

2023 Pathways Home Request for Proposal (RFP)
Frequently Asked Questions
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Please reach out directly with questions not addressed here at rfp@gtcuw.org.

1. My organization does not meet all the funding priorities. Are we still able to apply?

Yes. The Funding Priorities in the RFP Guidelines are meant to show which criteria will be scored highest in the RFP. While organizations that meet or exceed **all** the criteria will likely be most competitive for funding, we also expect to fund organizations that meet or exceed only **some** of the priority criteria. Overall competitiveness for grant funding will depend on how many applications we receive and who applies. Please reach out to us at rfp@gtcuw.org if you would like to discuss the funding priorities further.

2. If I am applying for a partnership, who should complete the application?

Partnering applicants should elect one organization to be the Lead Applicant. This organization will complete the proposal and if awarded the grant, will receive funding and be responsible for disbursing funding amongst the partners and completing reporting requirements on behalf of the partnership. The Lead Applicant must meet the RFP's eligibility criteria and meet GTCUW's financial assessment.

3. I am the Lead Applicant for a partnership. Do I fill out the questions on behalf of my organization or on behalf of the partnership?

In general, the Lead Applicant should fill out the application on behalf of the partnership unless it states otherwise. It will be helpful to reviewers, when answering these questions, to specifically name which partner organization will do what as part of the grant. The Lead Organization should upload its organization's financial documents. We will assess the financials of the Lead Applicant, not of the partnership.

4. I am part of an established coalition/collective that would like to apply. Are we eligible?

Coalitions or collectives (groups of organizations) that meet the eligibility requirements and feel their work fits within the RFP are welcome to apply.

5. My program is part of a much larger institution (i.e.; university, hospital system, etc.). Am I still eligible to apply?

As long as your parent institution meets the core eligibility criteria outlined in the RFP, you are eligible to apply. For the application, please note the following two directions:

- For the Financial Review section of the application please use your **parent organization's financials**. We may follow-up to request additional financials from your program's perspective.

- For the narrative questions of the application, **please reach out to us at rfp@gtcuw.org for further guidance.** We may instruct you to fill out the narrative questions from your program's perspective as opposed to your organization's perspective but will need to understand the context of how your program fits within your parent organization.

6. The RFP says grant sizes will average \$100,000 for the grant term. For partnerships, does that mean \$100,000 per partner organization or for the full partnership?

We anticipate most grant sizes averaging \$100,000. For partnerships, grant size will depend on a variety of factors including number of partners, scale of work, nature of activities, etc.

7. For young adults transitioning from incarceration, how are you defining the transition period? Do they need to be just released, about to be released, released within the last year?

For the purposes of Pathways Home, young adults who have transitioned from incarceration are defined as youth ages 18-25 who have been released from incarceration settings within the last year. This can include young adults currently incarcerated who transition out during the grant term.

8. For foster youth, tell me more about what youth are eligible. Can youth still be in foster care, or do they need to have transitioned out and be experiencing homelessness?

For the purposes of Pathways Home, foster youth are any youth age 16-25 who have been in foster care at age 16 or later; they may be currently in foster care, receiving extended foster care benefits, or no longer in foster care. This age range was selected in partnership with our advisory group and anchored in established definitions for "transition age" and "opportunity" youth offered by HUD and the federal Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs.
<https://youth.gov/youth-topics/transition-age-youth>

9. If we serve both populations, do we need to have two separate programs that serve the two populations or could a single program (such as case management) that serves both be eligible?

Either is fine. Any organization or partnership that has programs or activities that meet the goals of the RFP are eligible to apply. Please keep in mind that programs and services designed *for* the target populations (as opposed to more general services that *include* the target populations) will be prioritized.

10. Is there a minimum number of participants served required for this grant?

There is no minimum requirement for number of participants served.

11. Are you looking to fund specific programs for this grant opportunity or would you consider funding general operations for an organization that addresses the RFP's goals?

Funding for this grant opportunity will not be general operating support. Funding will be restricted to the goals and activities of the grant program whether it be single program-specific or broader organizational activities.