

2017 By Youth For Youth Funding Recommendations

We seek your approval of 21 funding recommendations totaling \$37,000 from the By Youth For Youth (BYFY) committee.

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 24 Dane County high school students that makes investment decisions in 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.

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 \$42,000 available for investment:

- City of Madison, Office of Community Services (\$5,500)
- City of Madison, Madison Peace Project (\$12,000)
- Dane County Youth Commission (\$14,000)
- United Way of Dane County Community Engagement CBT (\$10,500)

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

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-nine projects applied for financial support; with the requests totaling \$68,847. Most of the applicants were from within Madison, but groups in other communities also submitted requests, notably Verona, Cambridge, Oregon, and Sun Prairie. Schools, community centers, non-profit organizations and groups of individuals were among the applicants.

Priorities

- **Racial Equity**
- **Education:** Achievement Gap, Sex Education, Extracurricular Accessibility
- **Opportunities for Economically Disadvantaged Youth**
- **Raise Cultural Awareness**
- **Health:** Mental Health, Access to Healthcare, Sexual Health, Women's Health, Physical Well-being and Nutrition
- **LGBTQIA+ Support and Awareness**
- **Reduce Violence in Neighborhoods:** Improve and Strengthen Police-Community Relationships
- **Environmental Issues**
- **Gender Equality**

The attached list of 21 recommended projects totaling \$37,000 align within these priorities and will directly impact over 1,000 youth and project to reach over 5,000 youth and their families in our community.

2016-2017 By Youth For Youth Committee Members

Juan Alvarez-Zavala	Verona High School	Junior
Beth Berkowitz	Abundant Life Christian School	Freshman
Phoenix Borowski	Waunakee High School	Junior
Salma Florencio	DeForest High School	Senior
Rose Geer	West High School	Senior
Maggie Go	Middleton High School	Senior
Anna Hildebrand	Edgewood High School	Freshman
Sofia Johansson	West High School	Freshman
Aariika Maaneb de Macedo	Edgewood High School	Junior
Menatu Maaneb de Macedo	Edgewood High School	Senior
Alan Morales	West High School	Senior
Dana Nelson	Malcolm Shabazz City High School	Junior
Trevor Pitcel	DeForest High School	Junior
Amit Rajesh	Memorial High School	Junior
Sid Raman	West High School	Junior
Jason Reno	East High School	Senior
Tamar Rubin-Calvert	East High School	Junior
Eliette Soler	La Follette High School	Junior
Lucas Spencer	Malcolm Shabazz City High School	Sophomore
Rya Steps	Memorial High School	Senior
Samuel Stoiber	West High School	Sophomore
Leonie Tollefson	Verona High School	Junior
Chloe Urben	Waunakee High School	Junior
Fiona Wolfe	East High School	Senior