



FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE

Tenant Protection Vouchers (FYI-TPV)

NOTICE EXPLANATION

Foster Youth to Independence ([Notice PIH 2019-20](#)) allows for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) without a current Family Unification Program (FUP) voucher allocation to request Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPV) to serve youth under the age of 25 with a history of child welfare involvement (see specific youth eligibility criteria below), for up to 36 months, with Foster Youth to Independence Tenant Protection Vouchers (FYI-TPV). For more information see the [FYI homepage](#) and [FYI TPV FAQs](#) or send questions to: FYITPV@hud.gov.

The initiative aims to help communities across the country:

1. Address gaps in the availability of FUP for youth across the country.
2. Increase housing options for youth with a current or prior history of child welfare involvement that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
3. Contribute to the federal goal of preventing and ending youth homelessness outlined in [Home Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#).

Public Housing Authority (PHA) Eligibility & Requirements

In order for a PHA to be eligible to request FYI-TPV it must meet all of the following:

- Currently administering the HCV program.
- Does NOT [currently administer FUP vouchers](#) awarded under any fiscal year.
- Partnership with a public child welfare agency (PCWA).
- Accept FUP-eligible youth referral.
- Determine HCV eligibility.
- Update administrative plan.

Youth Eligibility

A young person eligible to receive a FYI TPV under the notice must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. Has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age;
2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act at age 16 or older; and
3. Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless.

A young person who meets the above requirements and is pregnant and parenting is also eligible as long as the children they are parenting do not have an open child welfare case.

REQUIRED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER FYI

PHAs requesting FYI-TPV assistance from HUD must enter into a partnership agreement with a public child welfare agency (PCWA). HUD also strongly encourages involvement of the Continuum of Care (CoC), or designated CoC recipient in the partnership agreement. At minimum this agreement must:

1. Be in the form of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or letters of intent between the parties;
2. Outline the definition of FYI eligible youth. HUD strongly encourages a prioritization policy for this limited resource;
3. Outline the supportive services provided based on requirements, including which entity will provide the supportive services; and
4. Describe the PHA, PCWA and (if applicable) CoC responsibilities.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for administering supportive services

- PCWA is required to provide or secure supportive services for participating youth
- Services must be provided for a period of 36 months
- Notice describes the required services; additional services may be provided
- Participation in services on behalf of the youth is optional

Required types of supportive services

- Basic life skills training
- Housing counseling
- Landlord support services
- Employment and training
- Education and career advancement services

ROLE OF PARTNERS

Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) (required partner & responsibilities)	Public Housing Authority (PHA) (required partner & responsibilities)	Continuum of Care (CoC) (strongly encouraged partner & responsibilities)
Identify eligible youth, verify eligible child welfare history. <i>PHA and CoC may also identify potential youth, but the PCWA must verify eligible child welfare history and refer to the PHA once verified.</i>	Accept referrals from PCWA.	Assist in identifying youth with a child welfare history and housing need, and connecting the youth to the PCWA for verification and referral to FYI-TPV.
Develop a system of prioritization for referral to the PHA based on the youth's level of need and the appropriateness of the intervention.	Verify eligibility for HCV.	Work with the PCWA and PHA to match eligible youth to services.
Provide a written certification to the PHA verifying eligible child welfare history.	Request FYI-TPV from HUD.	
Provide or secure 36 months of supportive services.	Update administrative plan. Administer FYI-TPV for eligible youth for up to 36 months. *	

*FYI-TPVs are time-limited to 36 months and sunset when a youth transitions off the voucher. This means the PHA cannot reissue the FYI-TPV assistance. A single PHA may request a maximum of 25 FYI-TPVs in a fiscal year.

PROCESS FOR REQUESTING FYI-TPV FROM HUD

1. Before requesting FYI-TPV from HUD, a local public housing authority and a local public child welfare agency must enter into a partnership agreement as described on the bottom of the previous page.*
2. Once the agreement is in place, the public child welfare agency must send a referral to the PHA that includes the young person's name and a written certification of their eligible child welfare history.
3. The public housing authority must verify the youth's eligibility for an HCV.
4. The PHA must send a request to HUD via email to FYITPV@hud.gov. The request must list individual name(s) of eligible youth; more than one name can be listed in a single request. For a full explanation of the email request see section 15 of Notice PHA 2019-20.
5. Upon receipt of the email request from the PHA, HUD will conduct an eligibility determination.
6. Eligible applications will result in issuance of amended Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) to the PHA to administer the TPV(s).

*Note the timeline for young people in your community to begin receiving assistance through FYI is largely dependent on (1) the time it takes to secure the required supportive services and (2) the time it takes to enter into a partnership agreement between the PHA and PCWA.

