



2009 Group Activities Fund Fact Sheet

City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Program

What is the Group Activities Fund?

The Group Activities Fund supports projects working directly with or directly benefiting at least ten city of Boulder resident youth of middle or high school age. Projects must provide a cultural, educational or recreational opportunity in the state of Colorado. Following the guidelines set forth in the Human Services Master Plan and the Social Sustainability Strategic Plan, the YOP has a particular interest in funding proposals which do one or more of the following:

- Address issues identified in the YRBS, for example: feeling sad/hopeless, substance use, harassment, health disparities based on sexual orientation or ethnicity, etc. For more information on the YRBS see page 3 of the Request For Proposals.
- Promote the youth voice by engaging youth in structured aspects of civic life and/or in community dialogue on social issues
- Provide after-school and/or summer opportunities that likely wouldn't otherwise be available to youth
- Provide services primarily to middle school youth
- Provide services primarily to immigrant, Latino, or low-income youth
- Provide transportation to help youth access cultural, educational or recreational opportunities

The more youth involvement there is in the planning and implementation of a project, the stronger the application will be. Since all Youth Opportunities Program funding comes from a local sales tax, youth participants in funded projects are requested to do volunteer work in exchange for receiving the funds.

It is a priority that youth not be excluded from participating in the program due to their economic situation. Therefore, if participants will be charged for the program, applicants must provide scholarships to people that need them, and must advertise the scholarships. Eligible youth may apply for the Youth Opportunities Program Individual Fund.

Maximum Grant Size: \$3,000

Minimum Number of Participants: 10 City of Boulder residents of middle or high school age

Application Deadline: the 15th of each month

Please turn over for more information.



Who can apply?

- Youth or adults may apply. Adults are strongly encouraged to collaborate with young people in writing this application.
- Applicant groups/agencies may be funded one time in the 6 month period from January-June, and one time for another project in the period from July-December.
- A specific project can only be funded one time in a calendar year.
- A given project can only receive money from one stream of the Youth Opportunities Program at a time. This means that projects currently receiving money from the Annual Grants or Community Service Fund may not also apply for the Group Activities Fund to work with the same youth.

Review Process

The Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) typically reviews and votes on applications at its monthly business meetings, held the first Friday of each month during the school year. The Board reviews applications on a first-come, first-served basis, typically a maximum of three per month.

Receipts & A Report Are Required

Receipts must be submitted for all purchases made for funded projects. A report form about the project must be filled out once the project has been completed. The report form includes information on volunteer work done by the participants.

Other Resources Available Through the Youth Opportunities Program

- Individual Grants for youth: up to \$200 per year in exchange for volunteer work. No application deadline,
- Volunteer Service Project Grants: materials needed for local service projects done by middle or high school aged youth.
- Annual Grants: for larger projects, during next school year/summer. Proposals are typically due very early in March.
- We also recognize outstanding youth volunteers at a banquet each spring, and publish a newsletter.
- Call Alice Swett at 303-441-4349 or go to www.yoab.org for more information.



2009 Group Activities Fund Application

City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Program

For YOP Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Board Action: _____ Notified?: _____
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This fund is designed to help support short-term projects working directly with or directly benefiting at least ten City of Boulder resident youth of middle or high school age.

Please type the application. An electronic version of this form is available by e-mail from Alice Swett, or at <http://www.yoab.org>. Applications are reviewed by the Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB). The board typically reviews up to three applications per month during the academic year, on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the office for information on applications submitted during the summer. Please be thorough and specific in answering all questions.

Applications are due by the 15th of each month, August-April, to:

Youth Opportunities Program Phone: 303-441-4349
2160 Spruce St Fax: 303-441-4348
Boulder, CO 80302 E-mail: swetta@bouldercolorado.gov

Contact Person ' s Name: _____ Are you: a youth? an adult?

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address & Zip Code: _____

Project Title: _____

A. Amount Requested: _____

B. Projected number of city of Boulder resident participants who are middle/high school aged: _____
Cost per Youth (B, above, divided by A): _____

Have you received a YOP Group Activities grant in the past? _____ If so, when? _____

1. Please describe the program or project you plan to do. When will it happen?

2. How long will it last? Is it a one-time event, or will there be multiple meetings or sessions? How long is each session?

3. How, SPECIFICALLY, do you know that youth are interested in the project/program you plan to do?

4. How many city of Boulder resident middle or high school age youth will be participating in or served by the project/program? _____

What are some specific publicity strategies you will do in order to reach this number, and a diversity of, youth participants?

5. If youth will be involved in organizing the project/program, what will they do, and how many will help?

6. What is the community need for this project/program?

7. How will this project impact middle or high school age city of Boulder youth?

8. How will this project impact the community?

9. Will youth be charged to participate in this program? Yes, \$_____per person No
Remember that individual City of Boulder resident youth can apply independently for grants of up to \$200, in exchange for volunteer work, to allow them to participate in cultural, recreational or educational activities.

If YOAB is to support this program, it is a priority that all youth be able to participate, regardless of their economic situation. How will you guarantee that this can occur, and how will you make that known to potential youth participants?

10. Whenever possible, we expect that youth benefiting from the Youth Opportunities Program do some volunteer work in exchange for receiving the funds. This is because our program is funded entirely by a sales tax paid for by people who shop in Boulder. In exchange for benefiting from the money, we ask kids to give back to the community by doing volunteer work. If needed, we can help you brainstorm ideas for what to do.

Would the youth you 'll be working with be able to do volunteer work? Yes No
If No, please explain why not. If Yes, what might their volunteer work be?

11. If there is any other information you'd like to provide as part of your application, please write it here.

Budget Table

Include expenses only for city of Boulder residents of middle or high school age.

Dollars Requested

Personnel	_____
Materials/Supplies	_____
Transportation	_____
Other (Please specify)	_____
Total Request	_____

What is the total overall cost of organizing this project for Boulder middle/high school age residents? _____

Will you receive funds from other sources to help pay for this project? Yes No
If yes, how much, from where?

Budget Narrative

Explain how, specifically, you'll be spending the money in EACH category listed on the Budget Table: Personnel, Materials/Supplies, Transportation, Other. Your explanation should include the cost of each item and why you need it. For personnel, state who you are paying, at what hourly rate, & what her/his qualifications are.

If you are planning a significant purchase which is not the least expensive of its kind, please explain why you want to use the more expensive item.
