

## 2014 By Youth For Youth Recommendations

### Goal

Dane County youth will have the skill, confidence and opportunity to effectively promote positive community change through volunteerism, advocacy, and activism.

### Background

By Youth For Youth is a volunteer committee of 20 Dane County high school students that makes investment decisions for youth-led programming in Dane County. BYFY provides youth the opportunity to identify needs and issues that are important to them and direct funding to address those needs through projects developed and implemented by youth to serve youth. By Youth For Youth has been a committee for 21 years.

BYFY provides a meaningful leadership and volunteer experience for both youth participating on the BYFY committee, as well as for youth who apply for and implement projects for the organizations they serve. Youth develop into future community leaders by learning ways to organize and support their vision for change in the community, enhance their leadership skills, and strengthen youth participation in community volunteerism.

Four sponsors make \$38,000 available for investment:

- Oscar Mayer/Kraft Foods (\$11,500)
- United Way of Dane County Academic Success CST (\$6,000)
- City of Madison, Office of Community Services (\$5,500)
- Dane County Youth Commission (\$10,000)
- Returned grant from 2013 (\$5,000)

The BYFY students decided on the priorities (see below) for funding in this year's round of investments, developed a grant application form, spread the word among youth groups about the availability of funds, evaluated funding requests and recommended funding.

Twenty-eight projects applied for financial support; with the requests totaling \$69,444. Most of the applicants were from within Madison, but groups in other communities also submitted requests, notably Mount Horeb, Sun Prairie, Stoughton and McFarland. Schools, community centers, non-profit organizations and groups of individuals were among the applicants.

### Priorities

- **Healthy Relationships:** Promote or educate on healthy relationships, communication, trust issues, awareness about rape, abusive relationships, STI awareness, and dating violence.
- **Diversity and Multiculturalism:** Promote diversity and multiculturalism through education, clubs, and activities that celebrate culture and bring cultures together.
- **Education:**
  - **College preparation and/or career planning:** Provide career planning, financial planning and education, independent living skills. Provide education and projects that provide information about how to prepare for college and/or career/employment planning as well as financial education and independent living skills.
  - **Achievement Gap:** Support all students graduating regardless of their race.
- **Drug and alcohol abuse and tobacco use prevention:** Prevent and raise awareness about alcohol and drug/tobacco abuse and the effects on your body and on people's lives.
- **Healthy Living:**
  - **Healthy body:** Promote nutrition, healthy eating and exercise for the body.
  - **Healthy mind:** Support or provide education on how to promote mental/behavioral health, raise self-esteem, how to manage stress, recognize and get support for anxiety and depression and reduce the stigma of having a mental/behavioral health issue.

- **LGBTQ Support & Awareness:** Educate, support, and bring awareness to non-LGBTQ youth about how to best support the LGBTQ community.
- **Community Outreach, Youth Leadership and Volunteerism:** Support youth in taking leadership and volunteer roles in their schools, neighborhoods and communities.

The attached list of 19 recommended projects totaling \$38,000 align within these priorities and will directly impact over 440 youth and are estimated to reach over 2,200 youth and their families in our community.

#### **Action**

Approve \$38,000 to projects as recommended by the By Youth For Youth Committee.

#### *BYFY Committee Member Roster 2013-2014*

Amol Rajesh	Memorial	Sophomore
Alex Solache	West	Junior
Ashley Moseberry	East	Senior
Caitlin Smith	East	Senior
Daneke Clark	East	Senior
Edwin Solache	West	Sophomore
Emma Greenya	LaFollette	Senior
Flavie Ruth	home school	Freshman
Frannie Ruth	home school	Sophomore
Gabriel Saiz	West	Soph
Gabriella Johansson	West	Sophomore
Haley Walker	West	Junior
Hawaou Diallo	East	Senior
Henry Gaylord	East	Sophomore
Isaia Ben-Ami	East	Sophomore
Jen Wagman	Verona	Sophomore
Kanesha Freiberg	LaFollette	Senior
Shaneice White	LaFollette	Senior
Tamaya Schreiber-Poznik	West	Freshman
Trina Olsen	West	Junior

Organization	Project	Summary	# projected to reach	Rec.
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
LaFollette High School	<i>Mariachi LHS</i>	10 high school youth develop musical talents in a Mexican folkloric music group to promote and share the Hispanic culture with the community through traditional music and develop musical, leadership and organizational skills.		\$3,000
Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE)	<i>Missing Pieces: GSAFE's Educational Video Project</i>	10 youth create and promote 6-10 YouTube videos that will promote LGBT awareness and hold outreach workshops at local middle and high schools.	200	\$3,000
Lincoln Elementary School	<i>Outdoor Education Kits for Kids at Lincoln</i>	30 elementary students lead projects and the school participates in the outdoor learning laboratory through bird projects, fitness stations, wellness path, and an outdoor kitchen to making healthy recipes as well as participate in a volunteer project with seniors.	397	\$2,940
Northside Planning Council	<i>Northside Youth Empowerment Summit 2014</i>	30 youth will organize a summit for 100 middle and high age youth with activities and workshops focused on increasing youth leadership, healthy relationships, getting a job, planning for college and other relevant subjects.	100	\$2,500
Mount Horeb Youth Center	<i>Middle School is Manageable</i>	5 youth organize and promote a speaker series to create a greater sense of community in the middle school and the youth center, and address challenges students struggle with, help students learn how to talk about issues they face, provide coping mechanisms, and help youth see the center as a resource.	40	\$1,850
McFarland Sparks 4H Club	<i>McFarland Sparks 4-H Youth Garden Expansion and Improvement</i>	48 youth 4-H club members design and build a shed, add informative/educational signage and increase the number of tools available at the McFarland Youth Garden. Youth leaders will also conduct 3 gardening workshops for community residents.	40	\$1,700
Lincoln Elementary School	<i>Escape to Wisconsin</i>	30 fourth grade students plan & participate in an educational 4-day trip around the state to learn about Wisconsin, and participate in activities to give back to the community		\$1,500
Memorial High School Latinos Unidos	<i>Festejando con el Mundo (Celebrating with the World)</i>	20 high school students organize a mini-dance and lead workshops to educate youth about Latino culture, break down stereotypes and bring different races/cultures together.	300	\$1,500
Lake View Elementary School	<i>The Lake View Fourth Camping Trip</i>	41 fourth grade students investigate Wisconsin's natural environment through a camping trip to the MacKenzie Environmental Center, gaining literacy, science, and social studies skills.		\$1,100
Black Hawk Middle School Gay Straight Alliance	<i>Black Hawk GSA's Project Inspiration</i>	30 middle school students learn leadership and spread LGBT awareness to the student body through planning and promoting events such as the "Day of Silence", performing skits, and creating a permanent art installation.	407	\$650

<b>SAFETY</b>				
C.A.R.D.S. Closet (Sunsine Place)	<i>C.A.R.D.S. Closet</i>	20 students run clothing drives to provide necessities to students and families in the Sun Prairie School District community with clothing needs as identified by school social workers.	80	\$3,000
Today Not Tomorrow, Inc.	<i>S.W.A.N. Stuff We All Need</i>	15 youth leaders, partner with 3 service groups and 1 teen group, to run donation drives and put together backpacks and supplies for 75 families (225 children) and 35 youth identified through homeless shelters, Briarpatch, MMSD, and other advocacy groups.	110	\$3,000
<b>HEALTH</b>				
TEENWorks Goodman Community Center	<i>Seed to Table Youth Educators (S2TYE) Earth Oven</i>	55 youth gain culinary skills, cultural experiences, and learn about healthy, sustainable living through building and cooking foods in an earth oven and solar oven. Youth will share information learned with preschool and afterschool students at Goodman Community Center as well as provide free community meals.	200	\$3,000
LaFollette High School	<i>Little Lancer Athletes</i>	40 LaFollette High School students reach out to other nearby schools to build athletic skills, encourage athletic participation, promote healthy choices, and introduce them to LaFollette High School's students, facilities and opportunities.	120	\$2,300
Bayview Foundation – International Center	<i>Bayview Awesome Adventures Project!</i>	15 youth honor the different international cultures in our community and learn to be healthy, active and happy through: cultural activities, learning fun, healthy ways to exercise and eat healthy, cultural cooking workshops, cultural arts and crafts, cultural field trips and summer gardening and swim lessons.	40	\$2,000
Eyes of Hope Stoughton Inc.	<i>Girl 2 Girl (G2G)</i>	13 high school-aged girls develop life skills, strength, confidence, honesty and service through projects, such as cooking, volunteering in Stoughton, and an annual retreat.		\$1,600
Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, Inc.	<i>Wisconsin Adolescent Health Care Program</i>	Will support 9 Teen Educators' enrichment and delivery of workshops as they provide training in urban and rural communities to bridge the communication gap between teenagers and their health care providers about sexual health for teens.	200	\$1,500
YMCA of Dane County - Community Schools Program (Sun Prairie)	<i>Kids Moving Forward</i>	Provide 4th and 5th grade youth afterschool activities focused on recreation, healthy eating and mentoring from 12 high school age youth at the YMCA.	40	\$1,360
McFarland Youth Center	<i>Cooking Around the World</i>	15 McFarland youth in 6th - 8th grade will learn about and explore other cultures through food, learning about a variety of different cultures, and learning independent living skills and experience cooking.		\$500
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$38,000</b>