

BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH

Background

By Youth for Youth (BYFY) is a volunteer youth allocation committee that distributes funds to other youth initiatives based on priorities established by the youth themselves. This year the committee is composed of 25 students from Dane County area high schools. This year marks the 26th cycle of BYFY funding.

Three sponsors make \$26,000 available for investment.

These include:

- City of Madison Office of Community Services (\$5,500)
- United Way Dane County (\$6500)
- Dane County Youth Commission (\$14,000)

The remaining \$5,000 is held to support youth on the By Youth For Youth Committee by providing food, training, and transportation.

Twenty Five projects applied for financial support; with the requests totaling \$60,190. Most of the applicants were from within Madison, but groups in other communities also submitted requests, notably McFarland, Verona, Waunakee, and Sun Prairie. Schools, community centers, non-profit organizations and groups of individuals were among the applicants.

Priorities

This year's BYFY committee was especially interested in funding projects that address:

- Health
- Homelessness & Food Security
- Education
- Race & Religious Discrimination
- Violence & Abuse Prevention
- LGBTQ+ & Women's Rights
- Environment

The attached list of 16 recommended projects align within these priorities and will impact over 2,000 youth and their families in our community.

Action

Approve \$21,000 to projects as recommended by the By Youth For Youth Committee.

2019 Summary of Partial Funding Reasons:

Bayview Foundation - Take a Break (\$1100)

Clark Street Community School - The Growing Community (\$2000)

Dairyland Dancing Diamonds Youth Team (\$300)

Food for Thought Club - Food for Thought Snack Program (\$2200)

LaFollette High School Food Pantry (\$1000)

Madison Country Day School Amnesty International - Country Day Cozy Drive (\$1000)

Madison East High School Engineering Club - Engineering Night Out 2019 (\$1300)

Madison LaFollette Black Student Union (\$2000)

McFarland High School Raise Your Voice Club (\$1000)

McFarland Youth Center, Inc - Fresh Food Friday (\$800)

Memorial High Latinos Unidos Club - Unidos Festival (\$700)

Public Health and Advocacy Club - Sustainable Solution (\$700)

Rape Crisis Center of Dane County - Gamechanger Outreach Campaign (\$900)

Scholars of Excellence College Experience (\$1500)

Briarpatch Youth Services (Teens Like Us) - Pride Prom (\$1500)

Wildcats United - Food Pantry (\$3,000)