



Welcome to the Funders Network for Youth Success newsletter! In this e-news, we'll share various ways you can connect and learn alongside your colleagues investing in solutions to end youth homelessness. As a member of the Funders Network for Youth Success, you'll receive newsletters like this updating you on the latest information, programming, and resources about youth homelessness. If you have questions, please contact me at tabitha@funderstogether.org



Youth Homelessness Programming

[Leverage Cash Transfers and Guaranteed Income to Support People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

Thursday, January 27, 2022 | 1:00pm ET / 12:00pm CT / 11:00am MT / 10:00am PT

This webinar will provide a glimpse into programs from various communities across the country. You will hear from Matt Morton from Chapin Hall about the direct cash payment program in New York, Daniel Brisson from the Center for Housing and Homelessness Research about the [Denver Basic Income Project Project](#), and Peace Gwam and Sonia Torres Rodriguez from Urban Institute about [THRIVE East of the River](#) cash transfer program. We will hear from the researchers and evaluators that are working in these communities to capture the successes and challenges of these programs. Speakers will explore the potential benefits and feasibility of using cash transfers for a multitude of populations, not just as a response to the current pandemic, but as an ongoing emergency response to those experiencing housing instability.

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[Youth Homelessness Prevention Learning & Action Series for Philanthropy](#)

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | 2:00pm ET / 1:00pm CT / 12:00pm MT / 11:00am PT

Join other funders across various funding priorities for an interactive kickoff session focused on breaking down silos and inviting new partnerships for more intersectional support for youth homelessness prevention. This kickoff convening will provide an understanding of youth homelessness prevention and the importance of using an intersectional approach to this work. Participants will hear from Charles Rutheiser with the Annie E. Casey Foundation about their work efforts to rethink how they partner both internally and externally to tackle the intersections that most directly affect young people. Participants will have the opportunity to then dive into a breakout session with partners working in one of our five specific areas: Education, Health, Eviction Prevention for Youth People, and Family Engagement.

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Youth Homelessness News

[Nothing About Youth, Without Youth: The Resurgence of Youth Power in Proclaiming Basic Human Rights to End Homelessness in the United States](#)

American Bar Association (October 12, 2021)

[Impact of Eviction on Young People](#)

Youth Collaboratory, True Colors United, and A Way Home America (August 27, 2021)

[Youth of Color Disproportionately Impacted by Housing Instability](#)

Chapin Hall (2021)



Network Member and Partner Spotlight

The Trust Youth Initiative: Direct Cash Transfer in New York City

The Trust Youth Initiative: Direct Cash Transfers to Address Young Adult Homelessness (young people age 18-24) involves the first study of the effectiveness of direct cash assistance with optional supportive services to help advance the goal of ending youth homelessness. The project will take place in New York City (NYC) and build actionable evidence. In the first phase, 30–40 young adults (ages 18–24) experiencing homelessness will receive \$1,250 per month for up to 2 years. A large international evidence base shows that direct cash transfer programs improve outcomes for people in poverty and other marginalized situations, but they have never been specifically developed or evaluated for young people experiencing homelessness.

Co-designed by young adults with lived experience of homelessness alongside teams from [Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago](#), and [Point Source Youth](#), The Trust Youth Initiative was developed from an intensive research and multi-stakeholder design process. The program will work through a 4-tiered approach:

- Each youth participant can make several choices about payment frequency, payment options (e.g. Venmo, PayPal, direct deposit, debit card), as well as request a larger upfront payment to secure and/or maintain housing.
- Optional services that meet youth where they're at will accompany the financial support. These services include coaching, peer support, connections to care, financial coaching, and housing navigation.
- Point Source Youth will oversee and support program design and implementation by local nonprofit(s), Chapin Hall will lead research and evaluation, and UpTogether will manage the cash transfers to participants through its online platform. Together, all three organizations will collaborate to develop evidence and infrastructure for a scalable policy solution to help end our nation's youth homelessness crisis.
- The collaborative project team will work with youth and NYC partners to ensure that the program's design and delivery reflect the needs and preferences of youth with lived experience of homelessness, especially Black, Indigenous, Latine, and LGBTQ youth.

The initiative is funded by the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, the NYC Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity (for evaluation support), the Block-Leavitt Foundation, Melville Charitable Trust, Robin Hood Foundation, and the [NYC Fund to End Youth & Family Homelessness](#), a funder collaborative

that is hosted by FJC - A Foundation of Philanthropic Funds. It also involves collaboration with multiple agencies, including the Office of the Mayor, the Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence (CIDI), the Continuum of Care (CoC) and its Youth Action Board, the Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD), and the Department of Social Services (DSS).

To get more information about this initiative, please check out the [Point Source Youth Website](#). This initiative will also be highlighted in our webinar "[Leveraging Cash Transfers and Guaranteed Income to Support People Experiencing Homelessness](#)" which will be hosted on January 27th at 1:00pm ET.



Youth Homelessness Resources

[Funders Together Youth Homelessness Resource Page](#)

These resources provide a snapshot of the current youth homelessness landscape for funders and support funders in identifying the role they can play in advancing the work happening both nationally and locally. From upcoming programming to partners in the work to policy updates, we will be updating this page with timely resources as they become available, so bookmark this page and check back often!

[Funders Together COVID-19 Resources for Philanthropy](#)

This page hosts general resources for funders as well as resources focused on COVID-19's impact on housing and homelessness.

Have upcoming programming, resources, or news to share? [Let us know](#) so we can include it in our next Funders Network for Youth Success e-news!

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