

Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP)

In 2022, the state Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) awarded Building Changes and A Way Home Washington a grant through House Bill 1905, a bill to reduce homelessness for youth and young adults exiting publicly funded systems of care. This grant, named the Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP), consists of flexible funding and Diversion supports to help young people secure safe housing.

Building Changes manages and supports the fiscal administrators who distribute flexible funding in their communities. A Way Home Washington provides Diversion training and overall technical support for project participants.

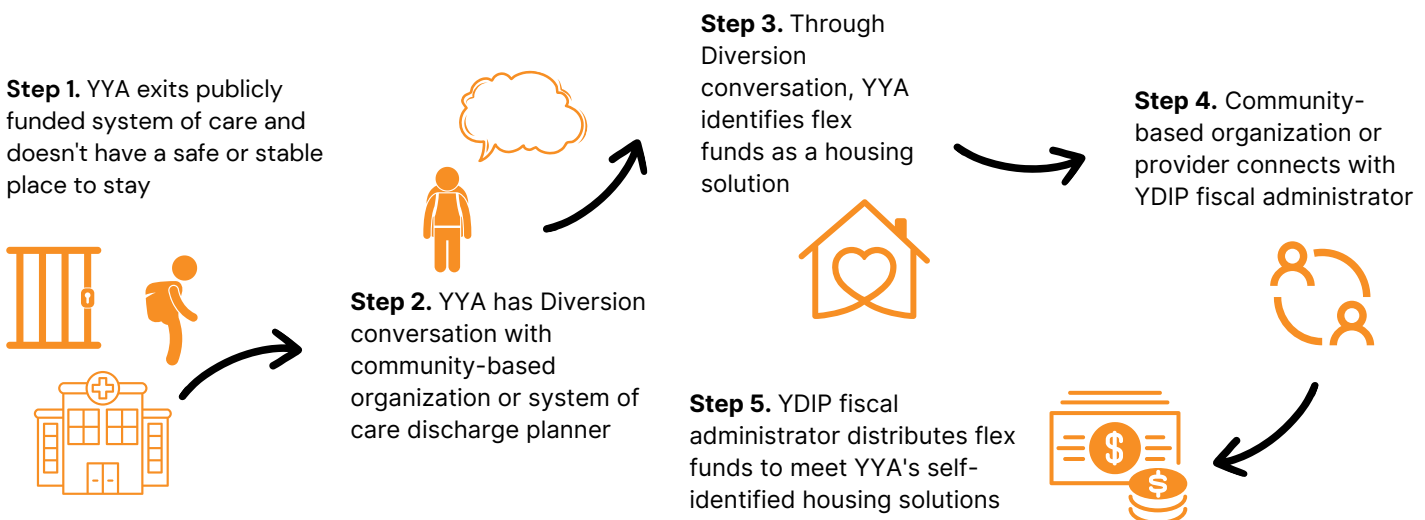
Providers can obtain flexible funding for young people through YDIP fiscal administrators:



Young people are eligible for flexible funding if they are:

- Under the age of 25,
- Exiting a publicly funded system of care, and
- In need of safe and stable housing, as defined by the young person.

How YDIP works:



What is Diversion?

Diversion utilizes creative problem-solving conversations to generate person-centered housing solutions and includes flexible funding to make those solutions happen, when needed.

Examples of what flex funds can be used for:



Security deposits



Storage



Moving assistance



Rent



Eviction prevention



Application fees



Utility assistance

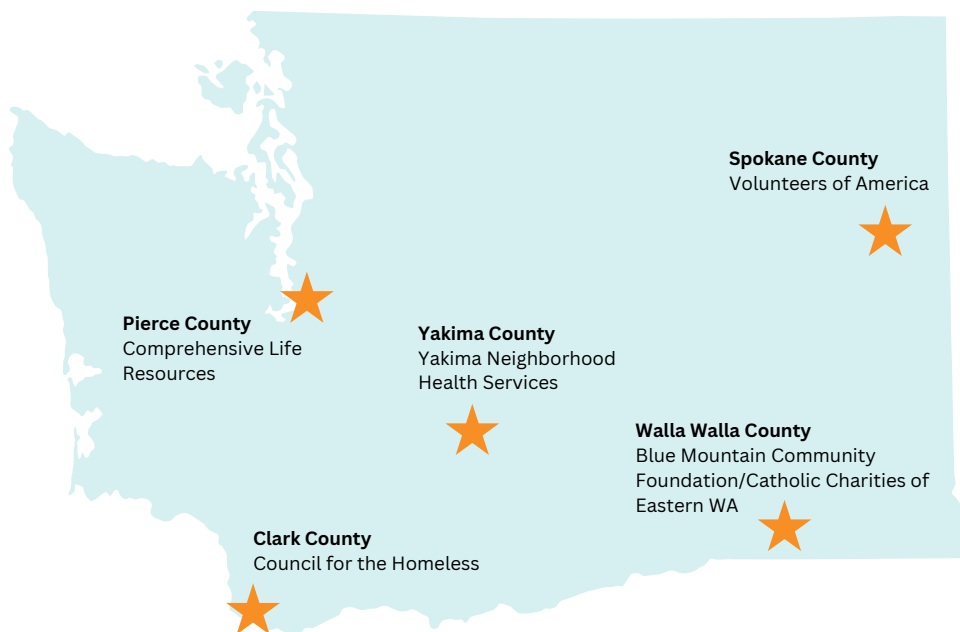


Relocation costs

Examples of publicly funded systems of care:

- Child welfare or foster care systems
- Juvenile detention and rehabilitation centers
- Adult detention centers and jails
- In-patient behavioral health facilities
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Mental health crisis centers
- Substance use rehabilitation centers
- Emergency rooms for behavioral health crises
- Select Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) programs

YDIP Fiscal Administrators (2022-23)



Pierce County
Comprehensive Life Resources

Yakima County
Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

Walla Walla County
Blue Mountain Community Foundation/Catholic Charities of Eastern WA

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