

## **2019 By Youth For Youth Funding Recommendations**

We seek your approval of 16 funding recommendations totaling \$21,000 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 27 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.

3 sponsors\* make \$30,500 available for investment:

- City of Madison, Office of Community Services (\$5,500)
- Dane County Youth Commission (\$14,000)
- United Way of Dane County Community Engagement CBT (\$6,500)

\$5,000 held to support youth on the BYFY Committee by providing food, training, and transportation.

*\*BYFY also received a \$1,421 Community Grant from Madison Rotary (after 2019 deliberations finished) that will be applied toward 2019 program expenses.*

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-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 Verona, McFarland, Waunakee, and Sun Prairie. Schools, community centers, non-profit organizations and groups of individuals were among the applicants.

### **Priorities**

- Physical & Mental Health
- Environment
- Violence/Abuse Prevention
- Racial & Religious Discrimination
- Homelessness & Food Security
- Education
- LGBTQ+ & Women's Rights

The attached list of 16 recommended projects totaling \$21,000 align with these priorities and will directly impact over 18,824 youth and their families in their community.

## 2018-2019 By Youth For Youth Committee Members

Yanci Almonte	Memorial High School	Senior
Nina Amaguaña	Monona Grove High School	Sophomore
Isabel Behl	DeForest High School	Junior
Beth Berkowitz	Abundant Life Christian School	Junior
Caleb Blair	McFarland High School	Senior
Megan Brown	James Madison Memorial High School	Senior
Copper Daniel	James Madison Memorial High School	Sophomore
Lilyana Gabrielse	McFarland High School	Senior
Isabel Hernandez	Madison Country Day School	Junior
Anna Hildebrand	Edgewood High School	Junior
Sofia Irigoyen	Madison West High School	Senior
Sofia Johansson	Madison West High School	Senior
Lizzie Johnson	Madison East High School	Sophomore
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Kai Narf	Oregon High School	Sophomore
Kaiden Niebuhr	Madison East High School	Senior
Siena Perna	Verona High School	Sophomore
Josie Ronk	Madison West High School	Sophomore
Sneha Sadia	LaFollette High School	Junior
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