

YAB Facilitator RFP

Question and Answers

January 17, 2025

Q: We are a unionized workplace; I assume we are the only one in this local network. Should [we] get the grant, will it be an issue if YAB Facilitators are unionized?

A: RIHousing is not aware of the unionized workplace status of the local network of potential respondents to the RFP, however, unionized or non-unionized status is not a factor of the RFP and will not be considered in making a decision.

January 15, 2025:

Q: Could you tell us the past iteration of the YAB's fee structure? You spoke about the youth and youth coordinators' hourly pay in the presentation, but what about the number of adult staff hours? Could we get a copy of the YAB youth role descriptions? What's the average time expectation per week for a youth or a youth coordinator? How many youths are already on the YAB? How many of these folks are staying on? Is there a term limit for youth participants? How many youths are we looking to fill the YAB in total?

A: The fee structure and budget for the YAB have varied in the past based on the initiatives undertaken by the YAB and the Youth Facilitator. For instance, Youth Facilitators have typically committed around 20 to 30 hours per week to support the YAB. Supporting staff has included YAB Coordinators, Directors, and finance personnel.

We encourage applicants to draft their responses and budgets in a manner that reflects how their unique organization plans to support the YAB, rather than simply relying on what has been done in the past.

We do not have copies of the YAB youth role descriptions. There are about 10 youth members on the YAB, including 2 co-coordinators, and we anticipate that all will remain involved as long as they are interested. Youth can participate in the YAB until their 24th birthday. We expect the YAB facilitator to collaborate with the youth on professional development initiatives, enabling them to continue working with the CoC even after they have "aged out." Also, there is no limit on the number of youth participants; however, the facilitator must monitor the program to ensure that they can effectively engage all youth and compensate them for their time.

Additionally, more information about the expectations for the Facilitator can be found on pages 10 through 12 of the RFP.