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### City awards grant funds to youth programs

The City of Boulder's Youth Opportunities Program announces allocation of \$192,454 in 2010 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:

- **CU INVST Program** -- \$2,584 to support implementation of a Public Achievement civic engagement curriculum with I Have A Dream Students
- **The Loft/Mark Megibow** -- \$843 to support a Superbowl Party at the new youth dance club.
- **Platt Middle School** -- \$2,100 to support low income students' participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education trip.
- **Casey Middle School** -- \$2,750 to fund poetry classes with Jack Collum.
- **High Plains Youth Symphony** -- \$3,000 to support a spring concert.
- **Diamond Baseball of Boulder** -- \$3,000 to provide youth scholarships.
- **Manhattan Middle School** -- \$900 to fund a "lock-in" for Latino boys, \$3,000 to fund a leadership retreat for Latina girls.
- **North Boulder Little League** -- \$2,575 for youth scholarships.
- **Centennial Middle School** -- \$1,200 for a summer reading program for English Language Learners.
- **Family Learning Center** -- \$3,000 for All-Star Sports Fitness summer camp.
- **Boulder Pride** -- \$3,000 to support a 'zine created by queer youth.
- **BHS/FHS/NVHS AfterProm** -- \$3,000 to support a substance-free all-night party for students immediately following prom.
- **BVSD/Cynthia Stevens** -- \$1,620 for recreational opportunities for students who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- **Sharon Lange** -- \$3,000 to provide music classes to youth in juvenile detention and alternative housing programs.

Annual grant recipients:

- **Boulder High School** - \$7,542 to support academic enrichment for Latino students. Year one of a two-year grant. Contact: michelle.carpenter@bvsd.org.
- **Boulder Judo Training Center** -- \$7,000 to support a youth self-discipline and mentoring program. Contact: sportsconsult@aol.com.
- **Boulder Valley Cycling Alliance** -- \$4,000 to support middle school cycling programs. Contact mikeeubank@me.com.
- **Boulder Youth Body Alliance** -- \$7,000 to support a youth peer education program focused on health, food and body image. Contact: carmenccool@yahoo.com.
- **Boulder Youth Football** -- \$7,500 to support scholarships for low-income players. Contact: meg@boulderfootball.com.
- **Casey Middle School** -- \$13,599 to support Baile Folklorico, a multicultural student Mexican dance troupe. Contact: gloria.diaz@bvsd.org.
- **City of Boulder Parks and Recreation** -- \$8,480 to support outdoor and recreation activities for low-income youth. Year one of a two-year grant. Contact: zingaa@bouldercolorado.gov.
- **Growing Gardens** -- \$10,000 for Cultiva!, a youth gardening project. Contact: vanessa@growinggardens.org.
- **I Have A Dream** -- \$7,920 to support the development of a middle school leadership group. Contact: lori.canova@Ihaveadreamboulder.org.
- **Moving to End Sexual Assault** -- \$7,000 to support Peers Building Justice, a youth peer education program focused on healthy relationships. Contact: emily@movingtoendsexualassault.org.
- **New Vista High School** -- \$9,000 to support Natural Highs which encourages students to live a healthy, sober lifestyle. Contact: kirk.quitter@bvsd.org.
- **Open Arts** --\$5,750 to support Education Links, which sends professional artists into school art classes. Contact: jane@openartsboulder.org.
- **Partners of Boulder County, Inc.** - \$15,000 to support mentoring for youth. Year one of a two-year grant. Contact: partners@bcpartners.org.
- **Wildlands Restoration Volunteers** -- \$4,000 to support a youth steering committee and training for youth crew leaders. Contact: katie@wlrw.org.
- **YMCA of Boulder Valley** -- \$15,000 to support BreakThrough Arts, an after-school program for high school students in collaboration with September School. Year one of a two-year grant. Contact: karen.brown@ymcabv.org.

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

- **Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art** -- \$9,682 to support art-related programming for high school students. Contact: shannon@bmoca.org.
- **Boulder Valley Women's Health Center** -- \$9,871 to support SHAPE, a peer education program focused on sexual health and AIDS awareness. Contact: danielle@bvwhc.org.
- **Colie's Closet.** -- \$11,538 to support a youth peer education program focused on depression and suicide awareness. Contact: coliescloset@comcast.net.

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](http://www.yoab.org).