

## **2018 By Youth For Youth Funding Recommendations**

We seek your approval of 20 funding recommendations totaling \$30,500 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 \$30,500 available for investment:

- City of Madison, Office of Community Services (\$5,500)
- Brittingham Fund, Inc./City of Madison, Madison Peace Project (\$4,000)
- Dane County Youth Commission (\$14,000)
- United Way of Dane County Community Engagement CBT (\$10,500)

*\$3,500 held to support youth on the By Youth For Youth Committee by providing food, training, 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.

Thirty-three projects applied for financial support; with the requests totaling \$88,746. Most of the applicants were from within Madison, but groups in other communities also submitted requests, notably Verona, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, and Cambridge. Schools, community centers, non-profit organizations and groups of individuals were among the applicants.

### **Priorities**

- Education and Before & After School Programs
- Youth Transitions from High School & Employment
- Violence/Abuse Prevention
- Racial Equity
- Food Security & Homelessness
- Mental Health & Addiction
- LGBTQ+ Awareness & Gender Issues

The attached list of 20 recommended projects totaling \$30,500 align within these priorities and will directly impact over 4,145 youth and their families in our community.

## 2017-2018 By Youth For Youth Committee Members

Nina Amaguaña	Monona Grove High School	Freshman
Beth Berkowitz	Abundant Life Christian School	Sophomore
Caleb Blair	McFarland High School	Junior
Quinn Buob	Madison East High School	Senior
Zoey Chadli	Shabazz High School	Senior
Katie Fernandez	Shabazz High School	Sophomore
Lilyana Gabrielse	McFarland High School	Junior
Gavino Gatica	Madison La Follette High School	Senior
Isabel Hernandez-White	Madison Country Day School	Sophomore
Anna Hildebrand	Edgewood High School	Sophomore
Sofia Irigoyen-Barrientos	Madison West High School	Junior
Sofia Johansson	Madison West High School	Sophomore
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PaDao Lor	Madison West High School	Junior
Yee Lor	Madison West High School	Senior
Aariika Maaneb de Macedo	Edgewood High School	Senior
Mwezi O'Malley	Madison East High School	Senior
Siena Perna	Edgewood High School	Freshman
Sid Raman	Madison West High School	Senior
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Tamar Rubin-Calvert	Madison East High School	Senior
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Arindis Vasser	Madison Memorial High School	Senior
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