

BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH 2009-2010

Background

By Youth for Youth (BYFY) is a volunteer youth investment committee that distributes funds to other youth initiatives based on priorities established by the youth themselves. This year the committee is composed of 26 students from Madison and other Dane County area high schools. Staff support is provided by the City of Madison – Division of Community Development and United Way of Dane County. This year marks the seventeenth cycle of BYFY funding.

Five sponsors make \$31,500 available for investment:

- City of Madison, Office of Community Services (\$5,500)
- Oscar Mayer/Kraft Foods (\$10,000)
- Dane County Youth Commission (\$10,000)
- United Way of Dane County Growing Up Getting Ready CST (\$6,000)

23 projects applied for funding, for a total request of \$58,035.

Priorities

The BYFY Committee reviewed projects in which youth act as change agents to improve the quality of life in their schools and communities. Funded initiatives can be in school or community-based settings. This year's committee was especially interested in funding projects that promote and support:

- *establish positive relationships and/or positive environments*
 - build relationships through community events
 - engage youth in volunteering
 - support homeless shelters
 - mentoring
- *encourage healthy lifestyles*
 - promote sexual awareness
 - educate youth on LGBTQ issues
 - remove barriers to health care
 - prevent disease
- *encourage educational development*
 - tutoring
 - increase academic opportunities
 - provide more relatable educational opportunities for youth
- *foster multiculturalism*
 - celebrate diversity
 - increase awareness of cultures
 - encourage artistic expression of cultures

Action

Approve \$31,500 to projects as recommended by the By Youth For Youth Committee.

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APPLICATION AND ALLOCATION SUMMARY

#	Organization	Project Title	Summary	Amt Req	Amt Rec
1	Reach a Child-With Wings & Halo	Kits for Kids	Youth volunteers sort, stamp, label & pack books and other items into backpacks that are distributed by police to children in crisis.	\$3,000	\$3,000
2	Student Athletic Advisory Council	SACC	Youth plan activities that are alternatives to drugs and alcohol, education re: healthy choices, community service and charitable fundraisers.	\$3,000	\$1,800
3	Mentoring Positives	Community Caring Connections	Adults mentor and collaborate with schools and parents to help at-risk youth.	\$3,000	\$0
4	Today-Not-Tomorrow (TNT)	Listen Hear!- For Youth By Youth Forums and Radio	Youth host a radio show and forums to provide education on bullying, race relations, youth safety, gender awareness and LGBTQ issues.	\$3,000	\$0
5	Vera Court Neigh. Center	Cultural Diffusion	Youth will learn about Latino, Hmong, Chinese & Caribbean cultures through experiential activities.	\$2,050	\$2,050
6	Wisconsin Youth Company	Madison Project Linus	Youth will learn how to quilt and make blankets for children in the hospital.	\$500	\$500
7	Mt. Horab Youth Center	Youth Center Connects Online	Provide up-to-date computers and software for youth the Center for education & recreation.	\$3,000	\$0
8	The Homework Learning Center	Homework Learning Center	Adults tutor low-income children.	\$3,000	\$0
9	Sun Prairie Youth and Family Center	Sun Prairie & the Arts	Youth design and create a mural on a community building in collaboration with a professional artist.	\$3,000	\$1,500
10	Gay Straight Alliance	Student Alliance for Gender Awareness (SAGA)	Youth will train other youth, school staff and community members on needs of transgender and gender non-confirming youth.	\$3,000	\$2,500
11	Youth Services of So. Wisconsin	Teens Like Us/Top Ten Video	Youth write/direct/produce a video about safer sex and healthy relationships, conduct workshops and host an LGBTQ supportive prom.	\$3,000	\$2,000
12	Kennedy Heights Neigh. Center	The Madtown Breakers	Youth build community through break dancing and spoken work workshops and performances.	\$2,165	\$1,000
13	Goodman Community Center	Mediaworks	Youth learn how to create short films, PSAs and documentaries on issues that impact youth.	\$3,000	\$0
14	Lincoln Elementary School	Escape to Wisconsin	Low-income youth learn about historical places in WI, raise funds and plan a trip to these places	\$1,500	\$1,500
15	O'Keefe Middle School	O'Keefe Student Ambassadors	Youth have attended leadership training and now want to host activities to impact school climate.	\$2,500	\$2,000

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16	West High School - Health Occupations	HIV/AIDS awareness workshop	Youth will teach other youth about HIV/AIDS, develop prevention ed. materials & workshops	\$1,000	\$1,000
17	MSCR - East High School	World Cultures Club	Youth will plan and host school events, and provide class presentations to increase cultural awareness.	\$2,100	\$1,600
18	MSCR - Shabazz High School	Service Learning Initiative & Shabazz Shabang	Youth will plan and conduct several service projects, and host a celebration of their efforts.	\$2,950	\$2,300
19	Latinos Unidos - Memorial High School	Pueblo Unido	Youth will foster multiculturalism by sharing Latino music, history and dance through classroom activities and special events.	\$3,000	\$2,500
20	Bridge-Lakepoint Neigh. Center	Teen Room-For Us By Us (FUBU)	Low-income youth remodel a room in their neighborhood center to create a teen room where they can have youth focused activities.	\$2,770	\$1,500
21	Orion Family Services	Helping Hands	Youth living at a group home will conduct outreach to their neighborhood and offer to rake leaves, mow lawns, or shovel snow for people in need of help.	\$2,000	\$2,000
22	Young Sisters of Distinction	Better Safe Than Sorry	Low-income girls will plan and conduct a health fair for other girls focused on abstinence, safe sex, STIs, AODA and other relevant issues.	\$3,000	\$750
23	Lussier Community Education Center	Teen Peer Health Ed. Project	Train youth to become peer educators on medically accurate sexual health info and then the youth hold sessions for other youth based on this training.	\$2,500	\$2,000

TOTAL: \$58,035 \$31,500