

Oakland ReCAST Youth-to-Youth Mini-Grant Application: Community, Healing, Promoting Safety for Youth in Oakland

Calling all Oakland youth! Do you have ideas on ways to build community, healing, and promote safety in your community and schools? Here's your chance to bring those ideas to life and make a BIG impact in your community!

WHO: Young people between the ages of 13-21 in partnership with at least one adult ally.

THE OPPORTUNITY: Apply for **up to \$5,000** to fund your project idea that seeks to improve health, safety, and strength within your community. Check out the project idea section below for some examples.

TIMELINE:

- ❑ Applications are **due January 19, 2021**.
- ❑ Grantee selection will take place in **January 2021**.
- ❑ Grants will be issued in **February 2021**.
- ❑ Project planning and implementation should take place between **February 2021 and June 2021**.

HOW: Continue reading and follow the steps to apply below!

Background

In 2015, responding to growing tensions between communities of color and law enforcement across the country, the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC) brought together over 75 young people to discuss ideas and solutions for better community and police relations in Oakland. The results were outlined in OYAC's report, [*Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission Report & Recommendations From: Human Services Department Recommendation: Receive A Report From Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission And Recommendations For Accountable And Effective Policing In Oakland With A Goal To Improve Relations Between Law Enforcement, The Community, And Young People.*](#)

The City of Oakland Human Services Department (HSD) recently launched Oakland ReCAST, a new project focused on resiliency and equity for communities that have been impacted by high levels of violence, trauma and civil unrest. Oakland ReCAST builds on Head Start, Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY), and Oakland Unite's violence prevention and intervention programs to increase the use of trauma-informed practices in the systems designed to help. This grant opportunity enables youth grantmakers to support their peers by **funding grants of up to \$5,000 to develop creative and dynamic solutions that promote healing and increasing resiliency in Oakland communities**.

We want to ensure everyone who applies is aware that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) impacts the kinds of projects that will be selected. We are learning new things about this virus every day because it is new and everyone has a part to play to help slow the spread of the virus and keep our community safe. As you develop your project please keep Alameda County's public health guidance in mind to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Stay 6 feet (2 meters) away from other people, whenever possible
- Wear a facemask or cloth face cover when you are in public spaces
- Clean and disinfect surfaces/things that are touched a lot

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough

We encourage the use of virtual communications (video or phone) to implement projects whenever possible and projects must promote and adhere to public health guidelines if they take place in person.

The Project Idea should fall under one or more of the following categories:

Project Category	Why	Examples of youth-led project ideas
1. Education and Awareness	Educate youth and other citizens on how to safely navigate encounters with law enforcement	"Know your rights" workshops or education campaign, juvenile justice, etc.
2. Community and Relationship Building	Build positive relationships between community and youth through engagement activities	Community forum, town hall meeting, series of social event, etc.
3. Resiliency and Healing	Increase access to community healing practices for youth/community	Community art projects (visual and performance), restorative and healing circles, etc.
4. Addressing Trauma	Creating safe, positive spaces to address trauma and promote healing from youth-community and/or creating safety by addressing COVID-19 impacts in your community	Community panels, traditional and cultural events, etc. COVID-19 support to community

Minimum Qualifications

- Project must be **created and led by youth aged 13-21** in partnership with an adult ally
- Project team must partner with a school/agency having 501-c3 tax status
- Project must serve City of Oakland residents

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the forms attached that will capture information in the following categories. *Hint: you can also use the list below to make sure you've completed all required steps before submitting.*

• **Submit**

Email your application in PDF form to resilientok@gmail.com between **December 18, 2020 - January 19, 2021**. **The subject line must read: Youth to Youth Mini Grant Application.**

• **General Information**

Assemble a group of youth ages 13-21, and designate at least two co-leads, to develop a youth-led project with a goal to improve relations between law enforcement, community and youth in Oakland; partner with at least one adult mentor, after school/summer program

staff or teacher to act as an adult ally; and, partner with a school or supporting agency with 501-c3 tax status.

- **Project Summary**

Provide an overall description of your project using the prompting questions as a guide.

- **Project Steps & Timeline**

Break your project idea down into steps that show the order of activities (February - June 2021). This will help us see the bigger picture and help you organize and plan your project!

- **Current Resources & Budget**

Let us know how you will spend the funds requested by creating a budget (not to exceed \$5,000).

Timeline Snapshot

Application Release	November 30, 2020
Application Deadline	January 19, 2021
Grantees Selected	January 30, 2021
Kick-off Event and Funds Issued	February 2021, TBD
Final Project Report/Evaluation	May 28, 2021
Final Presentation	June 2021, TBD

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Project Name	
Name of Youth Group	
Grant Request (up to \$5,000)	

Fiscal Sponsoring School or Org
Fiscal Sponsor's Address

Adult Ally: Name, Org & Position
Address
Email and Phone
Role: how will this person support the team/project?

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Address
Email and Phone
Role: how will this person support the team/project?

Youth Team Co-Lead
Age

Address
Email and Phone

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Other Team Members

Name Age Role on the team

Use the additional page at the end of this application if you require more space.

PROJECT SUMMARY

In the space below please write an overall project summary (not to exceed 750 words). Projects that identify potential collaborative partnerships are encouraged. A well-developed project summary will touch on the following guiding questions;

What are your goals?

How will your project build community, healing, and promote safety in your community and schools?

What type of project is it; direct service, event, campaign, etc.?

Why is this project important to your team and what is your motivation?

Is this a new project or is this an issue you (or other local groups) are currently working on?

If another local group is currently addressing this issue in a similar way:

- **Do you have connections with the groups working on this issue?**
- **Will you collaborate with them?**

How will you know your project is successful? How will you measure the progress, monitor and track the outcomes of your project? Are there any barriers you anticipate?

Who will be directly served by this project? How many folks do you hope to impact?

Where will your project be carried out (neighborhood based, citywide, etc.)?

What is the timeline for your project ? Is it a onetime only project or do you envision that it will be ongoing? What is your plan to locate continued funding for the project if it is ongoing?

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PROJECT STEPS & TIMELINE

Break your project idea down into steps that show the order of activities (February - June 2021). This will help us see the bigger picture and help you organize and plan your project. Optional for how many tasks or activities you need to fill out - use only the spaces you need.

EXAMPLE		
Task or Activity	Where	When
<i>First meeting to discuss goals and roles of group members</i>	<i>Zoom online</i>	<i>February 1, 2019</i>

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CURRENT RESOURCES

Please tell us what current resources you have access to (ex: meeting space, food provided, event space provided, etc).

- *List current resources here*
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BUDGET

Grant Amount requested: \$_____ (not to exceed \$5,000)

<i>Item (materials, supplies, stipends, facilities, food, other)</i>	<i>How it breaks down</i>	<i>Total Item Cost</i>
Example: Food for youth meeting	\$10 per youth x 5 youth	\$50.00
	GRAND TOTAL <i>(Must = amount requested)</i>	

