

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 22, 2025

Andrew Gradison, Acting Assistant Secretary  
Administration for Children and Families  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Gradison,

We write to express our concern about the structure of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) program grants, including the Transitional Living Programs, Maternity Group Homes, and Basic Center Programs, and to urge you to extend the application period.

These programs are a vital lifeline for homeless youth across our communities. An estimated one in 30 adolescents aged 13–17 and 1 in 10 young adults aged 18 to 25 experiences homelessness each year. RHYA programs play an essential role in preventing trafficking, identifying survivors, and supporting runaway, homeless, and disconnected youth.

Despite their importance, this year's NOFO allowed only 14 days for applicants to submit proposals, a significant reduction from the 60-day application window in prior years. This year's NOFO also introduces substantial new requirements, such as program redesigns and formal memorandums of understanding with local law enforcement, steps that require considerable time and coordination.

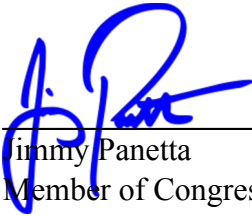
The shortened timeline was announced without advance notice, making it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for providers to gather, report, and submit the necessary materials before the deadline. While a short extension has been granted, we are concerned that it is insufficient and that the timeline remains inconsistent with 2 CFR § 200.204(b), which states that “no funding opportunity should be available for less than 30 calendar days unless the Federal agency determines that exigent circumstances justify this.”

Without additional time to prepare, our communities risk losing access to critical services for homeless youth. Local street outreach programs, emergency shelters, transitional living facilities, and maternity group homes offer life-changing support and connect youth and young parents with education, employment, financial planning, and family reunification resources.

We are additionally concerned that the Street Outreach Program (SOP) did not receive a standalone notice of funding opportunity, which requires other programs to subsume essential outreach activities thereby leading to a de facto reduction in funding for many critical services. For example, an existing Transitional Living and Maternity Group Home grantee would either have to reduce Transitional Living and Maternity Group Home funds to provide outreach services or choose not to provide outreach services until their grant renewal occurs in 2027.

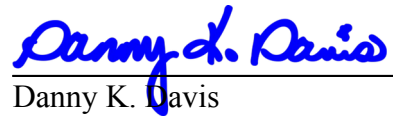
We strongly urge you to extend the application period to ensure that providers have adequate time to meet the new requirements and submit complete proposals. Our communities, and the vulnerable youth these programs serve, depend on it.

Sincerely,



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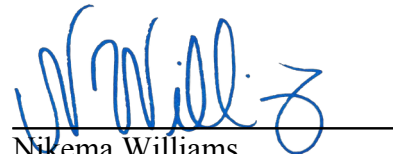
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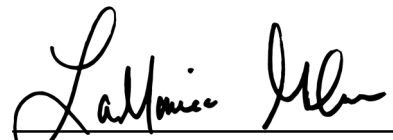
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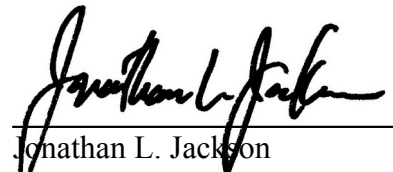
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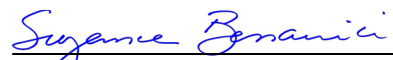
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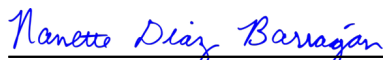
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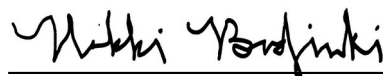
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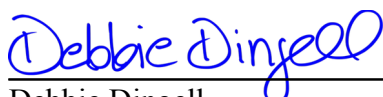
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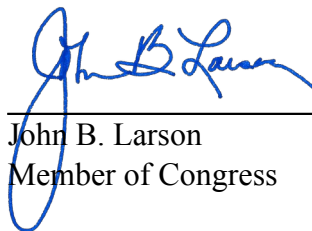
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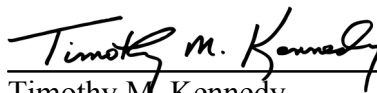
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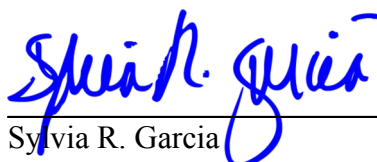
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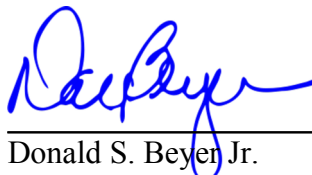
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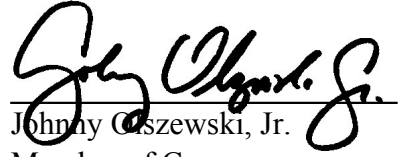


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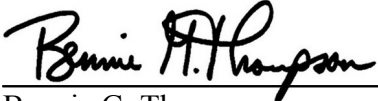
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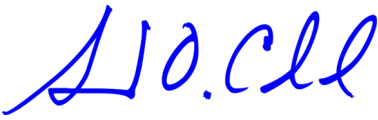
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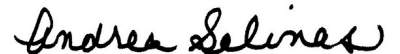
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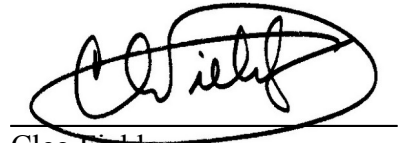
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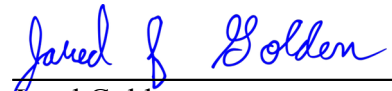


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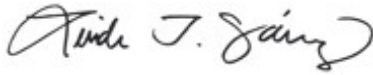
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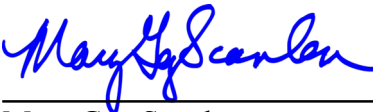
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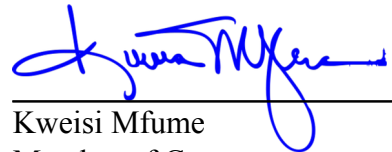
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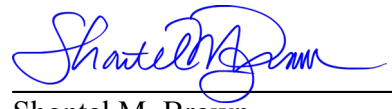
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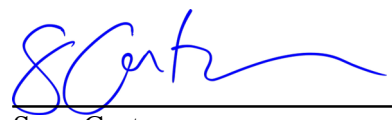
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