receive, federal grant funds from any HHS Agency, or receive subawards directly from recipients of those grant funds to:

- Be registered in the SAM prior to submitting an application or plan;
- Maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active award or an application or plan under consideration by an OPDIV; and
- Provide its active DUNS number in each application or plan it submits to the OPDIV.

ACF is prohibited from making an award until an applicant has complied with these requirements. At the time an award is ready to be made, if the intended recipient has not complied with these requirements, ACF:

- May determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award; and
- May use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant.

APPLICATION DISQUALIFICATION FACTORS

Applications from individuals, foreign entities, or sole proprietorship organizations will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement.

Award Ceiling Disqualification

Applications that request an award amount exceeding the *Award Ceiling* per budget period, or per project period, as stated in *Section II. Award Information*, will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement. This disqualification applies only to the *Award Ceiling* listed for first 12-month budget period for projects with multiple budget periods. If the project and budget period are the same, the disqualification applies to the *Award Ceiling* listed for the project period.

Application Submission Disqualifications

ACF requires electronic submission of applications at www.Grants.gov. Applicants that do not have an Internet connection or sufficient computing capacity to upload large documents to the Internet may contact ACF for an exemption that will allow these applicants to submit an application in paper format. Information on requesting an exemption from electronic application submission is found in *Section IV.2. Application Submission Options*.

The deadline for electronic application submission is 11:59 p.m., ET, on the due date listed in the Overview and in Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times. Electronic applications submitted to www.Grants.gov after 11:59 p.m., ET, on the due date, as indicated by a dated and time-stamped email from www.Grants.gov, will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement. That is, applications submitted to www.Grants.gov, on or after 12:00 a.m., ET, on the day after the due date will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement.

Applications submitted to www.Grants.gov at any time during the open application period, and prior to the due date and time, which fail the Grants.gov validation check, will not be received at or acknowledged by ACF.

Each time an application is submitted via www.Grants.gov, the application will receive a new date and time-stamp email. Only those applications with on-time date and time stamps that result in a validated application, which is transmitted to ACF, will be acknowledged.

The deadline for receipt of paper applications is 4:30 p.m., ET, on the due date listed in the Overview and in Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times. Paper applications received after 4:30 p.m., ET, on the

due date will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement. **Paper applications received from applicants that have not received approval of an exemption from required electronic submission will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement.** See "Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission" in *Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission*.

Applications that are disqualified under any of these circumstances will receive written notification by letter or by email.

IV. Application and Submission Information

IV.1. Address to Request Application Package

FYSB Operations Center
c/o Lux Consulting Group
Attn: Street Outreach Funding
8405 Colesville Road, Suite 600
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: (866) 796-1591
Email: fysb@luxcg.com

Electronic Application Submission:

The electronic application submission package is available at www.Grants.gov.

Applications in Paper Format:

For applicants that have received an exemption to submit applications in paper format, Standard Forms, assurances, and certifications are available at the ACF Funding Opportunities Forms webpage at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms>. See *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission* if applicants do not have an Internet connection or sufficient computing capacity to upload large documents (files) to www.Grants.gov.

Standard Forms that are compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794d):

Available at the [Grants.gov Forms Repository](http://www.Grants.gov) website and at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_forms.

Federal Relay Service:

Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired callers may contact the Federal Relay Service for assistance at 1-800-877-8339 (TTY - Text Telephone or ASCII - American Standard Code For Information Interchange).

Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission

FORMATTING ACF APPLICATIONS

FOR ALL ACF APPLICATIONS:

Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR)

The AOR is an individual(s), named by the applicant/recipient organization, who is authorized to act for the applicant/recipient and to assume the obligations imposed by the federal laws, regulations,

requirements, and conditions that apply to grant applications or awards. Each applicant must designate an AOR.

AOR authorization is part of the registration process at www.Grants.gov, where the AOR will create a short profile and obtain a username and password from the Grants.gov Credential Provider. AORs will only be authorized for the DUNS number registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).

Point of Contact

In addition to the AOR, a point of contact on matters involving the application must also be identified. The point of contact, known as the Project Director or Principal Investigator, should not be identical to the person identified as the AOR. The point of contact must be available to answer any questions pertaining to the application.

Application Checklist

Applicants may refer to *Section VIII. Other Information* for a checklist of application requirements that may be used in developing and organizing application materials. Details concerning acknowledgment of received applications are available in *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times* of this announcement.

Follow the instructions provided in this application formatting section to ensure that your application does not exceed the page limitations and can be printed efficiently and consistently for the competitive review.

Accepted Font Styles:

All applicants must use 12-point font in Times New Roman (TNR).

Page Limitations for Application Submissions

Applicants must observe the page limitations listed later in this section. Page limitations do not include OMB-approved Standard Forms (SFs) and OMB-approved forms

All applications must be double-spaced and in Times New Roman, 12-point font. An application that exceeds the cited page limitation for double-spaced pages in the Project Description file or the Appendices file will have the extra pages removed and these pages will not be reviewed.

Page limitations apply to electronically submitted and paper format applications. For applications that are single-spaced and/or one-and-a-half spaced (in whole or in part, except for the exempted elements listed later in this section) and/or use a font smaller than TNR, 12-point, ACF will use a formula to determine the actual number of pages. The formula counts the number of characters an applicant uses when following the instructions and using 12-point TNR and then compares the resulting number with that of the submitted application. For example, an applicant using TNR, 11-point font, with 1-inch margins all around, and single-spacing, would have an additional 26 lines, or 1500 characters, which is equal to 4/5 of an additional page. Extra pages resulting from this formula will be removed and will not be reviewed.

Be sure to print the Project Description and Appendices documents on paper and count the number of pages for each file before submission. Keep the printed copy as a hard copy of your application for your files.

Copies Required

Applicants must submit one complete copy of the application package electronically. Applicants submitting electronic applications need not provide additional copies of their application package.

Applicants submitting applications in paper format must submit one original and two copies of the complete application, including all Standard Forms and OMB-approved forms. The original copy must have original signatures.

Signatures

Applicants submitting electronic applications must follow the AOR Authorization and E-Biz POC instructions provided at www.Grants.gov.

The original of a paper format application must include original signatures.

Accepted Application Format

With the exception of the required Standard Forms and OMB-approved forms, all application materials must be formatted so that they will print out onto 8 ½" x 11" white paper with 1-inch margins all around. **The Project Description and Appendices files must be numbered separately.** The font size on any scanned documents must be large enough so that it is readable. Do not scan more than one page of a document on a single page. Application pages with two or more pages of a document scanned to it will be removed and will not be reviewed.

Elements Exempted from Double-Spacing Requirements

The following elements of the application submission are exempt from the double-spacing requirements listed earlier in this section: the one-page Project Summary/Abstract, required Assurances and Certifications, required Standard Forms, required OMB-approved forms, resumes, logic models, proof of legal status/non-profit status, contracts, and the Budget Justification. These items may be single-spaced. The Project Summary/Abstract is required to be one single-spaced page in 12-point font with 1-inch margins. The Budget Justification may be single-spaced but must be in 12-point font. Resumes must be in 12-point font, but are not required to be double-spaced. The font size on any scanned documents must be large enough so that it is readable.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants are required to submit their applications electronically unless they have requested and received an exemption that will allow submission in paper format. See *Section IV.2. Application Submission Options* for information about requesting an exemption.

Electronic applications will only be accepted via www.Grants.gov. **ACF will not accept applications submitted via email or via facsimile.**

Application Upload Requirements

Each applicant is required to upload ONLY two electronic files, excluding Standard Forms and OMB-approved forms. No more than two files will be accepted for the review, and additional files will be removed. Standard Forms and OMB-approved forms will not be considered additional files.

ACF strongly recommends that electronic applications be uploaded as Portable Document Files (PDFs). One file must contain the entire Project Description and Budget Justification; the other file must contain all documents required in the Appendices. Details on the content of each of the two files, as well as page limitations for each, are listed later in this section.

To adhere to the two file requirement, applicants may need to convert and/or merge documents together using a PDF converter software. Many recent versions of Microsoft Office include the ability to save documents to the PDF format without need of additional software. Applicants using the Adobe Professional software suite will be able to merge these documents together. ACF recommends merging documents electronically rather than scanning multiple documents into one document manually, as scanned documents may have reduced clarity and readability.

However, ACF understands that all applicants may not have access to this software. Grants.gov offers a listing of several free PDF conversion programs. These programs can be found on Grants.gov by clicking on 'Applicant Resources' on the far left side of the home page, and then by following the link to 'Download Software' near the top of the screen, or by clicking [HERE](#). Free PDF software is available on this page that will allow users to convert and merge PDF documents. As an example, ACF is

providing written instructions on downloading and using one type of free software listed at Grants.gov at the following link: [https:// www.acf.hhs.gov/ sites/default/ files/assets/ pdf995 instructions for video.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/pdf995_instructions_for_video.pdf). A video demonstrating this process is also available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOly0HwXPpA>. ACF does not endorse any of the software listed on Grants.gov, and applicants are not required to use a specific type of PDF conversion software to submit an application.

NOTE: Applications submitted via www.Grants.gov will undergo a validation check. See *Section IV.2. Application Submission Options* for more information. The validation check can affect whether the application is accepted for review. If an application fails the Grants.gov validation check and is not resubmitted by 11:59 p.m., ET, on the due date, it will not be transmitted to ACF and will be excluded from the review. If an applicant resubmits their application to Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m., ET, on the due date and the application does not pass the validation check, it will not be transmitted to ACF and will be excluded from the review.

Required Standard Forms (SFs) and OMB-approved Forms

Standard Forms (SFs) and OMB-approved forms, such as the SF-424 application and budget forms and the SF-P/PSL (Project/Performance Site Location), are uploaded separately at Grants.gov. These forms are submitted separately from the Project Description and Appendices files. See *Section IV.2. Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications* for the listing of required Standard Forms, OMB-approved forms, and required assurances and certifications.

Carefully observe the file naming conventions required by www.Grants.gov

Limit file names to 50 characters and do not use special characters (example: &,-,*,%/,#) including periods (.), blank spaces, and accent marks, within application form fields, and file attachment names. An underscore () may be used to separate a file name.

Use only file formats supported by ACF

It is critical that applicants submit applications using only the supported file formats listed here. While ACF supports all of the following file formats, **we strongly recommend that the two application submission files (Project Description and Appendices) are uploaded as PDF documents in order to comply with the two file upload limitation.** Documents in file formats that are not supported by ACF will be removed from the application and will not be used in the competitive review. This may make the application incomplete and ACF will not make any awards based on an incomplete application.

ACF supports the following file formats:

- Adobe PDF – Portable Document Format (.pdf)
- Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)
- Microsoft Excel (.xls or .xlsx)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt)
- Corel WordPerfect (.wpd)
- Image Formats (.JPG, .GIF, .TIFF, or .BMP only)

Do Not Encrypt or Password-Protect the Electronic Application Files

If ACF cannot access submitted electronic files because they are encrypted or password protected, the affected file will be removed from the application and will not be reviewed. This removal may make the application incomplete and ACF will not make awards based on an incomplete application.

FORMATTING FOR PAPER APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS:

The following requirements are only applicable to applications submitted in paper format. Applicants must receive an exemption from ACF in order for a paper format application to be accepted for review. See *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission* later in this section under *Application Submission Options* for more information.

Signatures

An original signature of the AOR is required only on the original copy of paper format application submissions. A point of contact on matters involving the application must be identified on the SF-424 at item 8f. The point of contact, known as the Project Director or Principal Investigator, should not be identical to the person identified as the AOR.

Format Requirements for Paper Applications

All application materials must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" white paper with 1-inch margins. Applications must be in two sections. The first section must contain the entire Project Description and Budget Justification, and the second section must contain all required Appendices. The pages of the two sections must be separately and sequentially numbered.

All copies of mailed or hand-delivered paper applications must be submitted in a single package. If an applicant is submitting multiple applications under a single FOA, or multiple applications under separate FOAs, each application submission must be packaged separately. The package(s) must be clearly labeled for the specific FOA it addresses by FOA title and by Funding Opportunity Number (FON).

Because each application will be duplicated, do not use or include separate covers, binders, clips, tabs, plastic inserts, maps, brochures, or any other items that cannot be processed easily on a photocopy machine with an automatic feed. Do not bind, clip, staple, or fasten in any way separate sections of the application. Applicants are advised that the copies of the application submitted, not the original, will be reproduced by the federal government for review. All application materials must be one-sided for duplication purposes.

Instructions on the order of assembly for paper application submissions are available later in this formatting section.

Addresses for Submission of Paper Applications

See *Section IV.6. Other Submission Requirements* for addresses for paper format application submissions.

Page Limitations and Content of the Application for All Submission Formats:

Project Description - The project description is limited to **70** pages and must include the following in this order: Table of Contents; Abstract; Objectives and Need for Assistance; Outcomes Expected; Approach; Organizational Profiles; Staff and Position Data; and Line-Item Budget, and Budget Justification. Applicants should title each section accordingly.

Appendices - The appendices are limited to **20** pages and must include the following in this order: Organizational Capacity (i.e., organizational charts, documentation of experience in the program area, personnel policies, any other pertinent information the applicant deems relevant), Third-Party Agreements and Logic Model.

Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

Applicants seeking grant or cooperative agreement awards under this announcement must submit the listed Standard Forms (SFs), assurances, and certifications with the application. All required Standard Forms, assurances, and certifications are available at [ACF Funding Opportunities Forms](#) or at the [Grants.gov Forms Repository](#) unless specified otherwise.

Forms / Assurances / Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes / Description
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Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants	Submission is voluntary. Submission may be made with the application by the application due date listed in the <i>Overview</i> and <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> . Or, it may be submitted prior to the award of a grant.	Non-profit private organizations (not including private universities) are encouraged to submit the survey with their applications. Submission of the survey is voluntary. Applicants applying electronically may submit the survey along with the application as part of an appendix or as a separate document. Hard copy submissions should include the survey in a separate envelope.
DUNS Number (Universal Identifier) and Systems for Award Management (SAM) registration.	A DUNS number is required of all applicants. To obtain a DUNS number, go to http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform . Active registration at the Systems Award Management (SAM) website must be maintained throughout the application and project award period. SAM registration is available at http://www.sam.gov .	A DUNS number and SAM registration are eligibility requirements for all applicants. See <i>Section III.3. Other</i> for information on obtaining a DUNS number and registration at http://www.sam.gov .
SF-424 - Application for Federal Assistance and SF-P/PSL - Project/Performance Site Location(s)	Submission is required for all applicants by the application due date.	Required for all applications.
The needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth are taken into consideration in applicants program design.	See Appendix C for submission requirements.	See Appendix C for the complete assurance description.
Certification Regarding Lobbying	Submission required of all applicants with the application package. If it is not submitted with the application package, it may also be submitted prior to the award of a grant.	Submission of this Certification is required for all applications.

SF-LLL - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	If applicable, submission of this form is due at the time of application.	If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the applicant shall complete and submit the SF-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
SF-424A - Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs and SF-424B - Assurances - Non-Construction Programs	Submission is required for all applicants when applying for a non-construction project. Standard Forms must be used. Forms must be submitted by the application due date.	Required for all applications when applying for a non-construction project. By signing and submitting the SF-424B, applicants are making the appropriate certification of their compliance with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination.

Additional Assurances

Technical Assistance

By signing and submitting the application, SOP applicants agree to receive and participate in technical assistance as recommended by Federal staff to ensure quality programming and implementation. Training and technical assistance are free to SOP grantees through the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Centers (RHYTTAC). Services include regionally based technical assistance clinics, training sessions, training of trainers, e-learning, and an annual grantee conference. More information is available at: www.rhyttac.net.

Confidentiality

Grantees shall keep adequate statistical records profiling the youth and family members whom it serves (including youth who are not referred to out-of-home shelter services), except that records maintained on individual RHY shall not be disclosed without the consent of the individual youth and parent or legal guardian to anyone other than another agency compiling statistical records, or a government agency involved in the disposition of criminal charges against an individual runaway or homeless youth, and reports or other documents based on such statistical records shall not disclose the identity of individual runaway or homeless youth. Moreover, section 384 of the RHY Act requires that records containing the identity of individual youth pursuant to this Act under no circumstances be disclosed or transferred to any individual or to any public or private agency.

The Project Description

The Project Description Overview

The project description provides the majority of information by which an application is evaluated and ranked in competition with other applications for available assistance. The project description should be concise and complete. It should address the activity for which federal funds are being requested. Supporting documents should be included where they can present information clearly and succinctly. In preparing the project description, information that is responsive to each of the requested evaluation criteria must be provided. Awarding offices use this and other information in making their funding recommendations. It is important, therefore, that this information be included in the application in a manner that is clear and complete.

General Expectations and Instructions

Applicants should develop project descriptions that focus on outcomes and convey strategies for achieving intended performance. Project descriptions are evaluated on the basis of substance and measurable outcomes, not length. Extensive exhibits are not required. Cross-referencing should be used rather than repetition. Supporting information concerning activities that will not be directly funded by the grant or information that does not directly pertain to an integral part of the grant-funded activity should be placed in an appendix.

General Instructions for Preparing a Full Project Description

Introduction

Applicants that are required to submit a full project description shall prepare the project description statement in accordance with the following instructions while being aware of the specified evaluation criteria. The topics listed in this section provide a broad overview of what the project description should include while the Criteria in *Section V.I.* identify the measures that will be used to evaluate applications.

Table of Contents

List the contents of the application including corresponding page numbers.

Project Summary/Abstract

Provide a summary of the application's project description. The summary must be clear, accurate, concise, and without reference to other parts of the application. The abstract must include a brief description of the proposed grant project including the needs to be addressed, the proposed services, and the population group(s) to be served.

Please place the following at the top of the abstract:

- Project Title
- Applicant Name
- Address
- Contact Phone Numbers (Voice, Fax)
- E-Mail Address
- Web Site Address, if applicable

The project abstract must be single-spaced and limited to one page in length.

Objectives And Need For Assistance

Clearly identify the physical, economic, social, financial, institutional, and/or other problem(s) requiring a solution. The need for assistance, including the nature and scope of the problem, must be demonstrated, and the principal and subordinate objectives of the project must be clearly and concisely stated. Supporting documentation, such as letters of support and testimonials from concerned interests other than the applicant, may be included. Any relevant data based on planning studies or needs assessments should be included or referred to in the endnotes/footnotes. Incorporate demographic data and

participant/beneficiary information, as needed. In developing the project description, the applicant may volunteer or be requested to provide information on the total range of projects currently being conducted and supported (or to be initiated), some of which may be outside the scope of the funding opportunity announcement.

Outcomes Expected

Identify the outcomes to be derived from the project.

Applicants must thoroughly demonstrate how they will meet the basic and immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and street youth, who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse, prostitution, or sexual exploitation. SOP grantees must help young people leave the streets by building relationships between street outreach workers and runaway, homeless youth. Grantees must provide support services that aim to move these youth into safe housing upon leaving the street.

Approach

Outline a plan of action that describes the scope and detail of how the proposed work will be accomplished. Account for all functions or activities identified in the application. Cite factors that might accelerate or decelerate the work and state your reason for taking the proposed approach rather than other approaches. Describe any unusual features of the project such as design or technological innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary social and community involvement.

Provide quantitative monthly or quarterly projections of the outcomes to be achieved for each function or activity in such terms as the number of people to be served and the number of activities accomplished.

Data may be organized and presented as project tasks and subtasks with their corresponding timelines during the project period. For example, each project task could be assigned to a row in the first column of a grid. Then, a unit of time could be assigned to each subsequent column, beginning with the first unit (i.e., week, month, quarter) of the project and ending with the last. Shading, arrows, or other markings could be used across the applicable grid boxes or cells, representing units of time, to indicate the approximate duration and/or frequency of each task and its start and end dates within the project period.

When accomplishments cannot be quantified by activity or function, list them in chronological order to show the schedule of accomplishments and their target dates.

Provide a list of organizations, cooperating entities, consultants, or other key individuals who will work on the project, along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution.

Applicants must specifically address the following SOP program requirements:

A. Positive Youth Development (PYD): Describe the approach to incorporating PYD into the project and how that approach will build protective factors in the young people served. Some PYD strategies include intergenerational mentoring, peer mentoring, youth leadership and decision making, volunteerism and service learning, and job preparation and work shadowing.

B. Service Activities:

i. Operations: Describe how the operational structure of the street outreach program will utilize effective practices or evidence-based approaches to adequately address the needs of street youth.

Describe how the program model meets the needs of the target community by demonstrating appropriate hours of operation, supporting the projected number of youth to receive services, and utilizing a flexible staffing plan and schedule that supports adequate supervision and services.

Applicants must describe what methods were used to determine where runaway, homeless, and street

youth congregate in the service area.

If applicable, describe how contracting will be used to provide required services.

If the applicant proposes a project that exclusively serves a specific RHY subpopulation (e.g., single-sex; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth; a particular ethnic group), describe the unique characteristics of the community that require such a project, as well as plans for making referrals or otherwise providing for the needs of RHY who are not in the specific population the applicant will serve.

ii. Program Activities: Describe how runaway, homeless, or street youth will be identified and contacted through street-based or site-based outreach and/or a drop-in center. Discuss how outreach strategies will be incorporated into program operations and activities using language appropriateness, cultural sensitivity, and the complex identities of male, female, and transgender youth. Describe how harm-reduction and trauma-informed approaches will be utilized to build trusting and meaningful relationships with youth.

Describe how the project will provide runaway, homeless, and street youth with education, prevention, and access to intervention services on issues related to domestic violence, sexual abuse, or exploitation affecting runaway, homeless, and street youth.

Describe how the project will respond to the immediate needs of youth in crisis, including food, clothing, emergency shelter, survival aid, treatment, counseling and referrals, individual assessments, and follow-up support or aftercare.

Describe how the project will help youth exit the street and achieve safe, stable living arrangements.

iii. Access to Shelter: Describe how the project will guarantee runaway, homeless, and street youth access to age-appropriate emergency shelter 24 hours a day. If shelter is provided through referral, applicants must submit in their application packet a third-party agreement with the organization guaranteeing that street outreach staff can enter the shelter 24 hours a day to access clients in residence. If the applicant is providing shelter services in its own facilities or through a subcontract, the application must clearly describe how the shelter services will be carried out.

C. Administrative Activities:

i. Training: Describe how the project will provide staff initial and ongoing training on the following topics: effectively approaching and engaging youth on the street; safety protocols; ethics and boundaries; harm reduction; crisis intervention; trauma informed care; positive youth development; basic counseling skills; healthy sexual behavior; gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues; cultural awareness and sensitivity; mental health awareness; alcohol, drug, and chemical dependency awareness; domestic trafficking, bullying, and harassment; and sexual exploitation and prostitution.

ii. Safety Protocol: Describe policies and procedures around bullying and harassment.

iii. Supervision: Describe the project's supervision plan and how it will ensure that there is sufficient supervision to provide for the safety and oversight of outreach workers.

iv. Confidentiality: Describe a plan to protect the rights of youth with respect to their confidentiality and personal information.

v. Quality Improvement: Describe the activities or strategies that will be utilized to assess and improve program performance in the areas of safety, well-being, self-sufficiency, and permanent connections. Include information on the methodology and frequency of the data collection and how the methodology and frequency will provide the desired outcomes.

vi. Emergency Preparedness and Management Plan: Describe policies and procedures for addressing the most likely local and national crises that might pose a risk to the health and safety of staff and youth, including a plan for how FYSB will be immediately notified in the event a disaster.

Legal Status of Applicant Entity

Applicants must provide the following documentation of their legal status:

Proof of Non-Profit Status

Non-profit organizations applying for funding are required to submit proof of their non-profit status. Proof of non-profit status is any one of the following:

- A reference to the applicant organization's listing in the IRS's most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in the IRS Code.
- A copy of a currently valid IRS tax-exemption certificate.
- A statement from a state taxing body, state attorney general, or other appropriate state official certifying that the applicant organization has non-profit status and that none of the net earnings accrue to any private shareholders or individuals.
- A certified copy of the organization's certificate of incorporation or similar document that clearly establishes non-profit status.
- Any of the items in the subparagraphs immediately above for a state or national parent organization and a statement signed by the parent organization that the applicant organization is a local non-profit affiliate.

When applying electronically, proof of non-profit status may be submitted as an attachment; however, proof of non-profit status must be submitted prior to award.

Logic Model

Applicants are expected to use a model for designing and managing their project. A logic model is a tool that presents the conceptual framework for a proposed project and explains the linkages among program elements. While there are many versions of the logic model, they generally summarize the logical connections among the needs that are the focus of the project, project goals and objectives, the target population, project inputs (resources), the proposed activities/processes/outputs directed toward the target population, the expected short- and long-term outcomes the initiative is designed to achieve, and the evaluation plan for measuring the extent to which proposed processes and outcomes actually occur.

Project Sustainability Plan

Provide a plan for sustainability that details how the proposed project approach will create project self-sufficiency and help to ensure that the impact of the project will continue after Federal assistance has ended. The applicant may include information on plans to secure additional financial resources.

Organizational Capacity

- Organizational charts
- Documentation of experience in the program area
- Personnel policies
- Any other pertinent information the applicant deems relevant.

Provide a biographical sketch or resume for each key person appointed. Resumes should be no more than two pages in length. Job descriptions for each vacant key position should be included as well. As new key staff are appointed, biographical sketches or resumes will also be required.

Protection of Sensitive and/or Confidential Information

If any confidential or sensitive information will be collected during the course of the project, whether from staff (e.g., background investigations) or project participants and/or project beneficiaries, provide a description of the methods that will be used to ensure that confidential and/or sensitive information is properly handled and safeguarded. Also provide a plan for the disposition of such information at the end of the project period.

Third-Party Agreements

Provide written and signed agreements between grantees and subgrantees, or subcontractors, or other cooperating entities. These agreements must detail the scope of work to be performed, work schedules, remuneration, and other terms and conditions that structure or define the relationship.

The Project Budget and Budget Justification

All applicants are required to submit a project budget and budget justification with their application. The project budget is input on the Budget Information Standard Form, either SF-424A or SF-424C. The budget justification is a line-item detail that includes detailed calculations for "object class categories" identified on the Budget Information Standard Form. Calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated. If matching or cost sharing is a requirement, applicants must include a detailed listing of any funding sources identified in Block 18 of the SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance).

Project budget calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated. If matching or cost sharing is a requirement, applicants must include a detailed listing of any funding sources identified in Block 18 of the SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance). See the table in *Section IV.2. Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications* listing the appropriate budget forms to use in this application.

Special Note: *The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub.L. 112-74), enacted December 23, 2011, limits the salary amount that may be awarded and charged to ACF grants and cooperative agreements. Award funds issued under this announcement may not be used to pay the salary, or any percentage of salary, to an individual at a rate in excess of Executive Level II. The Executive Level II salary of the Federal Executive Pay scale is \$179,700 (<http://www.opm.gov/oca/12tables/html/ex.asp>). This amount reflects an individual's base salary **exclusive** of fringe benefits and any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of the duties to the applicant organization. This salary limitation also applies to subawards/subcontracts under a ACF grant or cooperative agreement.*

Provide a narrative budget justification for the first year of the proposed project. The narrative budget justification should describe how the categorical costs are derived. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocation of the proposed costs.

An applicant lacking the computer equipment (hardware) for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS) data collection must include an estimated cost for such equipment in their proposed budget. If the applicant already has such equipment, this fact must be noted. **See Section VI.3. Reporting, regarding FYSB's requirement for keeping adequate statistical data through RHYMIS.**

General

Use the following guidelines for preparing the budget and budget justification. Both federal and non-federal resources (when required) shall be detailed and justified in the budget and budget narrative justification. "federal resources" refers only to the ACF grant funds for which you are applying. "Non-federal resources" are all other non-ACF federal and non-federal resources. It is suggested that budget amounts and computations be presented in a columnar format: first column, object class categories; second column, federal budget; next column(s), non-federal budget(s); and last column, total budget. The budget justification should be in a narrative form.

Personnel

Description: Costs of employee salaries and wages.

Justification: Identify the project director or principal investigator, if known at the time of application. For each staff person, provide: the title; time commitment to the project in months; time commitment to the project as a percentage or full-time equivalent; annual salary; grant salary; wage rates; etc. Do not include the costs of consultants, personnel costs of delegate agencies, or of specific project(s) and/or businesses to be financed by the applicant.

Fringe Benefits

Description: Costs of employee fringe benefits unless treated as part of an approved indirect cost rate.

Justification: Provide a breakdown of the amounts and percentages that comprise fringe benefit costs such as health insurance, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes, retirement insurance, taxes, etc.

Travel

Description: Costs of project-related travel by employees of the applicant organization. (This item does not include costs of consultant travel.)

Justification: For each trip show: the total number of traveler(s); travel destination; duration of trip; per diem; mileage allowances, if privately owned vehicles will be used to travel out of town; and other transportation costs and subsistence allowances. If appropriate for this project, travel costs for key staff to attend ACF-sponsored workshops should be detailed in the budget.

Equipment

Description: "Equipment" means an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost that equals or exceeds the lesser of: (a) the capitalization level established by the organization for the financial statement purposes, or (b) \$5,000. (Note: Acquisition cost means the net invoice unit price of an item of equipment, including the cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose for which it is acquired. Ancillary charges, such as taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, freight, and installation, shall be included in, or excluded from, acquisition cost in accordance with the organization's regular written accounting practices.)

Justification: For each type of equipment requested provide: a description of the equipment; the cost per unit; the number of units; the total cost; and a plan for use on the project; as well as use and/or disposal of the equipment after the project ends. An applicant organization that uses its own definition for equipment should provide a copy of its policy, or section of its policy, that includes the equipment definition.

Supplies

Description: Costs of all tangible personal property other than that included under the Equipment category.

Justification: Specify general categories of supplies and their costs. Show computations and provide other information that supports the amount requested.

Contractual

Description: Costs of all contracts for services and goods except for those that belong under other categories such as equipment, supplies, construction, etc. Include third-party evaluation contracts, if applicable, and contracts with secondary recipient organizations, including delegate agencies and specific project(s) and/or businesses to be financed by the applicant.

Justification: Demonstrate that all procurement transactions will be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition. Recipients and subrecipients, other than states that are required to use 45 CFR Part 92 procedures, must justify any anticipated procurement action that is expected to be awarded without competition and exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold fixed at 41 U.S.C. § 134, currently set at \$100,000. Recipients may be required to make pre-award review and procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, independent cost estimates, etc. available to ACF.

Note: Whenever the applicant intends to delegate part of the project to another agency, the applicant must provide a detailed budget and budget narrative for each delegate agency, by agency title, along with the same supporting information referred to in these instructions.

Other

Description: Enter the total of all other costs. Such costs, where applicable and appropriate, may include but are not limited to: local travel; insurance; food; medical and dental costs (noncontractual); professional services costs; space and equipment rentals; printing and publication; computer use; training costs, such as tuition and stipends; staff development costs; and administrative costs.

Justification: Provide computations, a narrative description and a justification for each cost under this category.

Indirect Charges

Description: Total amount of indirect costs. This category should be used only when the applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or another cognizant federal agency.

Justification: An applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. If the applicant organization is in the process of initially developing or renegotiating a rate, upon notification that an award will be made, it should immediately develop a tentative indirect cost rate proposal based on its most recently completed fiscal year, in accordance with the cognizant agency's guidelines for establishing indirect cost rates, and submit it to the cognizant agency. Applicants awaiting approval of their indirect cost proposals may also request indirect costs. When an indirect cost rate is requested, those costs included in the indirect cost pool should not be charged as direct costs to the grant. Also, if the applicant is requesting a rate that is less than what is allowed under the program, the authorized representative of the applicant organization must submit a signed acknowledgement that the applicant is accepting a lower rate than allowed.

Commitment of Non-Federal Resources

Description: Amounts of non-federal resources that will be used to support the project as identified in Block 18 of the SF-424.

Justification: If an applicant is relying on match from a third party, then a firm commitment of these resources (letter(s) or other documentation) is required to be submitted with the application. Detailed budget information must be provided for every funding source identified in Item 18. "Estimated Funding (\$)" on the SF-424.

Note: Applicants are required to fully identify and document in their applications the specific costs or contributions they propose in order to meet a matching or cost-sharing requirement. Applicants are also required to provide documentation in their applications on the sources of funding or contribution(s) and, for in-kind contributions, a justification of how the stated valuation was determined. Matching or cost sharing must be documented by budget period or by project period for fully funded awards. **A grantee's failure to provide the required matching amount may result in the disallowance of federal funds.** Lack of supporting documentation at the time of application submission will not disqualify the application from competitive review; however, it may impact an application's scoring under the evaluation criteria in *Section V.1.* of this announcement.

Paperwork Reduction Disclaimer

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3521, the public reporting burden for the Project Description is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection information. The Project Description information collection is approved under OMB control number 0970-0139, which expires 11/30/2012. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Application Submission Options

Electronic Submission via www.Grants.gov

- Additional guidance on the submission of electronic applications can be found at http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp.
- If applicants encounter any technical difficulties in using www.Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Contact Center at: 1-800-518-4726, or by email at support@grants.gov, to report the problem and obtain assistance. Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Grants.gov Contact Center is closed on federal holidays.
- Applicants should always retain Grants.gov Contact Center service ticket number(s) as they may be needed for future reference.
- **Contact with the Grants.gov Contact Center prior to the listed application due date and time does not ensure acceptance of an application. If difficulties are encountered, the Grants Management Officer listed in *Section VII. Agency Contacts* will determine whether the submission issues are due to Grants.gov system errors or user error.**

Application Validation at www.Grants.gov

After an application has been successfully submitted to www.Grants.gov, it still must pass a series of validation checks. After an application is submitted, Grants.gov generates a submission receipt via email and also sets the application status to "Received." This receipt verifies that the application has been successfully delivered to the Grants.gov system.

Next, Grants.gov verifies the submission is valid by ensuring it does not contain viruses, the opportunity is still open, and the applicant login and applicant DUNS number match. If the submission is valid, Grants.gov generates a submission validation receipt via email and sets the application status to "Validated."

If the application is not validated, the application status is set to "Rejected." The system sends a rejection email notification to the applicant and the applicant must re-submit the application package. See "What to Expect After Submitting" at www.Grants.gov for more information.

Each time an application is submitted, or resubmitted, via www.Grants.gov, the application will receive a new date and time stamp. Only those applications with on-time date and time stamps that result in a

validated application, which are transmitted to ACF, will be acknowledged.

Applicants will be provided with an acknowledgement from Grants.gov that the submitted application package has passed, or failed, a series of checks and validations. Applications that are submitted on time that fail the validation check will not be transmitted to ACF and will not be acknowledged.

Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission

ACF recognizes that some applicants may have limited or no Internet access, and/or limited computer capacity, which may prohibit them from uploading large files at www.Grants.gov. To accommodate such applicants, ACF offers an exemption from required electronic submission. The exemption will allow applicants to submit hard copy, paper applications by hand-delivery, applicant courier, overnight/express mail couriers, or by other representatives of the applicant.

To receive an exemption from required electronic application submission, applicants must submit a written request to ACF that must state that the applicant qualifies for the exemption for one of the two following reasons:

- Lack of Internet access or Internet connection, or
- Limited computer capacity that prevents the uploading of large documents (files) at www.Grants.gov.

Applicants may request and receive the exemption from required electronic application submission by either:

- Submitting an email request to electronicappexemption@acf.hhs.gov, or
- Sending a written request to the Office of Grants Management Contact listed in *Section VII. Agency Contacts* in this announcement.

Requests for exemption from required electronic application submission will be acknowledged with an approval or disapproval.

Requests that do not state one of the two listed reasons will not be approved.

An exemption is applicable to all applications submitted by the applicant organization during the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) in which it is received. Applicants need only request an exemption once in a FFY. Applicants must request a new exemption from required electronic submission for any succeeding FFY.

Please Note: electronicappexemption@acf.hhs.gov **may only be used to request an exemption from required electronic submission.** All other inquiries must be directed to the appropriate Agency Contact listed in *Section VII.* of this announcement. Queries or requests submitted to this email address for any reason other than a request for an exemption from electronic application submission will not be acknowledged or answered.

All exemption requests must include the following information:

- Funding Opportunity Announcement Title,
- Funding Opportunity Number (FON),
- The listed Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number,
- Name of Applicant Organization and DUNS Number,
- AOR name and contact information,
- Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving the application (i.e., the Point of Contact), and
- The reason for which the applicant is requesting an exemption from electronic application submission. The request for exemption must state one of the following two reasons: 1) lack of Internet access or Internet connection; or 2) lack of computer capacity that prevents uploading large documents (files) to the Internet.

Exemption requests must be received by ACF no later than two weeks before the application due date, that is, 14 calendar days prior to the application due date listed in the *Overview* and in *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times*. If the fourteenth calendar day falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the due date for receipt of an exemption request will move to the next federal business day that follows the weekend or federal holiday.

Applicants may refer to *Section VIII. Other Information* for a checklist of application requirements that may be used in developing and organizing application materials. Details concerning acknowledgment of received applications are available in *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times* of this announcement.

Paper Format Application Submission

An exemption is now required for the submission of paper applications. See the preceding section on "Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission."

Applicants with exemptions that submit their applications in paper format, by mail or delivery, must submit one original and two copies of the complete application with all attachments. The original and each of the two copies must include all required forms, certifications, assurances, and appendices, be signed by the AOR, and be unbound. The original copy of the application must have original signature(s). See *Section IV.6.* of this announcement for address information for paper format application submissions.

Applicants may refer to *Section VIII. Other Information* for a checklist of application requirements that may be used in developing and organizing application materials. Details concerning acknowledgment of received applications are available in *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times* in this announcement.

IV.3. Submission Dates and Times

Due Date for Applications: **06/28/2013**

Explanation of Due Dates

The due date for receipt of applications is listed in the *Overview* section and in this section. See *Section III.3. Application Disqualification Factors*.

Electronic Applications

The deadline for submission of electronic applications via www.Grants.gov is 11:59 p.m., ET, on the due date. Electronic applications submitted at 12:00 a.m., ET, on the day after the due date will be considered late and will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement.

Applicants are required to submit their applications electronically via www.Grants.gov unless they received an exemption through the process described in *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission*.

ACF does not accommodate transmission of applications by email or facsimile.

Instructions for electronic submission via www.Grants.gov are available at: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp.

Applications submitted to www.Grants.gov at any time during the open application period prior to the due date and time that fail the Grants.gov validation check will not be received at ACF. These applications will not be acknowledged.

Mailed Paper Format Applications

The deadline for mailed paper applications is 4:30 p.m., ET, on the due date. Mailed paper applications received after the due date and deadline time will be considered late and will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement.

Paper format application submissions will be disqualified if the applicant organization has not received an

exemption through the process described in *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission*.

Hand-Delivered Paper Format Applications

Applications that are hand-delivered by applicants, applicant couriers, by overnight/express mail couriers, or other representatives of the applicant must be received on, or before, the due date listed in the *Overview* and in this section. These applications must be delivered between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays). Applications should be delivered to the address provided in *Section IV.6. Other Submission Requirements*.

Hand-delivered paper applications received after the due date and deadline time will be considered late and will be disqualified from competitive review and from funding under this announcement.

Hand-delivered paper format application submissions will be disqualified if the applicant organization has not received an exemption through the process described in *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission*.

No appeals will be considered for applications classified as late under the following circumstances:

- Applications submitted electronically via www.Grants.gov are considered late when they are dated and time-stamped after the deadline of 11:59 p.m., ET, on the due date.
- Paper format applications received by mail or hand-delivery after 4:30 p.m., ET, on the due date will be classified as late and will be disqualified.
- Paper format applications received from applicant organizations that were not approved for an exemption from required electronic application submission under the process described in *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Submission* will be disqualified.

Extensions and/or Waiving Due Date and Receipt Time Requirements

ACF may extend an application due date and receipt time when circumstances make it impossible for applicants to submit their applications on time. These events include natural disasters (floods, hurricanes, tornados, etc.), or when there are widespread disruptions of electrical service, or mail service, or in other rare cases. The determination to extend or waive due date and/or receipt time requirements rests with the Grants Management Officer listed as the Office of Grants Management Contact in *Section VII. Agency Contacts*.

Acknowledgement from www.Grants.gov

Applicants will receive an initial email upon submission of their application to www.Grants.gov. This email will provide a **Grants.gov Tracking Number**. Applicants should refer to this tracking number in all communication with Grants.gov. The email will also provide a **date and time stamp**, which serves as the official record of application's submission. Receipt of this email does not indicate that the application is accepted or that it has passed the validation check.

Applicants will be provided with an acknowledgement from www.Grants.gov that the submitted application package has passed, or failed, a series of checks and validations. Applications that are submitted on time that fail the validation check will not be transmitted to ACF and will not be acknowledged.

See "What to Expect After Submitting" at www.Grants.gov for more information.

Acknowledgement from ACF of an electronic application's submission:

Applicants will be sent additional email(s) from ACF acknowledging that the application has been retrieved from www.Grants.gov by ACF. Receipt of these emails is not an indication that the application is accepted for competition.

Acknowledgement from ACF of receipt of a paper format application

ACF will not provide acknowledgement of receipt of hard copy application packages submitted via mail or courier services.

IV.4. Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

This program is covered under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Executive Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

Applicants should go to the following URL for the official list of the jurisdictions that have elected to participate in E.O. 12372 http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc/.

Applicants from participating jurisdictions should contact their SPOC, as soon as possible, to alert them of their prospective applications and to receive instructions on their jurisdiction's procedures. Applicants must submit all required application materials to the SPOC and indicate the date of submission on the Standard Form (SF) 424 at item 19.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application due date to comment on proposed new awards.

SPOC comments may be submitted directly to ACF to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 6th Floor East, Washington, DC 20447.

Entities that meet the eligibility requirements of this announcement are still eligible to apply for a grant even if a State, Territory or Commonwealth, etc., does not have a SPOC or has chosen not to participate in the process. Applicants from non-participating jurisdictions need take no action with regard to E.O. 12372. Applications from Federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments are not subject to E.O. 12372.

IV.5. Funding Restrictions

Costs of organized fund raising, including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions, are considered unallowable costs under grants or cooperative agreements awarded under this funding opportunity announcement.

Note: Costs incurred for grant application preparation are not considered allowable costs under an award and may not be included in the project budget or budget justification.

Grant awards will not allow reimbursement of pre-award costs.

Construction is not an allowable activity or expenditure under this grant award.

Purchase of real property is not an allowable activity or expenditure under this grant award.

Applicants are advised that regulations that implement certain requirements prescribed by the RHY Act can be found at 45 CFR Part 1351 or the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752. Applicants are advised that no grant funds may be used for any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. For more information, please reference *Section VI.2., Other Administrative and National Policy Requirements*.

IV.6. Other Submission Requirements

Submit paper applications to one of the following addresses. See *Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission*.

Submission By Mail

ACYF Operations Center
c/o Lux Consulting Group
Attn: Street Outreach Funding
8405 Colesville Road, Suite 600
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Hand Delivery

ACYF Operations Center
c/o Lux Consulting Group
Attn: Street Outreach Funding
8405 Colesville Road, Suite 600
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Electronic Submission

See *Section IV.2* for application requirements and for guidance when submitting applications electronically via <http://www.Grants.gov>.

For all submissions, see *Section IV.3* for information on due dates and times.

V. Application Review Information

V.1. Criteria

Please note: Reviewers will not access, or review, any materials that are not part of the application documents. This includes information accessible on websites via hyperlinks that are referenced, or embedded, in the application. Though an application may include web links, or embedded hyperlinks, reviewers will not review this information as it is not considered to be part of the application documents. Nor will the information on websites be taken into consideration in scoring of evaluation criteria presented in this section. Reviewers will evaluate and score an application based on the documents that are presented in the application and **will not** refer to, or access, external links during the objective review.

Applications competing for financial assistance will be reviewed and evaluated using the criteria described in this section. The corresponding point values indicate the relative importance placed on each review criterion. Points will be allocated based on the extent to which the application proposal addresses each of the criteria listed. Applicants should address these criteria in their application materials, particularly in the project description and budget justification, as they are the basis upon which competing applications will be judged during the objective review. The required elements of the project description and budget justification may be found in *Section IV.2* of this announcement.

OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE

Maximum Points: 15

1. The applicant supports the need for the project through a detailed description of the economic, educational, and relevant social conditions experienced by youth and families in the proposed service area.
2. The applicant clearly describes the methods used to identify areas where runaway, homeless, and street youth congregate in their proposed service area and describes how street outreach services will be made accessible to youth in these areas.
3. The applicant provides a full description of program activities that are well defined, appropriate for the target population, and consistent with the authorizing RHY legislation and FYSB program requirements.
4. The applicant clearly identifies and describes anticipated program outcomes that support an increased sense of safety, well-being, self-sufficiency, and permanent connections for youth served through the proposed program.
5. The applicant includes a logic model that illustrates a clear and feasible linkage between the proposed program activities (outputs) and the expected program outcomes as referenced in *Section IV.2. The Project Description, Outcomes Expected*.

APPROACH

Maximum Points: 40

The applicant demonstrates the skillful integration of Positive Youth Development (PYD) and evidence-based practices into their provision of services to runaway, homeless, and street youth. (0-5 pts)

1. The applicant identifies PYD strategies and clearly describes how those strategies will be incorporated into their street outreach program to help youth build essential protective factors.
2. The applicant identifies evidence-based approaches and evidence-informed practices that address building relationships and capacities and moving runaway, homeless, and street youth into stable housing and demonstrates how these practices will be utilized in the delivery of services.

The applicant incorporates outreach strategies that support the diversity of street youth and their complex needs. (0-15 pts)

1. The applicant clearly describes how the proposed program model meets the needs of the local community as it pertains to location, hours of operation, services provided, staffing flexibility, and capacity levels needed to ensure youth and staff safety.
2. If applicable, the applicant clearly identifies the required services that will be contracted and describes the contracting methods that will be used to ensure the full delivery of services.
3. The applicant clearly describes the outreach strategies that will be used to engage hard to reach runaway, homeless, and street youth populations.
4. The applicant clearly describes how diversity and inclusion strategies will be incorporated into program operations and activities using language appropriateness, cultural sensitivity, and an understanding of the complexities of all youth including youth who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ).
5. The applicant fully describes the coordination or service linkages with local agencies that will enable runaway, homeless, and street youth to receive important services that fall outside the scope of the required services proposed in this project.
6. If the applicant proposes to serve a specific RHY subpopulation, the applicant clearly describes unique characteristics of this population and the circumstances or conditions of the local community that increases the vulnerability of the targeted population.

7. If the applicant proposes to serve a specific RHY subpopulation, the applicant clearly describes plans for making referrals to youth serving agencies through a third-party agreement that identifies the services that will be provided to the runaway, homeless, and street youth encountered who are in need of assistance, but who are not a part of the subpopulation proposed to be served by the project.

The program model is clear and complete and is aligned with program requirements as described in the Street Outreach Program funding opportunity announcement. (0-20 pts)

1. The applicant demonstrates a clear understanding of harm-reduction and trauma-informed approaches to care by describing how these specific strategies will be utilized in the proposed provision of services to runaway, homeless, and street youth.
2. The applicant describes a plan for providing runaway, homeless, and street youth with education, prevention, and access to intervention services that address issues related to domestic violence, sexual abuse, or exploitation.
3. The applicant provides a detailed plan for how the project will respond to the immediate needs of youth in crisis to include providing food, clothing, emergency shelter, survival aid, treatment, counseling and referrals, individual assessments, and follow-up support or aftercare.
4. The applicant clearly describes a feasible plan for helping youth leave the street and obtain safe, stable living arrangements.
5. The applicant describes a detailed plan for how the project will administer shelter services to ensure that runaway, homeless, and street youth have 24-hour access to age-appropriate emergency shelter.
6. If shelter is provided through referral, the applicant will submit a third-party agreement with the organization guaranteeing that youth will have 24-hour access to shelter and that street outreach staff will have 24-hour access to referred clients in residence.
7. The applicant describes a detailed plan and methodology for how project performance will be assessed and monitored to achieve the desired outcomes as referenced in *Section IV.2 The Project Description, Outcomes Expected*. The plan will identify what information or data will be collected, how it will be collected, the frequency for which it will be collected, and how it will be used to guide program performance.
8. The applicant clearly identifies proposed intervention strategies and describes how those strategies will address how children, youth, and adults frame what has happened to them in the past and shape their beliefs about the future.
9. The applicant clearly identifies proposed intervention strategies that are attuned to the developmental impact of negative experiences and address related strengths and deficits and describe how they will help to ensure that children, youth, and families develop along a healthy trajectory.
10. The applicant clearly identifies and describes proposed intervention strategies that will help children, youth, and families transform maladaptive coping methods into healthier, more productive behaviors.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILES I

Maximum Points: 17

The application clearly demonstrates the applicant has the capacity to oversee federal grants. (0-7 pts)

1. The applicant clearly demonstrates the organizational capacity necessary to oversee Federal grants through a description of the organization's fiscal controls and accounting procedures as well an explanation of the organization's governing structure that will ensure fiscal and operational accountability.
2. If proposing to contract for required services, the applicant clearly describes the role of the

subcontractor and how contract monitoring, performance surveillance and evaluation of contractor activities will be utilized to ensure project goals and objectives are being met.

3. The applicant clearly describes the organization's expertise and previous accomplishments in working with runaway, homeless youth, or street youth.

4. If the agency receives funds from ACF for services that support youth, other than those applied for in this application, the applicant demonstrates how the multiple funding streams will be used to improve the continuum of care for runaway, homeless youth and street youth populations.

5. The applicant provides an annual operating budget for the entire organization and lists the funding sources that will support the street outreach project.

6. The applicant describes a clear plan for sustainability that details how the proposed project approach will create project self-sufficiency and help to ensure that the impact of the project will continue after Federal assistance has ended.

The application provides clear descriptions of their policies related to their program model. (0-10 pts)

1. The applicant fully describes the organization's policies prohibiting harassment based on race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity (or expression), religion, and national origin.

2. The applicant fully describes the procedures used to monitor, investigate, and address harassment claims and document their corrective action(s) so all participants are assured that programs are safe, inclusive, and non-stigmatizing by design and in operation.

3. The applicant clearly describes the policies and procedures that protect the rights of youth with respect to their confidentiality and personal information.

4. The applicant clearly describes the policies and procedures for addressing the most likely local and national crises or disaster that might pose a risk to the health and safety of staff and youth and describes a plan for how FYSB will be notified in the event that such disaster occurs.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILES II

Maximum Points: 3

The application clearly demonstrates the applicant has prior experience in providing shelter and services to homeless youth. (0-3 pts)

1. The applicant sufficiently demonstrates and substantiates how they have experience and previous accomplishments in providing access to shelter and services to runaway, homeless, or street youth.

STAFF AND POSITION DATA

Maximum Points: 15

1. The applicant includes an organizational chart for the SOP that demonstrates the relationship between all positions (including consultants, volunteers, and subcontractors) to be funded through this grant.

2. The applicant clearly provides the name of the person employed in each position on the organizational chart, or notes if the position is vacant.

3. The applicant clearly describes the relationship between staff's responsibilities and the educational and professional experience required for staff positions.

4. The applicant provides detailed position descriptions and resumes for all key staff and those staff paid through the grant.

5. The applicant includes the agency's policy for conducting criminal history and child abuse registry checks on all staff and volunteers who come into contact with children and youth served or proposed to be served by the agency and clearly describes how that policy is in compliance with State, local, or other applicable laws.
6. If an applicant plans to contract with an outside agency to provide the required services, including shelter, the applicant includes the agency's policy for conducting criminal history and child abuse registry checks for all staff and volunteers who come into contact with children and youth served or proposed to be served by the agency and how the applicant will monitor to ensure criminal history and child abuse registry checks are conducted in compliance with State, local, or other applicable laws.
7. The applicant provides a detailed plan to train staff on all required training topics listed in Administrative Activities under Program Requirements. (See *Section IV.2., The Project Description.*)
8. The applicant clearly describes a staffing plan that addresses on-street supervision, back-up personnel, and safety guidelines for outreach workers.

BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

Maximum Points: 10

1. The applicant includes a realistic and detailed line-item budget for the Federal and non-Federal share of project costs and demonstrates how cost estimates were derived. Calculations include estimation of methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated.
2. The applicant demonstrates how the funds requested are reasonable, necessary, and essential to accomplish the scope of services as required by and consistent with the authorizing RHY legislation and FYSB program requirements.
3. The applicant provides a narrative budget justification that describes how the categorical costs are derived; discusses the necessity, reasonableness, and allocation of proposed costs; and clearly supports the allocation of any grant resources contracted to outside youth-serving agencies for the delivery of services under this grant.

V.2. Review and Selection Process

No grant award will be made under this announcement on the basis of an incomplete application. No grant award will be made to an applicant or sub-recipient that does not have a DUNS number (www.dbn.com) and an active registration at SAM (www.sam.gov). See *Section III.3. Other.*

Initial ACF Screening

Each application will be screened to determine whether it meets one of the following disqualification criteria as described in *Section III.3. Application Disqualification Factors*:

- Applications that are designated as late according to *Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times*,
- Applications that are submitted in paper format without prior approval of an exemption from required electronic submission (*Section IV.2. Request an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission*), or
- Applications with requests that exceed the award ceiling stated in *Section II. Award Information*.

For those applications that have been disqualified under the initial ACF screening, notice will be provided by postal mail or by email. See *Section IV.3. Explanation of Due Dates* for information on Grants.gov's and ACF's acknowledgment of received applications.

Objective Review and Results

Applications competing for financial assistance will be reviewed and evaluated by objective review panels using the criteria described in *Section V.1. Criteria* of this announcement. Each panel is composed of experts with knowledge and experience in the area under review. Generally, review panels include three reviewers and one chairperson.

Results of the competitive objective review are taken into consideration by ACF in the selection of projects for funding; however, objective review scores and rankings are not binding. They are one element in the decision-making process.

ACF may elect not to fund applicants with management or financial problems that would indicate an inability to successfully complete the proposed project. Applications may be funded in whole or in part. Successful applicants may be funded at an amount lower than that requested. ACF reserves the right to consider preferences to fund organizations serving emerging, unserved, or under-served populations, including those populations located in pockets of poverty. ACF will also consider the geographic distribution of federal funds in its award decisions.

As required by the RHY Act, priority for funding shall be given to public and private entities with experience in providing services to runaway, homeless, or street youth. Eligible applicants will be assessed on how well they sufficiently demonstrated and substantiated that they have experience in providing services to runaway, homeless, or street youth. Applicants will need to address this in *Section IV.2 Organizational Capacity*. The review panel will apply this priority as described in *Section V.1, criteria, Organizational Profiles II* by awarding the maximum of three possible points allotted for this criteria.

While current SOP grantees are eligible to receive an additional SOP award, it is FYSB's preference to not award new grants to current SOP grantees (including their subgrantees) that have one or two years remaining in their project periods. It is also FYSB's preference to award one grant to one organization providing services in a defined service area or community. FYSB will make more than one award in a defined services area or community only when there are compelling circumstances to do so.

Approved but Unfunded Applications

Applications recommended for approval that were not funded under the competition because of the lack of available funds may be held over by ACF and reconsidered in a subsequent review cycle if a future competition under the program area is planned. These applications will be held over for a period of up to one year and will be re-competed for funding with all other competing applications in the next available review cycle. For those applications that have been deemed as approved but unfunded, notice will be given of such determination by postal mail.

V.3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

FYSB expects that awards will be made by September 30, 2013. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing subsequent to final determination of awards.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1. Award Notices

Successful applicants will be notified through the issuance of a Notice of Award (NOA) that sets forth the amount of funds granted, the terms and conditions of the grant, the effective date of the grant, the budget period for which initial support will be given, the non-federal share to be provided (if applicable), and the total project period for which support is contemplated. The NOA will be signed by the Grants Officer and transmitted via postal mail or email. Following the finalization of funding decisions, organizations whose applications will not be funded will be notified by letter signed by the cognizant Program Office head. Any other correspondence that announces to a Principal Investigator, or a Project Director, that an application was selected is not an authorization to begin performance.

Project costs that are incurred prior to the receipt of the NoA are at the recipient's risk and may be reimbursed only to the extent that they are considered allowable as approved pre-award costs. Information on allowable pre-award costs and the time period under which they may be incurred is available in *Section IV.5. Funding Restrictions*.

VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Awards issued under this announcement are subject to the uniform administrative requirements and cost principles of 45 CFR Part 74 (Awards And Subawards To Institutions Of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Nonprofit Organizations, And Commercial Organizations) or 45 CFR Part 92 (Grants And Cooperative Agreements To State, Local, And Tribal Governments). The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is available at <http://www.gpo.gov>.

An application funded with the release of federal funds through a grant award does not constitute, or imply, compliance with federal regulations. Funded organizations are responsible for ensuring that their activities comply with all applicable federal regulations.

Prohibition Against Profit

Grantees are subject to the limitations set forth in 45 CFR Part 74, Subpart E-Special Provisions for Awards to Commercial Organizations (45 CFR § 74.81_Prohibition against profit), which states that, "... no HHS funds may be paid as profit to any recipient even if the recipient is a commercial organization. Profit is any amount in excess of allowable direct and indirect costs."

Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations

Grantees are also subject to the requirements of 45 CFR § 87.1(c), Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, which says, "Organizations that receive direct financial assistance from the [Health and Human Services] Department under any Department program may not engage in inherently religious activities such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, as part of the programs or services funded with direct financial assistance from the Department." Therefore, organizations must take steps to completely separate the presentation of any program with religious content from the presentation of the Federally funded program by time or location *in such a way that it is clear that the two programs are separate and distinct*. If separating the two programs by time but presenting them in the same location, one program must *completely* end before the other program begins.

A faith-based organization receiving HHS funds retains its independence from federal, state, and local governments, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs. For example, a faith-based organization may use space in its facilities to provide secular programs or services funded with federal funds without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols. In addition, a faith-based organization that receives federal funds retains its authority over its internal governance, and it may retain religious terms in its organization's name, select its

board members on a religious basis, and include religious references in its organization's mission statements and other governing documents in accordance with all program requirements, statutes, and other applicable requirements governing the conduct of HHS-funded activities.

Regulations pertaining to the Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, which includes the prohibition against federal funding of inherently religious activities, "Understanding the Regulations Related to the Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Initiative" are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/about/regulations/>. Additional information, resources, and tools for faith-based organizations is available through The Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships website at <http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/index.html> and at the [Capacity Building Toolkits for Faith-based and Community Organizations](#).

Award Term and Condition under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

Awards issued under this announcement are subject to the requirements of Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104). For the full text of the award term, go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/award-term-and-condition-for-trafficking-in-persons>. If you are unable to access this link, please contact the Grants Management Contact identified in *Section VII. Agency Contacts* of this announcement to obtain a copy of the term.

Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106) requires that all organizations receiving grants from any federal agency agree to maintain a drug-free workplace. By signing the application, the Authorizing Official agrees that the grantee will provide a drug-free workplace and will comply with the requirement to notify ACF if an employee is convicted of violating a criminal drug statute. Failure to comply with these requirements may be cause for debarment. Government-wide requirements for Drug-Free Workplace for Financial Assistance are found in 2 CFR part 182; HHS implementing regulations are set forth in 2 CFR § 382.400. All recipients of ACF grant funds must comply with the requirements in Subpart B - Requirements for Recipients Other Than Individuals, 2 CFR § 382.225. The rule is available at [Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace](#).

Debarment and Suspension

HHS regulations published in 2 CFR Part 376 implement the governmentwide debarment and suspension system guidance (2 CFR Part 180) for HHS' non-procurement programs and activities. "Non-procurement transactions" include, among other things, grants, cooperative agreements, scholarships, fellowships, and loans. ACF implements the HHS Debarment and Suspension regulations as a term and condition of award. Grantees may decide the method and frequency by which this determination is made and may check the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) located at <https://www.sam.gov/>, although checking the EPLS is not required. More information is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms>.

Pro-Children Act

The Pro-Children Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7181 through 7184, imposes restrictions on smoking in facilities where federally funded children's services are provided. HHS grants are subject to these requirements only if they meet the Act's specified coverage. The Act specifies that smoking is prohibited in any indoor facility (owned, leased, or contracted for) used for the routine or regular provision of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children under the age of 18. In addition, smoking is prohibited in any indoor facility or portion of a facility (owned, leased, or contracted for) used for the routine or regular provision of federally funded health care, day care, or early childhood

development, including Head Start services to children under the age of 18. The statutory prohibition also applies if such facilities are constructed, operated, or maintained with federal funds. The statute does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment, or facilities where WIC coupons are redeemed. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

HHS Grants Policy Statement

The HHS Grants Policy Statement (HHS GPS) is the Department of Health and Human Services' single policy guide for discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. ACF grant awards are subject to the requirements of the HHS GPS, which covers basic grants processes, standard terms and conditions, and points of contact, as well as important agency-specific requirements. Appendices to the HHS GPS include a glossary of terms and a list of standard abbreviations for ease of reference. The general terms and conditions in the HHS GPS will apply as indicated unless there are statutory, regulatory, or award-specific requirements to the contrary that are specified in the Notice of Award (NoA). The HHS GPS is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/discretionary-competitive-grants>.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Applications funded by federal grant programs are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and are frequently requested under the FOIA. In accordance with the FOIA requirement to proactively disclose frequently requested materials at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(2)(D), and as part of on-going efforts to promote openness in government programs, ACF will post some of the top-ranked applications funded under this FOA in its online FOIA Reading Room at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/e-reading-room>. As required under the FOIA, each of the top-ranked applications will receive appropriate redaction of specific information to protect personal privacy and competitively sensitive commercial information. Applications chosen for posting to the FOIA Reading Room will be placed on the internet website without further notice to the applicants.

Other Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Program Administration Requirements

Applicants are advised that regulations that implement certain requirements prescribed by the RHY Act can be found at 45 CFR Part 1351 or the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752.

Applicants are advised that no grant funds may be used for any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. Prospective grantees are advised that entities that receive SOP grant funds and that operate a program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for hypodermic injections of illegal drugs must account for all funds used for such programs separately from any expenditure of SOP grant funds (42 U.S.C. § 5752).

Applicants are advised that Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures must be submitted to ACF within 60 days of grant awards.

VI.3. Reporting

Grantees under this funding opportunity announcement will be required to submit performance progress and financial reports periodically throughout the project period. The frequency of required reporting is listed later in this section. Final reports may be submitted in hard copy to the Grants Management Office Contact listed in *Section VII. Agency Contacts* of this announcement. Instructions on submission of reports electronically will be provided with award documents.

Performance Progress Reports (PPR)

Notice of Award documents will inform grantees of the appropriate performance progress report form or format to use. Grantees should consult their Notice of Award documents to determine the appropriate performance progress report format required under their award. Performance progress reports are due 30 days after the end of the reporting period.

Final program performance reports are due 90 days after the close of the project period. For awards that implement the use of the SF-PPR, that form may be found under "Reporting" at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms>.

Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

As of February 1, 2011, HHS began the transition from use of the SF-269, Financial Status Report (Short Form or Long Form) to the use of the SF-425 Federal Financial Report for expenditure reporting. SF-269s will no longer be accepted for expenditure reports due after that date. If an SF-269 is submitted, the ACF will return it and require the recipient to complete the SF-425.

The transition strategy is allowing individual HHS Operating Divisions to select--from a limited number of options--the approach that best fits their programs and business process. This transition does not affect completion or submission of the cash reporting to the HHS Division of Payment Management's Payment Management System (PMS). The primary features of this transition for recipients are that OPDIVs that previously required electronic submission of the SF-269 will receive the SF-425 expenditure reports electronically and, until further notice, OPDIVs that have been receiving expenditure reports in hard copy will continue to do so.

All expenditure reports will be due on one of the standard due dates by which cash reporting is required to be submitted to PMS or at the end of a calendar quarter as determined by the Operating Division. As a result, a recipient that receives awards from more than one OPDIV may be subject to more than one approach, but will not be required to change its current means of submission or be subjected to more than eight standard due dates.

Beginning with budget periods which end from January 1 - March 31, 2011, and for all budget periods thereafter, all affected ACF grantees will be required to submit an SF-425 report as frequently as is required in the terms and conditions of their award using due dates for reports to PMS.

For budget periods ending in the months of:

January 01 through March 31

April 01 through June 30

July 01 through September 30

October 01 through December 31

The FFR (SF-425) is due to ACF on:

April 30

July 30

October 30

January 30

Fillable versions of the SF-425 form in Adobe PDF and MS-Excel formats, along with instructions, are available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/forms>, www.forms.gov, and on at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms>. Further instructions will be provided, as necessary, with award terms and conditions that will address specific reporting periods and due dates on an award-by-award basis.

For planning purposes, ACF reporting periods for awards made under this announcement are as follows:

Program Progress Reports: Semi-Annually

Financial Reports: Semi-Annually

Awards issued as a result of this funding opportunity may be subject to the Transparency Act subaward and executive compensation reporting requirements of 2 CFR Part 170. See ACF's Award Term for Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting Requirement implementing this requirement and additional award applicability information at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/discretionary-competitive-grants>.

SF-428 Tangible Property Report and SF-429 Real Property Status Report

As of April 1, 2012, the Administration for Children and Families has been requiring the use of the SF-428 (Tangible Personal Property Form) as well as the SF-429 (Real Property Status Report).

The **SF-428** is a standard form used by awarding agencies to collect information related to tangible personal property (equipment and supplies) when required by a federal financial assistance award. The form consists of the cover sheet, SF-428, and three attachments to be used as required: Annual Report; Final (Award Closeout) Report and a Disposition Request/Report. A Supplemental Sheet, SF-428S, may be used to provide detailed individual item information.

The **SF-429** is a standard report used by recipients of federal financial assistance to report real property status (Attachment A) or to request agency instructions on real property (Attachments B, C) that has been/will be provided as Government Furnished Property (GFP) or acquired (i.e., purchased or constructed) in whole or in part under a federal financial assistance award (i.e., grant, cooperative agreement, etc.). This includes real property that was improved using federal funds and real property that was donated to a federal project in the form of a match or cost share donation. This report is used for awards that establish a federal Interest on real property.

Beginning with budget periods ending September 30, 2012, and for all budget periods thereafter, all ACF grantees are required to submit (as applicable) an SF-428 and SF-429 report as frequently as required in the terms and conditions of their award(s).

The forms are available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/forms>.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS)

Grantees are legislatively required to keep adequate statistical records profiling the youth and families served under this federal grant. RHYMIS is the data collection system designated to fulfill this requirement enabling grantees to collect and transmit client level data to FYSB on a semi annual basis (April and October).

Grantees must be prepared to assign two points of contact regarding RHYMIS data entry. This will assist FYSB in creating and maintaining a formal communications link for sharing important updates and system developments. The two points of contact, along with any staff responsible for data entry will be required

to complete the *RHYMIS User Training* hosted at www.RHYTTAC.net, by the RHY training and technical assistance provider.

Additionally, grantees will have access to skilled RHYMIS technical assistance staff who can assist with system installation, operations, and data transfers by calling 1-866-749-6474 or by emailing rhymis_help@csc.com. RHYMIS data reports can be generated from the online national database by visiting <https://extranet.acf.hhs.gov/rhymis/>

FYSB will fund computer software for RHY program data collection through RHYMIS. An applicant lacking the computer equipment (hardware) for RHYMIS data collection must include an estimated cost for such equipment in their proposed budget. If the applicant already has such equipment, this fact must be noted. (*See Section V.I, Criteria, Budget and Budget Justification.*) The data collection under RHYMIS is approved under OMB control number 0970-0123, which expires September 30, 2013. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response for the report. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information.

The data collection system may be changing; all grantees will be required to comply with any new changes.

Integration of RHYMIS and HMIS

It is important to note that during the funding period of this grant, it is possible that FYSB may make modifications to the RHY data collection process to include data system integration. In support of the *Opening Doors: Strategic Plan to End Homelessness*, FYSB has worked closely with the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create a framework for ending homelessness among unaccompanied youth by 2020. The framework includes two complementary strategies – (1) a data strategy, to get to better data on the numbers and characteristics of youth experiencing homelessness, and (2) a capacity strategy, to take steps to strengthen and coordinate the capacity of federal, state, and local institutions to act effectively and efficiently toward ending youth homelessness. As a part of the data strategy, steps are being taken to finalize an implementation plan to integrate RHYMIS and HUD's HMIS systems. This integration is intended to minimize the data collection burden on grantees and to strengthen the federal capacity to share data on youth homelessness.

It is possible that the RHYMIS/HMIS integration may necessitate changes in the required data elements and/or timing of data collection or reporting. Grantees will be required to comply with these requirements. ACYF will put in place a communications strategy to keep grantees informed of the process and will work in collaboration with grantees to identify training needs pertaining to any new developments in data collection or system requirements.

VII. Agency Contacts

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Office of Grants Management Contact

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Administration on Children, Youth and Families Grants Officer
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Administration for Children and Families
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Federal Relay Service:

Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired callers may contact the Federal Relay Service for assistance at 1-800-877-8339 (TTY - Text Telephone or ASCII - American Standard Code For Information Interchange).

VIII. Other Information

Reference Websites

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the Internet [http:// www.hhs.gov/](http://www.hhs.gov/).

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) on the Internet [http:// www.acf.hhs.gov/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/).

Administration for Children and Families - GRANTS homepage [https:// www.acf.hhs.gov /grants](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) [https:// www.cfda.gov/](https://www.cfda.gov/).

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) [http:// www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov).

United States Code (U.S.C.) [http:// www.gpoaccess.gov /uscode/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/) .

All required Standard Forms (SF), assurances, and certifications are available on the ACF Grants-Forms page at [https:// www.acf.hhs.gov /grants -forms](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms).

Grants.gov Forms Repository webpage at [http://www.grants.gov /agencies /aforms repository information .jsp](http://www.grants.gov/agencies/aforms_repository_information.jsp).

Versions of other Standard Forms (SF) are available on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Grants Management Forms web site at [http:// www. whitehouse.gov /omb /grants forms/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_forms/).

For information regarding accessibility issues, visit the Grants.gov Accessibility Compliance Page at [http:// www07.grants.gov /aboutgrants / accessibility compliance.jsp](http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/accessibility_compliance.jsp).

Sign up to receive notification of ACF Funding Opportunities at www.Grants.gov
[http:// www.grants.gov / applicants /email subscription.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp).

Grants Policy Statement (GPS) - <http://www.hhs.gov/asfr/ogapa/grantinformation/hhsgps107.pdf>

Family and Youth Services Bureau - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb>.

The National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth - <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/>.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Centers - <http://www.rhyttac.net>.

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Application Checklist

Applicants may use the checklist below as a guide when preparing your application package.

What to Submit	Where Found	When to Submit
DUNS Number (Universal Identifier) and Systems for Award Management (SAM) registration..	Referenced in <i>Section III.3. Other</i> in the announcement. To obtain a DUNS number, go to http:// fedgov. dnb.com/ webform . To register at SAM, go to http:// www.sam. gov .	A DUNS number and registration at SAM.gov are required for all applicants. Active registration at SAM must be maintained throughout the application and project award period.
SF-424 - Application for Federal Assistance and SF-P/PSL - Project/Performance Site Location(s)	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2.Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications</i> . Found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ grants-forms and at the Grants.gov Forms Repository at http://www.grants.gov/ agencies/ aforms repository information.jsp .	Submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> .
SF-424A - Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs and SF-424B - Assurances - Non-Construction Programs	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications</i> . Found at http://www. acf.hhs.gov /grants-forms . For electronic application submission, these forms are available on the FOA's Grants.gov "Download Opportunity Instructions and Application" page under "Download	Submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> .

	<p>Application Package" in the section entitled, "Optional Documents."</p> <p>These forms are required for applications under this FOA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that include only non-construction activities must submit the SF-424A and SF-424B, along with the SF-424 and SF-P/PSL. 	
Certification Regarding Lobbying	<p>Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications</i>. Found at http:// www.acf.hhs.gov /grants-forms.</p>	<p>Submission is due with the application package. If it is not submitted with the application package, it may also be submitted prior to the award of a grant.</p>
SF-LLL - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	<p>"Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" is referenced in <i>Section IV.2. Required Forms, Assurances, and Certifications</i>. Found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov /grants-forms.</p> <p>If applicable, submission of this form is required if any funds have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing, or attempting to influence, an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan.</p>	<p>If applicable, submission of this form is applicable, it is due prior at the time of application. It may also be submitted prior to the award of a grant.</p>
Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants	<p>Non-profit private organizations (not including private universities) are encouraged to submit the survey with their applications. Applicants applying electronically, may submit this survey along with the application as part of the appendix or as a separate document. Applicants submitting in paper, please place the completed survey in an envelope labeled "Applicant Survey." Seal the</p>	<p>Submission is voluntary. Submission may be made with the application by the application due date listed in the <i>Overview</i> and <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i>. Or, it may be submitted prior to the award of a grant.</p>

	<p>envelope and include it along with the application package.</p> <p>The survey is referenced in <i>Section IV.2</i>. The survey may be found at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants-forms.</p> <p>The survey will not count in the page limitations.</p>	
The needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth are taken into consideration in applicants program design.	See Appendix C for submission requirements.	See Appendix C for the complete assurance description.
The Project Description	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Description</i> . This is the title for the project narrative that describes the applicant's plan for the project.	Submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> .
Table of Contents	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Description</i> .	Submission is due as part of the Project Description by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> .
The Project Budget and Budget Justification	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Budget and Budget Justification</i> of the announcement.	Submission of the Project Budget is required on the appropriate Standard Form (424A or 424C) is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> .
Project Summary/Abstract	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Description</i> . The Project Summary/Abstract is limited to one single-spaced page.	Submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times</i> .
Logic Model	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Description</i> .	Submission is due with the application package by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission</i>

		<i>Dates and Times.</i>
Project Sustainability Plan	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Description.</i>	Submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times.</i>
Third-Party Agreements	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. Project Description.</i>	If available, submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3.</i> If not available at the time of application submission, due by the time of award.
Proof of Non-Profit Status	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Description, Legal Status of Applicant Entity.</i>	Proof of non-profit status should be submitted with the application package by the due date listed in the <i>Overview</i> and <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times.</i> If it is not available at the time of application submission, it must be submitted prior to the award of a grant.
Protection of Sensitive and/or Confidential Information	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2</i> of the announcement under Project Description.	Submission is due by the application due date.
Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities"	Applicants should go to the following URL for the official list of the jurisdictions that have elected to participate in E.O. 12372 http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc/ as indicated in <i>Section IV.4. Intergovernmental Review</i> of this announcement. The Executive Order and CFR require that applicants submit all required application materials to their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) and indicate the date of submission on the SF-424 at item 19.	Submission of application materials is due to SPOC by the application due date listed in the <i>Overview</i> and in <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times.</i>

Commitment of Non-Federal Resources	Referenced in <i>Section IV.2. The Project Budget and Budget Justification.</i>	Submission is due by the application due date found in the <i>Overview</i> and <i>Section IV.3. Submission Dates and Times.</i>
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Appendix

Appendix A

Glossary of Terms and Definitions

AFTERCARE SERVICES - The provision of services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families following the youth's return home or the youth's placement in alternative living arrangements that assist in alleviating the problems that contributed to his or her running away or being homeless. (45 CFR 1351.1 (a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

AREA - A specific neighborhood or section of the locality in which the runaway and homeless youth project is or will be located. (45 CFR 1351.1(a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

BUDGET PERIOD - The intervals of time into which a multi-year period of assistance is divided for budgetary and funding purposes. Budget periods are usually 12-months long but may be shorter or longer, if appropriate. (HHS Grants Policy Statement, I-15)

COORDINATED NETWORKS OF AGENCIES - An association of two or more private agencies, whose purpose is to develop or strengthen services for runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families. (45 CFR 1351.1(a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

COUNSELING SERVICES - The provision of guidance, support, and advice to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families that are designed to alleviate the problems that contributed to the youth's running away or being homeless, resolve intra-family problems, to reunite such youth with their families, whenever appropriate, and to help them decide upon a future course of action. (45 CFR 1351.1 (a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

DEMONSTRABLY FREQUENTED BY OR REACHABLE - Located in an area in which runaway or otherwise homeless youth congregate, or an area accessible to such youth by public transportation or by the provision of transportation by the runaway and homeless youth project itself. (45 CFR 1351.1 (a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

DROP-IN CENTER - A physical building that provides runaway, homeless, and street youth the opportunity to leave the street and access services such as showers, hot meals, laundry, e-mail, phone, and case management services. The Drop-in Center is a separate program from any other FYSB-funded program, has staff dedicated to the facility, has set operating hours, and provides services beyond those provided on the street during street-based outreach activities. (For purposes of this announcement.)

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION SERVICES - Services to runaway and homeless youth to prevent or reduce the illicit use of drugs by such youth, and may include individual, family, group, and peer counseling; drop-in services; assistance to runaway and homeless youth in rural areas (including the development of community support groups); information and training related to the illicit use of drugs by runaway and homeless youth for individuals involved in providing services to such youth; and activities to improve the availability of local drug abuse prevention services to runaway and homeless youth. (Section 387 RHY Act, as amended.) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

EVIDENCED-BASED PRACTICES - Programs and practices that have been demonstrated through rigorous research and evaluation to achieve positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities. (For purposes of this announcement.)

EVIDENCED-INFORMED PRACTICES - Brings together the best available research, professional expertise, and input from youth and families to identify and deliver services that have been demonstrated to achieve positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities. (For purposes of this announcement.)

HOMELESS YOUTH - An individual (A) who is (i) less than 21 years of age, or in the case of a youth seeking shelter in a center under Part A of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, less than 18 years of age or is less than a higher maximum age if the State where the center is located has an applicable State or local law (including a regulation) that permits such higher maximum age in compliance with licensure requirements for child- and youth-serving facilities; and (ii) for the purposes of Part B, not less than 16 years of age and either (I) less than 22 years of age; or (II) not less than 22 years of age as of the expiration of the maximum period of stay permitted under section 322(a)(2) if such individual commences such stay before reaching 22 years of age; (B) for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative; and (C) who has no other safe alternative living arrangement. (Section 387 RHY Act, as amended.) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM - Agencies such as, but not limited to, juvenile courts, law enforcement, probation, parole, correctional institutions, training schools, and detention facilities. (45 CFR 1351.1 (a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

KEY STAFF - Primary staff responsible for service delivery and oversight of the street outreach project. (For purposes of this announcement.)

LAW ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE - Any police activity or agency with legal responsibility for enforcing a criminal code, including police departments and sheriffs' offices. (45 CFR 1351.1 (a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

PERMANENT CONNECTIONS - Youth having a stable living situation that they do not fear losing or having to leave. They have solid, healthy relationships and connections with family (whether biological or not), friends, mentors, and other significant people to whom they can turn in good times and bad. (For purposes of this announcement.)

PROJECT PERIOD - The total time stated in the Notice of Grant Award (including any amendments) for which Federal support is recommended. The period will consist of one or more budget periods. It does not constitute a commitment by the Federal Government to fund the entire period. (HHS Grants Policy Statement, I-15)

PROTECTIVE FACTORS - The positive influences that reduce the effects of stressful life events on young people, increase their ability to make good decisions, and promote the social and emotional competence that will help them thrive now and in the future. (For purposes of this announcement.)

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROJECT - A locally controlled human service program facility outside the law enforcement structure and the juvenile justice system that provides temporary shelter, directly or through other facilities, counseling, and aftercare services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth. (45 CFR 1351.1 (a)) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

RUNAWAY YOUTH - An individual who is less than 18 years of age and who absents himself or herself from home or a place of legal residence without the permission of a parent or legal guardian. (Section 387 RHY Act, as amended.) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

SAFETY - Youth are able to live free from violence, abuse, neglect, harassment, stalking, exploitation, and fear. This sense of safety is physical, emotional, and mental. Youth feel supported and protected from harm in relationships and in social settings. (For purposes of this announcement.)

SELF-SUFFICIENCY - Youth have the skills, or are learning the skills, to live independently, support and

take care of themselves, get and stay employed, manage their finances, further their educations, support and take care of a family (now or in the future), contribute to their communities, and plan for the future. (For purposes of this announcement.)

SITE-BASED SERVICES - Services are provided in a specific location(s) where youth are known to congregate and are easily accessible for youth (e.g. library). Site-based services must include hours when the site will be staffed by outreach personnel and must provide services beyond educational materials and community education information. (For purposes of this announcement.)

STAFFING PLAN - Documentation that includes: 1) a description of the positions proposed for the project, including roles, responsibilities, a proposed work schedule that meets the needs of street youth, and percentage of full time equivalent (FTE); 2) the resumes of personnel proposed to fill those positions or an indication that hiring would be needed; and 3) a supervisory structure that allows for adequate oversight to guarantee the safety of staff and youth. (For purposes of this announcement.)

STREET-BASED SERVICES - Services provided to runaway, homeless and street youth in areas where they congregate covering multiple areas or geographic neighborhoods. These services are designed to assist such youth in making healthy personal choices regarding where they live and how they behave. This may include identification of and outreach to runaway and homeless and street youth; crisis intervention and counseling; information and referral for housing; information and referral for transitional living and health care services; as well as advocacy, education, and prevention services related to alcohol and drug abuse; sexual exploitation; sexually transmitted diseases, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and physical and sexual assault. (Section 387 RHY Act, as amended.) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

STREET YOUTH - An individual who is a runaway youth, or indefinitely or intermittently a homeless youth, and spends a significant amount of time on the street or in other areas that increase the risk to such youth for sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, prostitution, or drug abuse. (Section 387 RHY Act, as amended.) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - The provision of expertise or support for the purpose of strengthening the capabilities of grantee organizations to deliver services. (45 CFR 1351.1) (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5752)

WELL-BEING - Youth enjoy general good health and have access to treatment and care when they need it. Beyond physical health, they have satisfactory life circumstances such as stable living arrangements, enriching educational experiences, job satisfaction, mental health stability, and social connectedness. (For purposes of this announcement.)

Appendix B

Sample Chart of Matching Funding Amounts

Federal Amount	Non-Federal Share	Total Project Cost for 12-month period
\$25,000	\$2,778	\$27,778
\$50,000	\$5,556	\$55,556
\$75,000	\$8,333	\$83,333
\$100,000	\$11,111	\$111,111
\$125,000	\$13,625	\$138,625
\$150,000	\$16,350	\$166,350

\$175,000	\$19,444	\$194,444
\$200,000	\$22,222	\$222,222

Appendix C ASSURANCES

Street Outreach Program

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All applicants submitting an application under this funding opportunity announcement must sign and submit the following certifications with their application package. Print the document. The Assurance must be signed and dated by the applicant organizations Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR). Scan the document into PDF format and submit it with the application at www.Grants.gov. See Section IV.2. Formatting for more information on submission of this document.

As the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) signing this application on behalf of

[Insert full, formal name of applicant organization]

I hereby attest and certify that:

The needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth are taken into consideration in applicant's program design. Applicant has considered how its programs will be inclusive of and non-stigmatizing toward such participants. If not already in place, applicants and, if applicable, sub-awardees will establish and publicize policies prohibiting harassment based on race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity (or expression), religion, and national origin. The submission of an application for this funding opportunity constitutes an assurance that applicant has or will have such policies in place prior to receiving the award. Awardee will ensure that all youth-serving staff are trained to prevent and respond to harassment or bullying in all forms. Awardee will be prepared to monitor claims, address them seriously, and document their corrective action(s) so all participants are assured that programs are safe, inclusive, and non-stigmatizing by design and in operation. In addition, any sub-awardees or subcontractors:

- Have in place or will have in place, within 30 days of grant award, policies prohibiting harassment based on race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity (or expression), religion, and national origin;
- Will enforce these policies;
- Will ensure that all staff will be trained prior to program implementation on how to prevent and respond to harassment or bullying in all forms, and;
- Have or will have, within 30 days of grant award, a plan to monitor claims, address them seriously, and document their corrective action(s).

Insert Date of Signature:

Print Name and Title of the AOR:

Signature of AOR: