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YOUTH GRANTMAKING BOARD

Request for Proposals 2019

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WHAT IS THE YOUTH GRANTMAKING BOARD?

The Seattle Foundation's Youth Grantmaking Board (YGB) was established in the fall of 2006 to help young people use philanthropy to effect positive change in their community. The 2018-2019 Board is comprised of 21 high school students from the greater Seattle area and is committed to supporting programs and services that help families in King County. Through training and collaboration with Seattle Foundation staff and community experts, the YGB performs the same functions as other special-grants committees: assessing community needs, developing a request for proposal, reviewing grant applications, conducting site visits, and making final funding recommendations to the Seattle Foundation Board of Trustees. The members of the YGB change every year, so although the focus of the funding is on programs serving youth, each Board defines the specific needs that the grants will address every year. In order to define these needs, YGB members carefully review elements that make up a healthy community and cross reference their interests, information from local experts, and urgent current events to define their priority area.

2019 GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$20,000

YGB will consider all funding requests of up to \$20,000 though we recommend that proposals are at a minimum of \$5,000.

YGB will award one to three, one-time, one-year grants during the spring 2019 funding cycle.

2019 YOUTH GRANTMAKING BOARD FUNDING PRIORITY

There is a homeless crisis in Seattle and in our region. Youth homelessness hits very close to home for us. We all know someone, or are at least one connection away, from someone who experiences housing instability. Not only is housing a basic need and right, but also it impacts all facets of one's quality of life including the ability to seek better education, find meaningful careers, and contribute to a stronger community. We also understand that systemic racism and institutional barriers, often beyond the control of the individual, have deepened the homeless crisis and disproportionately affects youth, people of color, LGBTQ+ and others.

YGB invites proposals from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or those under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, focused on reducing homelessness and its related issues amongst youth and other communities in King County. We invite proposals that are high priority for your organization and community, but perhaps may have not been resourced through other public/private resources. We're interested in creative and different ways of addressing the homeless issue.

Additionally, we understand that we must tackle the issue of homelessness from many strategies including prevention, direct service provision, increased youth leadership, and upstream advocacy/policy change. We are interested in seeing proposals that reflect what make sense to your community at this current moment.

Lastly, YGB will give priority to programs or projects that:

- Focus on youth of color, veterans, LGBTQ+ and other marginalized communities
- Reflect the communities they serve in leadership positions and/or at the organization's board of directors
- Are led by smaller organizations generally at \$500,000 or less in annual budget
- Have a clear timeline and program or project focus (versus general operating support)

SCHEDULE AND SUBMISSION

The YGB Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. All proposals and back-up materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 to https://seattlefoundation.smapply.org/prog/youth_grantmaking_board_rfp. The YGB will review proposals, contact organizations for more information as needed, and conduct site visits to selected agencies in April 2019. Final grant decisions will be made in late April 2019 and recipients will be notified at that time. Recipients will also be invited to attend the YGB Celebration Event in early June 2019 at Seattle Foundation's offices. The duration of project funding is July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020. Please contact Shannon Kopelva and/or Aileen Balahadia at ygb@seattlefoundation.org if you forecast any delay in submission or have questions.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Grant Cover Sheet
- Program narrative
- Documentation of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (from organization or fiscal sponsor)
- Easy-to-read proposed program or project budget
- Current year organizational operating budget

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

In no more than three pages, please provide the following information:

- Briefly describe your organization and its mission.
- Describe how your organization or program addresses the YGB's funding priorities, including an outline of your approach and what you are hoping to accomplish during this funding period.
- Briefly explain how you anticipate utilizing your requested dollar amount.
- Describe the population that will be served through this request. How many individuals received services last year? How many do you anticipate will receive services as a result of YGB funding? How are those individuals involved in your organization?
- Describe the benefits of your approach and use of best practices or creative exploration.
- Identify any collaborative partnerships.
- Describe how you evaluate this effort, including the criteria that you use to gauge success.
- In anticipation of receiving a site visit, when in April would be the most convenient and thoughtful time to visit your programming or organization?



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GRANT PERIOD AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020. A final report will be required of each grantee. The YGB Alumni group may wish to conduct a mid-year impact assessment and site visit.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant organizations must be located in King County and must qualify as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Service Code or be fiscally sponsored by one.
- Organizations with religious affiliations will be considered for grants only if their activities address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs. Proposed projects may not contain content or activities that proselytize, even when participation in such activities is voluntary.
- The YGB will not consider grant requests for the following: Individuals; Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief; Fundraising events such as walk-a-thons, tournaments, auctions and general fundraising solicitations; Conference or seminar expenses; or Scholarship or endowment funds.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 online by applying at:
https://seattlefoundation.smapply.org/prog/youth_grantmaking_board_rfp