



**Welcome to the Funders Network for Youth Success e-news!** As we mentioned in our last newsletter, 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 quarterly newsletters updating you on the latest information, programming, and resources about youth homelessness.

As our nation faces the COVID-19 pandemic and a social uprising in response to ongoing anti-Black racism, philanthropy's collective learning and action is crucial to support people experiencing homelessness in our communities, especially vulnerable populations, such as young people of color and LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness. In the coming months, Funders Together will provide webinars, funder calls, and resources for communities responding to COVID-19 and working toward racial equity in housing for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. If you have questions, please contact me at [tabitha@funderstogether.org](mailto:tabitha@funderstogether.org)

## Policy Alert

### **Proposed Changes to Equal Access Rule**

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump administration proposed a rule that would erase protections for transgender people by removing critical equal access protections to regulations that ensure the safety of anyone in need of HUD-funded programs. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development exists to "build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination," however the proposed rule would open the door to taxpayer-funded discrimination against the people in our communities who are at the greatest risk of violence and inequities. The Equal Access Rule's protections against discrimination are critical to ensure safe access to shelter for transgender people experiencing homelessness, survivors of violence, and people fleeing disasters.

Currently, homeless shelters are expressly directed to accept transgender people based on their authentic gender, but the proposed changes would instead allow shelters to reject people simply because of who they are. This proposed roll-back would allow widespread discrimination when transgender people when they are facing becoming unhoused. The current regulations provide safety in HUD-funded programs, and Trump's proposed rule change would only leave transgender people less safe and more at risk, especially during a global health crisis.

This proposed rule will be opening for a 60-day public comment period soon. Funders Together will keep you updated on when the comment period opens. In the meantime, funders can start preparing for action.

### **Take Action**

Funders Together is working closely with our partners on a campaign to generate as many public comments in opposition of the rule as possible in order to slow down the process in which this proposed rule could become approved. Philanthropy can take action and join in with other leaders to oppose this proposed rule and protect LGBTQ and trans people from shelter and housing discrimination by:

- **submitting a public comment.** Funders can prepare unique comments and submit them through the [Housing Saves Lives comment portal](#). Funders Together is available to help you strategize and craft comments. Funders should also encourage their grantee partners to submit unique comments.
- **signing up for updates on the [Housing Saves Lives website](#)** to receive notification of public comments opening as well as additional resources to help you speak up against this proposed rule.
- **utilize the [Housing Saves Lives partner toolkit](#)** to get the word out to your network about the proposed rule and its potential impacts.

**Remember: Submitting comments is NOT considered lobbying. Private foundations can provide comments in response to this proposed rule, and public charities, like community foundations, can do so without tracking and reporting it as lobbying on their 990s.**

If you have any questions about this proposed rule or submitting public comments, please email [Lauren Bennett](#).



## Youth Homelessness Programming

### [Funders Together Bi-Weekly COVID-19 Calls](#)

**Bi-weekly on Wednesdays | 3pm ET, 12pm PT**

On July 8th, during our next bi-weekly COVID-19 funder call, we'll hear from Pascale Leone, Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at [CSH](#), about [CSH's Racial Disparities and Disproportionality Index](#) (RDDI). CSH developed the RDDI that looks at 16 unique systems and measures whether a racial and/or ethnic group's representation in a particular public system is proportionate to, over or below their representation in the overall population (proportionality) and allows for the examination of systematic differences between groups and geographies (disparities).

The RDDI also includes a critical element distinguishing it from other standard indices. Whereas most other indices use white populations as the baseline comparison group for all other racial and ethnic groups (e.g., black rates / white rates; Native American rates / white rates, etc.), CSH's index compares each group to the aggregation of all other groups, and in effect de-centers "whiteness" as the standard from which all other groups are measured. It is CSH's hope that this tool is used as a guide in service of achieving more equitable outcomes for those most impacted and disproportionately represented across crisis systems.

Call participants will have an opportunity to ask Pascale questions, as well as provide updates on how COVID-19 recovery efforts are happening in their communities and hear what efforts are underway in other cities across the country.



### [Funder Call: 2020 National Alliance to End Homelessness Virtual Town Hall on Ending Homelessness Debrief](#)

**Wednesday, July 22 | 3:00pm ET, 12:00pm PT**

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) has canceled the National Conference on Ending Homelessness and will host a virtual [2020 Nationwide Town Hall on Ending](#)

[Homelessness](#) on Wednesday, July 15, in its place.

Funders Together to End Homelessness is hosting a Funder Call to Debrief the 2020 National Town Hall on Ending Homelessness. The call will share highlights and resources from the national town hall and provide an opportunity to discuss the implications for philanthropy working to prevent and end homelessness.

#### Who Should Attend

- Any funder who attends the virtual town hall and wants space to think about implications for philanthropy
- Any funder who cannot attend the virtual town hall and wants to be debriefed on the content shared

#### How to Register

Click the register button below to sign up for the Funder Debrief. You do not have to participate in the [NAEH 2020 Virtual Town Hall on Ending Homelessness](#) to participate in this funder call. To participate in the NAEH 2020 Town Hall on Ending Homelessness, please register directly through the [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#).



#### [Point Source Youth Weekly COVID-19 Calls](#)

**Wednesdays | 2pm ET, 11am PT**

Point Source Youth is hosting weekly COVID-19 webinars every Wednesday at 2pm ET to ensure that the National Youth Homelessness Community has direct access to leading experts across relevant fields amidst the Coronavirus Pandemic. Register to access these weekly calls, as well as additional resources on the [weekly calls page](#).



## Youth Homelessness News

#### [Homeless Families Face High Hurdles Home-Schooling Their Kids](#)

*NPR (April 22, 2020)*

#### [Austin working to be first major city to end youth homelessness despite coronavirus, LifeWorks says](#)

*KVUE ABC (May 21, 2020)*

#### [\\$800 Million Federal Emergency Fund Proposed to Prevent Family, Youth Homelessness](#)

*Chronicle of Social Change (June 12, 2020)*



## Youth Homelessness Resources

**Webinar Recording:** [Cash Transfers as an Emergency Response to Housing Instability](#)

In this webinar, we explored Direct Cash Transfers as a tool in emergency response, during COVID-19 and in other emergencies. We discussed how philanthropy is currently supporting a pilot of this work in New York and what additional opportunities there are to leverage this intervention in communities. Panelists explored 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. This webinar was co-sponsored by [Philanthropy New York](#).

*Access to this webinar recording is only available to Full Members of Funders Together. If you are interested in joining to view this recording as well as gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact [Stephanie Chan](#).*

### **[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 working 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](#)**

In light of concerns surround COVID-19 and how it's affecting our neighbors and communities, we know it's been top of mind for many funders and partners. This page hosts general resources for funders as well as resources focused on COVID-19's impact on housing and homelessness.

### **[Point Source Youth COVID-19 Toolkits and Guides](#)**

Each week, Point Source Youth is producing free downloadable toolkits for providers, advocates, funders and more in the space of youth homelessness.

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

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