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City awards grant funds to youth programs

The City of Boulder's Youth Opportunities Program announces allocation of \$161,677 in 2009 group activities and annual grant funds. Funding decisions for group activities grants are made monthly throughout the school year by the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB), comprised of City of Boulder resident high school students. Annual grant funding decisions are made each spring by the YOAB and approved by the city manager. Unless otherwise indicated, activities are open to all City of Boulder resident youth of middle or high school age. Youth benefiting from the funds typically perform local volunteer work in exchange for receiving financial support.

Group activities grant recipients

- **Boulder Valley Girls' Softball Association** -- \$3,000 to provide practice fields for the summer.
- **Centennial Middle School** -- \$2,000 to support 6th graders' students' participation in Super Fun Physics Day field trip to Elitch Gardens.
- **Manhattan Middle School** -- \$1,780 to fund a leadership retreat for Latino boys.
- **Moving to End Sexual Assault** -- \$2,500 to support the peer education program Peers Building Justice, focusing on prevention of interpersonal violence and sexual harassment.
- **Community Cycles** -- \$3,000 to support bicycle repair clinics for youth in low-income neighborhoods.
- **Sharon Lange** -- \$3,000 to provide music lessons to youth at Attention Homes and the Juvenile Justice Center.
- **Diamond Baseball of Boulder** -- \$3,000 for scholarships to support players' participation.
- **Ken Bernstein** -- \$2,100 for a youth tile mural at the Boulder Public Library Plaza.
- **Manhattan Middle School** -- \$2,618 to fund a leadership retreat for Latina girls.
- **Boulder High School** -- \$2,174 to support a diversity fair open to the entire community, planned and organized by Latino students.
- **Casey Middle School** -- \$3,000 to support a summer reading program for students learning English as a second language.

Annual grant recipients:

- **Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art** -- \$9,400 to support the first of two years of art-related programming for high school students. Contact: clarissa@bmoca.org.
- **Boulder High School** -- \$7,565 to support academic enrichment for Latino students. Contact: michelle.carpenter@bvsd.org.
- **Boulder Pride** -- \$6,000 for a film-making course for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. Contact: aicila@boulderpride.org.

- **Boulder Valley Women's Health Center** -- \$9,583 to support the first of two years of SHAPE, a peer education program focused on sexual health and AIDS awareness. Contact: blair@bvwhc.org.
- **Casey Middle School** -- \$10,082 to support Baile Folklorico, a multicultural student Mexican dance troupe. Contact: gloria.diaz@bvsd.org.
- **Colie's Closet** -- \$11,202 to support the first of two years of a peer education program focused on depression awareness and suicide prevention. Contact: info@coliescloset.org.
- **Community Cycles** -- \$4,702 to support bicycle riding skills and maintenance classes for youth at the Family Learning Center. Contact: rich@communitycycles.org
- **El Centro AMISTAD** -- \$9,750 to support a peer education program focusing on Latino youth health. Contact: companeras@elcentroamistad.org.
- **Phoenix Multisport** -- \$7,090 to support substance-free outdoor recreation opportunities for students at Justice High School. Contact: tad@phoenixmultisport.org.
- **Sage Community Partnership** -- \$10,800 to support educational opportunities for youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Contact: info@sagecp.org.
- **Turning the Wheel Productions** -- \$7,137 to support improvisational theater experiences for middle school students, mentored by high school students. Contact: ttwheel@aol.com.
- **YWCA of Boulder County** -- \$7,000 to support the Puente program, helping 8th grade Latina girls transition into Boulder High School. Contact: janet@ywcaboulder.org.

The following organizations will receive funding for the second year of a two-year annual grant:

- **City of Boulder Parks and Recreation** -- \$6,098 to support outdoor and recreation activities for low-income youth. Contact: zingaa@bouldercolorado.gov.
- **Growing Gardens** -- \$11,646 for Cultiva!, a youth gardening project. Contact: vanessa@growinggardens.org.
- **YMCA/September School** -- \$15,450 to support After Hours Arts & BreakThrough Arts, a collaborative after-school arts program for high school students throughout Boulder. Contact: karen.brown@ymcabv.org.

The Youth Opportunities Program is part of the city's Department of Housing and Human Services. Established in 1994, it is funded entirely by a .15 percent sales tax approved by city taxpayers in 1992. The program's mission is to strengthen the community through empowering youth, providing opportunities for youth, encouraging youth civic participation and community service, and advising city government. The program allocates funds each year to provide cultural, educational and recreational opportunities for middle and high school age youth.

For more information on these grants or applying for future grants, contact Alice Swett with the Youth Opportunities Program at swetta@bouldercolorado.gov or 303-441-4349, or go to www.yoab.org.

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