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**City funds youth violence prevention projects**

*Three projects receive a total of \$75,000*

SEATTLE – Mayor Greg Nickels today announced three neighborhood projects that will receive a total of \$75,000 as part of the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. The awards were made through the Department of Neighborhoods.

“These projects help our kids, and our community,” said Nickels. “Each organizer demonstrated a clear commitment to our goal of reducing youth violence and mentoring tomorrow’s leaders.”

Each of the organizations will receive \$25,000. They include:

- Black-on-Black Crime Prevention Coalition to provide values re-orientation sessions to gang-involved youth and one-on-one mentoring. The program rewards youth participants as they show progress in making lifestyle changes.
- Umoja Fest to support its “Game Recognize Game” program, which uses sports as a lens to examine the attitudes and behaviors necessary for success on the court or playing field, or in life. Participants gain decision-making and strategic planning skills while organizing an annual community basketball tournament.
- Youth 180 to continue its work with former gang-affiliated individuals who provide outreach to at-risk and gang-involved youth. The program also provides youth with experiences in community building activities, such as peace picnics, public safety meetings, neighborhood cleanups, and skill building through educational and vocational activities.

In addition, the City of Seattle will provide technical assistance to each of the three organizations so they can continue after the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative funding ends.

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