



*Accelerating Leadership and Innovation
Beyond the Classroom*

2014 Capacity Building Grantees

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| ACES - Athletes Committed to Educating Students | Minneapolis | \$20,000 |
| ACES works to close the academic achievement gap of at-risk urban students. ACES' Program Coordinator for the Saint Paul sites will further the organization's focus on continuous quality improvement and data collection through YPQA and fully utilize Sprockets.
http://www.ACES4Kids.org | | |
| Asian Media Access | Minneapolis | \$15,000 |
| Asian Media Access is dedicated to promote social betterment for the Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Funds will be used to participate in Sprockets for its P.H.U.N. - Positively Healthy U Network Initiative. www.amamedia.org | | |
| Banyan Community | Minneapolis | \$20,000 |
| Banyan Community provides high quality programs using a three-tiered approach to revitalize the Phillips neighborhood, by developing youth, strengthening families and creating community. Support will be for youth programs that focus on college readiness and prepares first generation, urban middle and high school age youth, with the support of their parents. www.banyancommunity.org | | |
| Center School, Inc. | Minneapolis | \$20,000 |
| Center School is an alternative grades 7-12 school serving 90 students annually, offers core academics, enrichments and interventions, indigenous cultural language and activities, with an increased emphasis on outdoor learning. Support will provide consultation for teachers on outdoor learning, paid internships linked to academic credits and two extended day field trips that integrate academics, indigenous wisdom, leadership development and exercise opportunities.
www.centerschool.org | | |
| Centro, Inc. | Minneapolis | \$20,000 |
| Centro is a multipurpose human services organization reaching the Latino community in Minneapolis with education and health programs. Support will build capacity of its Raices youth development program through the creation of a youth leadership council, staff professional development, and community and career engagement. www.centromn.org | | |
| Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc | New Hope | \$15,000 |
| Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc. is dedicated to empowering individuals to move from conflict to resolution and from harm to healing through mediation and restorative justice processes grounded in self-determination. Support will provide youth-driven, restorative justice | | |

alternatives to traditional school disciplinary and juvenile justice systems for - and with - youth in northern and western Hennepin County. www.communitymediations.org

Connections to Independence

Minneapolis \$15,000

Fostering Connections is a project designed to support capacity building within our organization to participate in coordinated OST systems that increase youth leadership and advocacy of teens and young adults affected by the Foster Care system. Support will increase opportunities for youth in foster care and its ability to create positive youth development outcomes for this highly disconnected population. www.c2iyouth.org

Cookie Cart

Minneapolis \$25,000

Cookie Cart's mission is to provide teens with lasting and meaningful work, life and leadership skills through experience and training in an urban nonprofit bakery. Support will strengthen quality of volunteer program where community members can share their time and talents with Cookie Cart teens and to develop increased youth leadership and social entrepreneurial activities. www.cookiecart.org

Cycles for Change

Saint Paul \$20,000

Cycles for Change works to build a diverse and empowered community of bicyclists through helping young people gain the competence, confidence and community they need to be successful learners and leaders. Support will be used to: 1) expand its Youth Apprenticeship program to reach 20 youth for a full year; 2) expand the number of apprentices staying with the organization for a second year as Youth Leaders; and 3) expand C4C build-a-bike classes to serve 150 community youth. www.cyclesforchange.org

El Colegio High School

Minneapolis \$20,000

El Colegio is rooted in Latino experience and drawing upon the intellect and talents of its bicultural and multilingual students and their families by providing students with academic excellence, leadership skills, and the community connections necessary to become lifelong leaders and change agents. Support will bring together Social Justice, Community Organizing, and Youth Leadership to cultivate youth skills to influence systems that affect their lives. <http://www.el-colegio.org>

In Progress

Saint Paul \$20,000

In Progress provides opportunities for young people to develop their skills as storytellers, artists, and leaders through the use of photography, video, and music. Support for the Youth Arts & Leadership component of Studio 213 is focused specifically on building the professional skills of youth leaders within the north end neighborhood of Saint Paul and documenting the model for public use. www.in-progress.org

Indigenous Peoples Task Force

Minneapolis \$15,000

The Indigenous Peoples Task Force is dedicated to improving the health and education of Native American people across Minnesota, through efforts focusing on reducing health disparities including HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, tobacco-linked diseases and obesity-linked diseases. Support will be used for the Ikidowin Youth Development Project, which focuses on involving youth to develop messages and methods to reach other Native youth to promote positive decision-making. www.indigenouspeoplestf.org

Jabbok Family Services

Minneapolis \$15,000

Jabbok provides low-income children and youth with opportunities that work to intentionally close the achievement and opportunity gaps, promote self-sufficiency and generate social and economic

return on investment to our community. Support for COOL Youth activities engage under-served middle and high school youth in integrated academic support and enrichment programming targeted to meet complex learning needs for successful school performance and social emotional development. www.jabbokfamilyservices.org

Juxtaposition Arts Minneapolis \$25,000
Juxtaposition Arts (JXTA) is a locally-rooted, youth-powered art and design social enterprise in North Minneapolis. Support will be for its Pathways to College and Careers (PaCC), a capacity development and field building initiative, that systematizes opportunities for youth to leverage the skills and connections made at JXTA as they move into adulthood. www.juxtaposition.org

Kaleidoscope Place Minneapolis \$15,000
Kaleidoscope Place is an afterschool and summer program for underserved students in the Phillip's neighborhood. Support for the Youth Center Café will engage 11-25 year olds in the creation of a social enterprise that involves food production and sales in cooperation with the currently operating non-profit café which is located at the Center for Changing Lives. www.kaleidoscope-kids.org

Kwanzaa Community Church, PCUSA Minneapolis \$20,000
Kwanzaa promotes community, justice, social change, and empowerment for the children and families of north Minneapolis. Support will build on the foundational skills and expertise of our OST staff to use YPQA to assess, plan and improve process and ultimately bring cohesion to its broader evaluation cycle. www.kwanzaachurch.org

La Oportunidad Minneapolis \$20,000
La Oportunidad offers six inter-connected programs to foster success for all members of low-income Twin Cities Latino families including pre-school literacy, after school and summer programs for K-12 students, career and job search skills and parental involvement in kids' education. Support will help middle and high school students and young adults guide and participate in programs to help gain educational success, develop future goals and achieve their potential. www.oportunidad.org

Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota Minneapolis \$15,000
Lao Youth Leadership Project is patterned after a highly successful Lao Leadership Club in Elgin, Illinois. Support will be used to organize and implement two middle and high school clubs to help 24 Lao youth acculturate and develop their leadership skills via planning and implementing quarterly service projects and other activities. www.laocenter.org

Little Earth Resident Association Minneapolis \$15,000
Little Earth of United Tribes provides housing for 212 Native American families and offers wrap-around support services, education, health and employment programming. Support will engage youth in OST programming options, which philosophically functions around meaningful participation and provides real world responsibility and experience. www.littleearth.org/

Mentoring Young Adults Saint Paul \$20,000
Mentoring Young Adults develops and empowers young adults with a vision for their lives by focusing on leadership development, employment, housing, secondary education, and entrepreneurial skills. Support will secure a permanent location to pilot a business development program and provide training opportunities for Saint Paul youth in the north end neighborhood.

Minnesota African Women's Association Brooklyn Center \$15,000
MAWA's mission is to promote the health and wellbeing of African women and their families in the Twin Cities. Support will be used for The African Big Sisters project to pair 20 current and highly challenged MAWA participants with 20 African girls in local colleges to provide mentorship and support to the many challenges faced by the African female middle and high school participants.
www.mawanet.org

New American Academy Edina \$20,000
New American Academy organization was established because of the growing needs, issues, challenges and demands of the ever-growing Somali immigrant in Eden Prairie. Support will be used to provide academic, leadership and entrepreneurship trainings for Somali youth and families.
www.newamericanacademy.org

One2One Minneapolis \$4,500
One2One's innovative mentorship model will partner with the YMCA, Edina Schools, Normandale Community College, and Edina Challenge to facilitate mentoring that helps at-risk youth build relationships with adults. Support will be used to coordinate a model to build a shared data systems, recruit and train 20 mentors. www.one2onementor.org

Oromo Community of Minnesota (OCM) Saint Paul \$15,000
OCM serves the Oromo. Support will be used to recruit, engage, and prepare 30 under-served and under-engaged middle school and high school youth for college while providing high quality academic enrichment activities supplemented by the arts and folk culture.
www.oromocommunitymn.org

OutFront Minnesota Community Services Minneapolis \$15,000
OutFront Minnesota provides leadership by delivering programs and services to Minnesota's LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) and allied communities in the areas of community organizing, public policy, anti-violence, law, education and training. Support will be used to promote Minnesota School Pride to create a safer school climate by connecting with the Gay Student Association throughout the metro and state to provide leadership development along with LGBT competence trainings for teachers and school professionals. www.outfront.org

Peta Wakan Tipi Scandia \$20,000
Peta Wakan Tipi/Dream of Wild Health is a Native American organization working to create and restore an Indigenous relationship with the land, access to healthy foods and lifestyles as the only non-urban Native-led farm in the Twin Cities. Support will provide Native youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to preserve the land and environment that sustains us; deepen their connection to their culture; and increase their knowledge of healthy foods and diabetes prevention.
www.dreamofwildhealth.org

Phyllis Wheatley Community Center Minneapolis \$20,000
Phyllis Wheatley Community Center's provides life-long learning, child development and youth and family services for the diverse Greater Minneapolis community. Support will be used to increase exposure, education, and meaningful engagement of youth around healthy living and access to nutritious food choices. www.pwcc.org

Power of People Leadership Institute/Girls in Action Robbinsdale \$20,000
Girls in Action™ provides an innovative and empowering service-learning approach to authentic youth engagement, offering a weekly research-based curriculum to girls in grades 7 - 12 in

Minneapolis and Saint Paul schools. Support will be used for personal power and leadership development for young women. www.giaction.org

Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN) Saint Paul \$15,000

A Community Media Center located in downtown Saint Paul, SPNN empowers youth and adults to use media and communications to better lives, use authentic voice and build common understanding. In partnership with Saint Paul Public Libraries, Saint Paul Parks & Recreation Department, and the Science Museum of Minnesota, we will offer youth unique opportunities to "Hang Out, Mess Around and Geek Out" on technology -- either at their own pace, or through the Createch programming that we will offer. www.spnn.org

Somali American Parent Association Minneapolis \$15,000

Somali American Parent Association works with East African youth and their families to help bridge the achievement gap by providing direct tutoring and OST programming at refugee/immigrant oriented charter schools, and providing resources and trainings to both East African parents and school staff to help bridge cultural, logistical and knowledge divides. Support will be used to implement findings of SAPA's YPQA assessment. www.mnsapa.org

Students Today Leaders Forever (STLF) Minneapolis \$15,000

STLF's meaningful programs inspire youth, including underserved populations, to live a lifestyle of leadership and service. Support will be used for middle school, high school, and college programs to build a student leadership pipeline and organizational capacity. www.stlf.net

Tennis & Education, Inc Saint Paul \$15,000

Tennis & Education Center is a community center dedicated to providing accessible tennis and education opportunities to the Twin Cities public, especially low-income youth. Support will be used to build the leadership capacity and authentic engagement of opportunity youth by implementing both a mentoring program and a youth advisory council. www.fwtec.org

The BrandLab Minneapolis \$15,000

The BrandLab provides opportunity and access for young people of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue careers in marketing. Support will be used to complete a comprehensive audit and refinement of its data tracking methods to incorporate strategic and consistent tools for evaluating and improving programs. www.TheBrandLab.org

The Cultural Wellness Center Minneapolis \$20,000

The Cultural Wellness Center works to engage people in a culturally-based supportive process which helps them make sustainable changes in behavior, attitude and lifestyle. Support will be used to offer hands-on technical support and training for 2 teams of 8 youth in agricultural techniques done in collaboration with existing food projects. www.ppcwc.org

Trans Youth Support Network Minneapolis \$10,000

TYSN promotes justice for trans youth and fosters safe spaces where trans youth can survive systems of oppression, claim resources and power, and shape another world supportive of our whole selves. Support will be used for its Leadership Development Program to train and support a new generation of young trans leaders to develop the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to make TYSN genuinely youth-led and to lead on wider campaigns, building strong networks of trans youth and effecting lasting change. www.transyouthsupportnetwork.org

Urban Arts Academy Minneapolis \$15,000
Urban Arts Academy invests in South Minneapolis youth through culturally-inclusive arts-infused education that arises from community need and involvement. Support will be used to partner with Project Footsteps to develop a sustainable structure for youth involvement and community engagement that begins with internal leadership opportunities for middle school youth and progresses to community engagement and leadership for high school youth.
www.urbanartsacademy.org

Urban Boatbuilders Saint Paul \$15,000
Urban Boatbuilders is a youth development organization that utilizes the building and use of wooden boats as a vehicle to develop the academic, leadership and work readiness skills of opportunity youth and provides them with opportunities to experience success. Support will be used to participate in a coordinated OST system through an expanded partnership with Sprockets as well as program quality improvement utilizing the Youth Program Quality Assessment.
www.urbanboatbuilders.org

Urban Roots (formerly Community Design Center of MN) Saint Paul \$15,000
Urban Roots provides long-term youth internships and education opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth and youth of color in growing food, health and conservation. The program integrates opportunities for youth leadership and engagement, as crew leaders, Youth Council, and weekly education sessions. We will continue to work with YPQA, Sprockets Citywide database, Charities Review Council, Sprockets After-School Accelerators cohort, Youth Job Corps, Youth Work Institute and others. www.urbanrootsmn.org

Vora S.E.R.V.I.C.E. Circle Pines \$11,000
Vora S.E.R.V.I.C.E.S is a volunteer based tutoring/mentoring program providing youth from low income families academic help all year round to gain the skills, knowledge and the abilities needed to graduate from high school, prepare them for college or vocation and to be successful in the 21st century. Support will be used to hire staff and buy equipment to improve and evaluate continuous quality programming using the YPQA and the Sprockets Cityspan database system.

Walker West Music Academy Saint Paul \$25,000
Walker West Music Academy creates a space for people of all ages and backgrounds to gather, explore, and grow, through music. Support will be used to expand its YPQA framework in program offerings to further develop, deliver, evaluate & track high quality music education and enrichment programs. www.WalkerWestMusicAcademy.org

WE WIN Institute, Inc. Minneapolis \$15,000
WE WIN Institute supports the academic and social achievement of at-risk youth. Support will be used for Yes We Can! Youth Achievers project to increase access to quality youth programs and improve outcomes for Minneapolis youth. www.we-win.org

WellShare International Minneapolis \$15,000
WellShare International improves the health of women, children and their communities through community-based programs built on best practices and rigorous monitoring/evaluation. Support will be used for the Young Achievers Capacity Building project, which increases access to quality OST programs for immigrant/refugee youth in Minneapolis by developing a YPQA quality improvement plan and completing the Charities Review Council Standards. www.wellshareinternational.org

West 7th Community Center Saint Paul \$15,000
West 7th Community Center serves residents of Saint Paul's West 7th and surrounding neighborhoods. Support will be used for West 7th Children and Youth Programs to provide an enrollment-based, licensed and accredited year-round academic and youth development program for youth in grades K-9. www.west7th.org

Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE), Inc. Saint Paul \$20,000
WISE's community-based programs build skills and promote self-sufficiency of immigrant and refugee women and girls while raising public awareness of issues related to the success of immigrants and refugees in their new home. WISE will utilize the Sprockets database, YPQA and SAYO evaluations tools to enhance the capacity of the GGAL after school program that works to assist low income, immigrant/refugee girls in grades 7-12 to build academic, English language, college readiness and leadership skills. www.womenofwise.org

Youth Farm Minneapolis \$20,000
Youth Farm is a youth development organization that uses food to engage youth ages 9-24 in neighborhood-based social change work. Support will be used to implement projects that utilize food as an innovative tool to engage youth and neighbors in food justice initiatives including farming and food distribution, resulting in increased access to healthy food, stronger neighborhood connections, neighborhood level systems impact, and long-term leadership development and organizing skills for youth. www.youthfarmmn.org

Youth Performance Company Minneapolis \$15,000
YPC fuels the creative spirit of youth by developing and empowering young artists through theater-focused out-of-school experiences. Support will be used to complete a youth-led evaluation process and train YPC youth leaders, have them evaluate the experience and impact of our Black History Month social-justice production, and share their gained knowledge, with an outcome of better feedback, input and direction from young artists on all programming. www.youthperformanceco.org

YouthCARE Minneapolis \$15,000
YouthCARE provides youth with positive, multicultural OST programs that develop employment, leadership, and life skills. Support will be used to hire 6 youth from its Multicultural Youth Employment Program, as well as a professional consultant to develop and implement racial justice training for all adult and youth staff and the board. www.youthcaremn.org

youthrive Minneapolis \$15,000
youthrive has practiced a youth-adult engagement process that lifts up youth voice and engages youth as leaders with adult partners for community action. Support will be used for its youth leadership team (YLT) to provide a structured group mentoring and leadership development program that genuinely engages youth with adult partners to plan and lead service-learning projects inspired by the lives of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and also advise and guide the youthrive governing board. www.youthrive.net