



**san francisco youth
empowerment fund**

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*Supports Youth Leadership, Amplifies Youth Voice, Strengthens
Community, Activates Youth-Led Change*

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YEF Community Funders

Community Funders are responsible for the review and disbursement of YEF Mini-Grant Funds. Community Funders read & score mini-grant applications, interview applicants, and use a consensus model to make funding decisions. Community Funders are also responsible for following mini-grantee progress and hosting a youth-leader event. Additionally, Community Funders serve as facilitators for YEF's Youth Advocacy Day. Community Funders support the training of participants in YEF's Youth Giving Project. *Up to 12 high school students (must have completed YEF's Youth Giving Project), PT 4-6 hours/week, \$12.25/hour*

YEF Mini-Grants

YEF awards \$125,000 annually in mini-grants supporting projects initiated and led by youth citywide. Young people in San Francisco can apply for up to \$10,000, 3 times a year, to fund their unique ideas and vision addressing important community issues and need.

YEF Youth Giving Project

YEF's Social Justice & Philanthropy program. Youth learn about Philanthropy, Critical Social Justice grantmaking, understanding of San Francisco social issues as well as its unique neighborhood communities, and funding for current youth needs. Youth Giving Project awards \$10,000 in mini-grant funding for the summer mini-grant cycle. Youth who have successfully participated in Youth Giving Project are qualified to apply for a Community Funder position in the upcoming school year (August). *10-12 high school students (priority registration for freshman and seniors), meetings 1xmonth April – July, youth receive \$100 participation stipends 1xmonth*

Youth Advocacy Day (YAD)

Youth Advocacy Day is an historic day of civic engagement for San Francisco's youth. Held each spring, Youth Advocacy Day brings nearly 200 high school students into City Hall to participate in hands-on civic engagement. Youth speak directly to their elected city officials through panel discussions and workshops. Citywide youth activism and advocacy are spotlighted during YAD. Since 2010, YAD has brought over 600 youth into San Francisco's city government.

Youth Warrior Award & Recognition

The annual Youth Warrior Award is awarded to 12-16 young leaders who have made a commitment to using their knowledge, skills, and talents to better themselves as well as the communities around them. Youth Warriors are nominated by community-based organizations throughout San Francisco and celebrated annually at City Hall.

The Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board (YEFAB)

Established in 2006, YEFAB is the lead decision maker determining The Youth Empowerment Fund's grants and funding strategies, www.dcyf.org. Outstanding youth leaders representing the varied communities that make up San Francisco provide direction and oversight to The Youth Empowerment Fund. YEFAB partners with other youth leadership groups to ensure that youth voice is incorporated in the city's decision-making processes. *Current YEFAB membership is comprised of YEF's Community Funders and Youth Giving Project participants.*

YEF Mini-Grantees 2015-2016

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Sponsoring Organization</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Amount Awarded</i>
Spring Projects (January-June 2016)			
Bayview Film Project	Bayview YMCA	Youth produced documentary will highlight youth hip hop artists from around SF with a focus on the Bayview.	\$3,200
Bayview Youth Summit	CYC	Youth planned conference for the Bayview community will offer workshops on sexual health, intimate partner violence and public safety.	\$3,800
Beat the Beast	CYC	High school youth will facilitate healthy eating and physical activity workshops for younger peers in Elementary and High School.	\$3,100
Financial Empowerment Function	Mission SF	Youth facilitated and planned event where students learn about financial literacy, saving and tips on FAFSA.	\$4,000
GSA Conference	RAMS	Youth planned conference for queer youth and allies at SFUSD schools will offer workshops on sexual health and supportive space for queer teens.	\$3,700
Horizons Neighborhood Olympics	Horizon's Unlimited	Youth will host a field day with teams from youth organizations in the Mission focused on physical activity and healthy living.	\$4,100
Project Healthy Fest	R.O.C.K.	Middle school youth want to host a healthy eating day for	\$3,800

		kids and families at the Bayview YMCA. Event will include cooking demonstration, healthy eating	
Puma Prevents	Bayview YMCA	Student athletes at Burton high school will facilitate a sexual violence and rape prevention program at their school, including outreach to other student athletes and awareness events for their school community.	\$4,300
Vote 16 YEA!	Generation Citizen	Project will create a network of youth leaders in SF high schools that will promote civic engagement and voter education for high school students.	\$4,600
School Year Projects (October 2015-May 2016)			
All City Arts Festival	Sunset Youth Services	Youth produced Podcast project to highlight youth artists in SF ending in a music festival showcase of youth performances in Union Square.	\$10,000
Beacon Leadership Team	Bayview YMCA	Leadership club needs funding to put on school community events to learn leadership skills and bring the community together.	\$4,106
Game Day Café	Bayview YMCA	Youth-led concessions at the Bayview YMCA will expand to include catering services and host fundraising events to generate money for youth to participate in sports.	\$10,000

Gardening and Agriculture	West Bay Pilipino Multi-Services Center	Youth in the SOMA will build and maintain a community garden with other youth from the community. Eventually using produce for healthy cooking & to sell to the community.	\$7,470
Re-Inventing Wellness	Community Works West	Project WHAT! Youth leaders will develop training for Wellness counselors to better support youth with an incarcerated parent.	\$10,000
Romeo & Juliet YAB	SF Public Health Foundation	Project Youth on a Public Health Advisory Board will create a video & forum theater version of Romeo & Juliet that focuses on mental health issues.	\$7,100
We Are Here	Youth Art Exchange	Art project that creates individual pieces for each SF neighborhood to be reproduced using printmaking equipment. Art will focus on bringing awareness to the real lives of San Franciscans not just the media representations and tourist attractions.	\$5,000
Total Amount Awarded			\$89,276