

§ 1351.18 What criteria has HHS established for deciding which Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant applications to fund?

In reviewing applications for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant, HHS takes into consideration a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Whether the grant application meets the particular priorities, requirements, standards, or evaluation criteria established in funding opportunity announcements;
- (b) A need for Federal support based on the likely number of estimated runaway or otherwise homeless youth in the area in which the Runaway and Homeless Youth project is or will be located exceeding the availability of existing services for such youth in that area;
- (c) For runaway and homeless youth centers, whether there is a minimum residential capacity of four (4) and a maximum residential capacity of twenty (20) youth in a single structure (except where the applicant assures that the state where the center or locally controlled facility is located has a state or local law or regulation that requires a higher maximum to comply with licensure requirements for child and youth serving facilities), or within a single floor of a structure in the case of apartment buildings, with a number of staff sufficient to assure adequate supervision and treatment for the number of clients to be served and the guidelines followed for determining the appropriate staff ratio;
- (d) Plans for meeting the best interests of the youth involving, when reasonably possible, both the youth and the family. For Basic Center grantee applicants, the grantee shall develop adequate plans for contacting the parents or other relatives of the youth and ensuring the safe return of the youth according to the best interests of the youth, for contacting local government officials pursuant to informal arrangements established with such officials by the runaway and homeless youth center, and for providing for other appropriate alternative living arrangements;
- (e) Plans for the delivery of aftercare or counseling services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families;
- (f) Whether the estimated cost to HHS for the Runaway and Homeless Youth project is reasonable considering the anticipated results;
- (g) Whether the proposed personnel are well qualified and the applicant agency has adequate facilities and resources;
- (h) Past performance on a RHY grant, including but not limited to program performance standards;
- (i) Whether the proposed project design, if well executed, is capable of attaining program objectives;
- (j) The consistency of the grant application with the provisions of the Act and these regulations; and
- (k) Other factors as outlined in funding opportunity announcements.

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