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County Receives \$3.49 Million HUD Grant to Fight Youth Homelessness

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced today that Allegheny County has received a \$3.49 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to aid in the county’s efforts to reduce youth homelessness. Allegheny County is one of 23 jurisdictions receiving funding through HUD’s Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program.

“Making sure that youth have appropriate places to live is a fundamental job of any community, and Allegheny County has long taken this issue very seriously,” said Fitzgerald. “We are thankful that HUD is recognizing our efforts through this award, which will boost many of the supports and initiatives we have in place, as well as let us explore new solutions in ending youth homelessness.”

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program supports a wide range of housing programs including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and other innovative housing models. Communities were selected for this competitive funding based on pre-existing youth-serving housing initiatives, such as robust youth involvement and strong community partnerships.

“We have long relied on the input from our system-involved youth to help shape the supports that serve them, and we are grateful that this grant is a nod towards those efforts,” said Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Marc Cherna. “We look forward to working with our Youth Action Board and our Youth Support Partners, as well as other community stakeholders, to determine the most effective implementation strategy for funding additional homelessness supports, services and interventions.”

DHS will be seeking input from stakeholders to help build a community plan for allocating the funding. Anyone interested in being part of the process should email Cynthia Shields at Cynthia.Shields@AlleghenyCounty.US.

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