



Summit County Continuum of Care (SCCoC) *a collaboration of agencies working together for the homeless*

*Each person is a branch of
strength within the community.
Strong branches make
a strong community!*

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Summit County Continuum of Care wins portion of \$60 Million HUD Award to Address local Youth Homelessness

AKRON, Ohio – September 27, 2023 – Summit County Continuum of Care, a collaboration of local agencies working together for the homeless population is one of a select group national recipients that will share \$60.3 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build systems to end youth homelessness in 16 communities across the country. The funding was awarded through HUD’s Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to support a wide range of housing programs, including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and host homes.

“Every young person in our country deserves a safe place to call home. Connecting homeless youth with appropriate, targeted housing and services will make an enormous difference in their lives,” HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge declared. “These federal funds will support efforts in communities across the county to provide vulnerable young people with the secure, stable, and supportive housing they urgently need.”

"Being one of only 16 national applicants selected to win YHDP funding is a tremendous honor and responsibility. We now can address youth homelessness in a substantial way and our community is entrusted to do this work," stated Mar-quetta Boddie, Executive Director of the SCCoC. Ms. Boddie went on to say that it is because of dynamic local agencies and grass-roots organizations that make up the Continuum of Care that HUD believes that “Our CoC, the city of Akron, our county has what it takes to prevent and end local youth homelessness in the very near future. We are so grateful to be selected for this awesome opportunity."

This community planning approach guides YHDP communities in designing solutions that match the needs of their community with special attention on creating equitable strategies to assist youth who are most vulnerable, including youth who have aged out of foster care, survivors of human trafficking, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and differently-abled youth. For information about this award or how you can help in the fight to end youth homelessness contact the Summit County Continuum of Care at 234-312-0833 or visit summitcoc.org