**#OYACgivesback/Oakland ReCAST**

**Youth-to-Youth Mini-Grant Application: Improving Relations between Law Enforcement, the Community and Youth in Oakland**

Calling all Oakland youth! Do you have ideas on ways to build and improve relationships between your peers and law enforcement officers 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 relations between youth, community and law enforcement in Oakland. Check out the project idea section below for some examples.

**TIMELINE:** Applications are **due by November 1, 2019**, and grantee selection will take place in November 2019. Grants will be issued in November 2019. Project planning and implementation should take place between December 2019 and June 2020.

**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 entitled*.*

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. One of the goals of this project includes supporting community work to address tensions in law enforcement-community relations and promote community resiliency and healing. This grant opportunity enables Youth Commissioners 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.

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

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| **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 law enforcement, community and youth through engagement activities | Community forum, town hall meeting, series of social event, etc. |
| 3. Resiliency and Healing | Increase community healing around youth/community-law enforcement tensions | 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-law enforcement tensions | Community panels, traditional and cultural events, etc. |

**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 teams must be willing to work with law enforcement to promote success of goals
* 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.*

* **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. 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).

* **Connect**

Like @*oakyac* on FB for updates related to this opportunity. Follow *@oakyac* on IG & Twitter too!

* **Submit**

Email your app in PDF form to youthcommission@oaklandnet.com by **5:00pm, May 15, 2017**.

**Timeline Snapshot**

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| **Application Release** | **October 4th , 2019** |
| **Application Deadline** | **November 1st , 2019** |
| **Grantees Selected** | **Week of November 4, 2019**  |
| **Kick-off Event and Funds Issued** | **November 12, 2019** |
| **Monthly Technical Assistance Calls**  | **November 2019 – June 2020** |
| **Final Presentation**  | **June 2, 2020** |
| **Final Project Report/Evaluation** | **June 5, 2020** |

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

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| Fiscal Sponsoring School or Org |  |
| Fiscal Sponsor’s Address |  |

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

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| Youth Team Co-Lead |  |
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Other Team Members

Name    Age                  Role on the team

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**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;

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| Create a S.M.A.R.T. goal for your project and explain how you will you accomplish this goal?\* How will your project address the issue? What type of project is it; direct service, event, campaign, etc.? Has it been done before? Is it currently being done? What makes your project unique, if anything? |
| Why is this project important to your team and what is your motivation? |
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| Are other local groups addressing this issue in a similar way? Do you have connections with other groups working on this issue? Will you collaborate with them? |
| Does your team have current connections or partnerships with law enforcement? How can those connections help with meeting your project goal??\*\*  |
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| Why will your project work? How will you know your project is successful? How will you monitor and track the outcomes of your project? |
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| 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 (must provide a progress report in early 2018 and report of achievement by Summer 2018)? 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? |
| *Use the additional page at the end of this application if you require more space.* |

**PROJECT STEPS & TIMELINE**

Break your project idea down into steps that show the order of activities. This will help us see the bigger picture and help you organize and plan your project.

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| ***EXAMPLE*** |
| Task or Activity | Where | When |
| *First meeting to discuss goals and roles of group members* | *Community Center* | *February 1, 2019* |

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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)*

**BUDGET**

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

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| *Item (materials, supplies, stipends, facilities, food, other)* | *How it breaks down* | *Total Item Cost* |
| ***Example: Meeting facilitator*** | ***$50 per hour x 3 hours*** | ***$150.00*** |
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