

## YOUTH GRANTMAKING BOARD

# Request for Proposals 2016

### WHAT IS THE YOUTH GRANTMAKING BOARD?

The Foundation's inaugural 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 2015-2016 Board is comprised of 16 students from the greater Seattle area and is committed to supporting programs and services that help youth 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.

### 2016 GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$20,000

Minimum Funding Request: \$5,000

Maximum Funding Request: \$20,000

The YGB will award one to four one-time, one-year grants during the spring 2016 funding cycle.

### 2016 YOUTH GRANTMAKING BOARD FUNDING PRIORITIES

The YGB invites proposals from established 501c3 nonprofit organizations focused on providing accessible, direct service programs that address issues of mental health for low income families in the Greater Seattle area.

The transitions during childhood and adolescents are challenging periods in any young person's life. Without comprehensive services, many families do not have access to the mental, social and emotional support necessary to deal with the challenges of life. The need for a safe and supportive environment is heightened in communities where there is limited access to such services. YGB believes that in order to address these issues of youth, that there also needs to be a focus on the families that surround them.

In order to support the mental and emotional growth of young people, the YGB seeks to fund programs that meet the unique needs and strengths of the young people they serve.

The YGB will give priority to programs that:

- Work with populations experiencing chemical dependency, child abuse, or homelessness.
- Has expertise in providing direct mental health counseling to individuals or families.
- Has a proven track record and tools to providing services to non-native English speaking communities.

### SCHEDULE

All proposals and back-up materials must be received by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. The YGB will review proposals, contact organizations for more information as needed and conduct site visits to selected agencies in

April 2016. Final grant decisions will be made in May 2016 and recipients will be notified at that time. Recipients will also be invited to attend the YGB Celebration Event on June 12, 2016. The duration of project funding is July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017.

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Grant Cover Sheet
- Program narrative (maximum three pages)
- Documentation of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (if applicable)
- Easy-to-read proposed program or project budget
- If applicable, please include a short financial narrative explaining any shifts in fundraising strategies
- 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.
- 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?
- Describe the benefits of your approach and use of best practices.
- Identify any collaborative partnerships.
- Describe how you evaluate this effort, including the criteria that you use to gauge success.

## GRANT PERIOD AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017. 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 in February 2017. We encourage you to contact Ruel Olanday ([r.olanday@seattlefoundation.org](mailto:r.olanday@seattlefoundation.org)) and Katie Donnelly ([k.donnelly@seattlefoundation.org](mailto:k.donnelly@seattlefoundation.org)) to discuss your eligibility and proposal ideas.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant organizations must be located in King County and must qualify as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Service Code.
- 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.
- Programs eligible for funding must identify economically disadvantaged youth as their primary audience.
- 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 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016 by mail, email, fax or hand delivery to:**