



Youth Opportunity Fund

Questions & Answers

Q: What is the contract period?

A: September 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017

Q: Can the funding augment existing programs?

A: Funding is for one-time use, not to backfill a lack of funds for an existing, ongoing program.

Q: What does Positive Connections mean?

A: Youth and young adults have a positive connection to an adult, their school or community. Positive connections help improve risk factors in the lives of youth and young adults. This could be a relationship with a mentor or a coach, but is not limited to these roles.

Q: Do you have examples of past projects that have been funded through YOF?

A: Peacemaking circles with youth associated with the juvenile justice system. (learn more [here](#)). BUILD the Hood events and barbershop series (learn more [here](#)).

Q: What performance measurements were used by past funded projects?

A: Not as stringent as some funding opportunities due to the time limits of the opportunity. Attendance, self-reporting by participants, and before and after surveys were used by previous applicants.

Q: Can things like a leadership institute that involves working with a cohort from a regular, ongoing project be eligible for funding?

A: Yes. Your application will need to be clear about how the cohort is distinct and separate and not just part of the usual programming being offered.

Q: We are interested in offering a new program with Seattle Public Schools, but three months may not be enough time. We usually do more long-term work that involves building relationships with participants over time

A: This funding could give you an opportunity to try out or pilot a project short term. However, this funding is not meant to supplement existing programs.

Q: Can students participate in this at the same time as they participate in other city funded projects offered by my agency?

A: Yes.

Q: Does this funding come up every year?

A: Agencies should consider this one-time funding. While the City is releasing this funding again, the amount of funding and population served is different.

The Human Services Department also has an Innovation Fund that organizations might be interested in applying for which you can learn about [here](#). The City offers several grants throughout the year, and you can learn more [here](#).

Q: Why start in September and end in October? Last year this funding was released in the summer.

A: Last year's funding was available for the summer months into the fall. This year the funding was available later in the year and resulted in a later start and end date.

Q: Can this time be extended?

A: Projects should be designed to begin September 1 and end November 30.

Q: Can we use this funding for tutoring program that is ongoing?

A: A tutoring program would be eligible, but not an ongoing program.

Q: What do you mean by health?

A: Includes behavioral health (or mental health) and physical health. We are interested in hearing from applications what the health issues are for the community they are serving and how they want to address them through this project.

Q: Will the City do any pre-assessment of needs in the community before a project can be funded?

A: Applications should provide brief information about the need in the community that you are addressing in your project, as raters may not have expertise for every community. However, the majority of your answer should be about what your solution is to the need identified.

Q: Can things like insurance or business license be billed to the grant? What can be applied?

A: Liability insurance and business licenses cannot be included as a cost to the grant. Direct costs that relate to the successful implementation of the project can be charged.

Q: How can I get help on my application?

A: Sign up for one-on-one assistance at one of the three Help Sessions, by sending an email to DON_Grants@seattle.gov or by calling 206.256.5947.

Q: Is there a minimum or maximum # of youth/young adults a project should serve?

A: No.