

Competitive Application for Prevention Steering Committee

November 7, 2022

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The Washington State Department of Commerce is making up to \$190,000 available to contract with a community-based organization(s) to support involvement with the work group of young people and families with lived experience of housing instability, child welfare involvement, justice system involvement, or inpatient behavioral health involvement. **Applicants or applicant partner and/or sub grantee must serve and be substantially governed by marginalized populations.**

Funding available through this grant is solely for the purpose of building capacity for collaboration between one or more organizations and Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) to establish a permanent Youth Homelessness Prevention Steering Committee of lived experts to serve as an advisory body for the implementation of recommendations outlined in the [WA State Strategic Plan on the Prevention of Youth & Young Adult Homelessness - Shifting Services and Systems to Prevent Youth Housing Instability](#) alongside an interagency youth homelessness prevention workgroup

OHY is seeking one or more partner organization to re-establish the Steering Committee to act as an advisory body to our prevention work. The role of the partner organization(s) would be to nurture and support the Steering Committee to participate at a state level on policy decision making with OHY and state agency partners. Activities would include:

- Provide access to trainings including: policy/legislative advocacy; leadership development and civic engagement; certification of co-design principles/methodologies; building the Steering Committee's ability to self-organize; and optional training such as peer specialist training, social worker, mental health first aid.
- Developing lived expert wellness toolkit
- On-going support to help Steering Committee members advocate and push for the recommendations put forward in the final strategic plan on youth homelessness prevention to be implemented.
- Integrate the Steering Committee into Office of Homeless Youth advisory bodies and workgroup
- Facilitate collaboration with state agencies and other state-level stakeholders around prevention
- Ensure Steering Committee members are appropriately compensated for their time.

Proposals are due: December 7, 2022 by 4:00pm PST

Estimated funding period: January 15, 2023 - June 30, 2023

[Important Deadlines and Estimated RFP Schedule](#)

Q&A:

Submit questions by December 2, 2022 at 5PM. Answers will be posted [here](#) by December 5, 2022.

Webinar Date: November 15, 2022 @ 1pm

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