



# Housing Options for Young Families Experiencing Homelessness



## The Bridge for Youth Request:

The Bridge for Youth (BFY) is requesting **\$3.5 million** in state funds for pre-design, design, property acquisition, project management, construction, and occupancy for 25 total housing units in Hennepin County for youth (ages 16+) who are pregnant and/or parenting who have experienced homelessness. Of the 25 units, 10 are transitional living (expanding an existing portfolio from 5 to 15 units) and 15 are non time limited supportive housing for young families (a new portfolio).

By providing immediate housing stability for young families experiencing homelessness, this investment addresses the unique needs of pregnant and/or parenting youth and their children. It expands opportunities to secure safe and stable long-term housing; and empowers youth to increase their levels of safety, well-being, connections, and self-sufficiency. These supports disrupt multi-generational and adult homelessness, as well as maintains family unification and prevents systems involvement.

## How the Project was Informed:

- **Jan 2021 – Project completion** > **The Bridge’s Youth Advisory Board (YAB)** - Consulting, informing, and advising on all phases of the project.
- **Jan 2021 – July 2021** > **John Paul Chaisson Cardenas** - Strategic plan prioritizes program and housing expansion for young families by centering youth voice.
- **Sept 2021 – May 2022** > **Dunwoody College of Technology** - Youth and staff engagement, project goals, and trauma informed design and conceptualization by 5th year architecture students.
- **Sept 2021 – Present** > **Joy Collaborative** – Project consultation through all phases
- **Dec 2022 – Aug 2023** > **Healthcare Reparations (MN Housing capacity building grant)** - Youth and community engagement, young families program design, input into ideal housing infrastructure and amenities

## Mission

The Bridge for Youth centers youth voice, justice, and equity in all we do, and empowers youth experiencing homelessness through safe shelter, basic needs, and healthy relationships.

## Vision

All youth feel safe, accepted, and supported.

PATIENCE

LOVE & CARING

COMMUNICATION

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

CO-CREATION

COMMUNITY

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# THE BRIDGE FOR YOUTH



### Project Timeline

- Youth and Community Engagement (Jan 2023 – Aug 2023)
- Pre-Design (Aug 2023 – Jan 2024)
- Project design and management (Feb – April 2024)
- Property acquisition (May – Dec 2024)
- Construction begins (2025)

### Housing Options

#### Transitional Living Program (10 units)

#### Non-Time Limited Supportive Housing (15 units)

- Individual units: Trauma designed and youth informed
- Designed for - and by - young families
- Community and learning space, therapeutic and play areas, near public transit, access to critical resources, educational and employment opportunities, healthcare, and child care

### Supportive Services

- Culturally responsive and youth informed holistic programming
- Basic needs- food, housing, clothing, personal care
- Case management and aftercare services
- Access to pre- and post-natal healthcare and birthing supports
- Individual and family therapeutic supports
- Parenting education, mentorship, health education, and support groups
- Young Father’s programming
- Life skills addressing the whole self
- Recreational activities and community building for the whole family

### Project Funding Sources & Costs

Project Sources	2024 Session
<b>Source</b>	
State General Fund Cash	\$3,500,000
Non Governmental Funds Secured	\$871,000
Non Governmental Funds Pending	\$2,875,000

<b>Total Project Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$7,246,000</b>
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### Project Costs

Cost Category	
Property Acquisition	\$1,500,000
Predesign	\$271,000
Design	\$175,000
Project Management	\$250,000
Construction	\$4,900,000
Occupancy Costs	\$150,000

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$7,246,000</b>
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### Key Funding Sources

Hennepin County	\$75,000
Federal Maternity Group Home	\$250,000
MN Homeless Youth Act	\$137,000
Pohlad Family Foundation	\$150,000