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TO: Kalamazoo Area Non-Profit Organizations
FROM: Youth United Way
RE: Request for Proposals

Youth United Way Mission Statement:

“Coming Together to Make a Difference in Our Community Through the Empowerment of Youth”

Your organization is invited to apply for up to \$6,000 in the 2019 Youth United Way (YUW) grant cycle. Applications for funding must be received at the United Way office at 709 South Westnedge, **no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, February 15, 2019**. Please note information below regarding eligibility criteria and areas of interest. After an initial review of requests, YUW members may wish for additional information and will contact you with questions to schedule interviews and/or visits. Grants will be publicly announced and funds distributed at our year-end celebration in May.

FUNDING INTEREST AREAS YUW is looking to fund projects and/or programs involving and impacting Kalamazoo County youth regardless of their race, identities, financial status, or abilities. We remain dedicated to the community process of TRHT (Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation) and the importance youth advocacy in College and/or Career Readiness. We would like to see youth driven, inclusive opportunities that demonstrate ways youth are positive members of our community. Requests for funding will be viewed with an overview of empathy, defined by YUW as equity plus caring.

In your answers to the enclosed questions, we will pay close attention to the following:

- How youth are involved in creation, implementation and evaluation of this program/project. If not, why not?
- Requests may not exceed \$6,000. Organizations may choose to submit more than one request but must indicate which request reflects greater need.
- A method for evaluation of the outcomes (successes, opportunities for change) of the program/project. If this request is for a program/project previously funded by YUW, show current outcomes.

ELIGIBILITY: YUW members work as an advisors to Youth Fund endowments at Kalamazoo Community Foundation. We also represent United Way of Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region and speak as representatives of youth of Kalamazoo County. Any organization applying for funds from YUW must be willing to sign the Kalamazoo Community Foundation Inclusiveness Statement, available upon request if this is unfamiliar to you.

Please respond to the questions on the enclosed RFP form. Your grant request information pages may be no more than THREE pages and should include your responses to the questions on the enclosed form. Typed responses no smaller than 10 point font is preferred. In addition to the information pages, please include:

- Completed (enclosed) cover page.
- Budget summary page showing costs for this program/project. Please include any additional financial resources you have, or expect to receive for this program/project. Indicate, if possible, how YUW funds would impact the budget.
- Copy of State of Michigan 501(c)(3) non-profit status or other applicable documentation.

Any questions about the Youth United Way grant process should be directed to Mary Lou Boughton, Program Director, by phone: 269-250-9822, or email: marylou.boughton@gmail.com

Coming Together To Make a Difference

A program of United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region & Kalamazoo Community Foundation

2019 Youth United Way Request for Proposals Form

One (unstapled) copy of your request must be received in the office of
Youth United Way at 709 South Westnedge Avenue
no later than 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Projects or programs requesting funding must provide health and/or human services for Kalamazoo County residents, especially youth. Applicants must be non-profit organizations and must include, with each grant submission, a copy of 501(c)(3) documentation or other applicable documentation of non-profit status. Awards will be presented at the Youth United Way year-end celebration in May, 2019.

In no more than THREE PAGES, respond to the following:

1. Description: Please describe the project/program seeking funds from YUW. How does this request empower Kalamazoo County youth to make a difference?
2. Details: Who do you wish to impact? Number of youth directly impacted? What communication methods are used to promote your program to potential and/or current participants?
3. Outcomes: Please include your plan for evaluation of this program/project. How will you use evaluation outcomes to benefit youth of Kalamazoo County?
4. Youth Input: How are youth involved in planning, decision-making, and evaluation of this program/project?
5. Duration: What is the schedule and/or duration of the project/program? Is this program ongoing or planned to take place for a pre-determined length of time?
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know? Stories or examples are appreciated.

