

### **Background & Opportunity**

With the creation of the [Homeless Emergency Aid Program](#) (HEAP), California has \$500 million to address homelessness. Of this total, a minimum of five percent is required to be used to “establish or expand” programs for homeless youth.

With the support of the [Walter S. Johnson Foundation](#) and [The California Wellness Foundation](#), [John Burton Advocates for Youth](#) and [Jovenes, Inc.](#) are working together to ensure HEAP funding promotes long-term economic security among homeless youth by helping them achieve gains in higher education. Specifically, we are working to identify [five homeless youth providers](#) that are interested in securing HEAP funding to implement College-Focused Rapid Rehousing (CFRR) in their communities.

### **What is College-Focused Rapid Rehousing?**

CFRR is a housing model that combines the three core elements of Rapid Rehousing (housing identification, rental assistance and intensive case management) with meaningful, sustained connections to post-secondary education. Jovenes, Inc. piloted this model starting in 2015 and has used it to improve both housing stability and college outcomes for homeless youth in Los Angeles.

### **What Do Participants Receive?**

- **Planning grant:** Selected providers will receive a \$5,000 planning grant to support their implementation of CFRR, including to offset the cost of travel, staff time and other incidentals associated with participation in the project.
- **Technical assistance on HEAP process:** Selected providers will receive technical assistance related to HEAP from JBAY. This includes helping selected providers identify and engage with their Continuum of Care (CoC), evaluate the level of funding to be requested, and determine how their services fit into their CoC’s HEAP application.
- **Technical assistance on CFRR:** Jovenes will work with the selected organizations to implement CFRR. This includes providing individual technical assistance on the key elements of CFRR, answering questions and reviewing policies and procedures to ensure they are aligned with the goals of CFRR.

### **What is Required of the Five Participating Providers?**

- **Serve homeless youth:** Providers must be serving or have an interest in serving homeless youth, who are not currently in the foster care or juvenile probation systems. They may have formerly been in either system.
- **Knowledge of TAY housing, preferably Rapid Rehousing:** Providers must be experienced in providing housing to transition-age youth, with a preference for those who have knowledge of Rapid Rehousing.
- **Relationship with campus(es):** Providers must have a relationship with their local community college student services program, such as EOPS, CAFYES, Guardian Scholars, or DSPS.
- **Willingness to learn:** The ultimate goal of the project is to secure public funding to expand CFRR across the state. As project participants, we will be learning a great deal from your implementation of the model. We need participants who are interested in this learning process and being part of developing a statewide approach to addressing youth homelessness.

### **Participating Organizations (as of November 5, 2018)**

- Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program, Imperial County
- TLC Child & Family Services, Sonoma County

### **Timeframe & More Information**

The project begins September 1, 2018 and continues through August 31, 2019. For more information, contact Simone Tureck Lee at [simone@jbay.org](mailto:simone@jbay.org).