

2019-2020 By Youth For Youth Funding Recommendations

We seek your approval of 15 funding recommendations totaling \$26,500 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 20 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 \$27,000 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 (\$7,500)

\$500 held to support youth on the BYFY Committee by providing food, training, and transportation (in conjunction with BYFY rollover funds held for these program needs).

**BYFY also received a \$1,421 Community Grant from Madison Rotary in 2019 that was 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.

Thirty projects applied for financial support; with the requests totaling \$71,100. 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

- Awareness and inclusion of racial and cultural identities
- Physical and mental health resources and education
- Youth transitions to post-high school options
- Environmental issues
- Food security and homelessness
- Education support and accessibility
- LBGTQIA+ awareness

The attached list of 15 recommended projects totaling \$26,500 align with these priorities and will directly impact over 10,000 youth and their families in their community.

2019-2020 By Youth For Youth Committee Members

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