

Centralized Diversion Fund

Diversion helps individuals quickly secure a permanent or temporary housing solution outside of the homeless response system through creative brainstorming that identifies solutions to meet their unique needs. A Way Home Washington launched the Centralized Diversion Fund (CDF) to **provide flexible financial assistance that will directly lead to a housing placement** for youth and young adults engaged in diversion conversations.

Who can access the CDF?

Funds can be accessed by service providers who have completed the required trainings and signed the Centralized Diversion Fund Partner agreement. Partners commit to:

- ✓ Identify immediate, creative housing solutions with clients
- ✓ Execute housing plans in partnership with local CDF administrator
- ✓ Participate in ongoing trainings and learning communities

Required Trainings

A Way Home Washington will schedule and deliver the following trainings for all CDF partners:

Policies and procedures

A detailed overview of CDF policies and procedures, including eligibility, use of funds, and process for requesting funds.

Diversion skills

The basics of the diversion approach, including mediation and negotiation skills and achieving equitable outcomes.

FAQ

Q: What can the CDF cover?

Any expense that will directly lead to a housing placement outside of the homelessness system.

Q: Who is eligible?

Young people who are:

- Between the ages of 12-24
- Unaccompanied by a parent or guardian
- Unsheltered, couch-surfing or living in unsafe situations

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