



youthpraise

# 2018

## Capacity Building Grantees

In November 2017, Youthpraise awarded grants to **21 organizations totaling \$365,000**. Using a youth only panel review process, youth reviewers thoughtfully scored and ranked video applications and determined awardees based in part on how projects advance racial equity and benefit the needs of youth. **Nearly 70 request for proposals were received totaling \$1.4 million in requested funding**. The goal of our 2018 capacity building grantmaking is to help nonprofit leaders, youth-serving staff, and organizations test ideas and approaches and develop skills, knowledge, capabilities, and resources to make their work more effective and therefore more impactful to the youth they serve.

### Thanks to everyone who applied!

#### Science Museum of Minnesota

Saint Paul

A capacity building project that supports youth participants and youth development staff in the Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center high school program to develop skills, knowledge, capabilities, and resources to make their work financially sustainable and professionally impactful through quarterly professional development workshops focused on entrepreneurship and consulting skills.

\$20,000

#### Urban Roots

Saint Paul

Using the USDA's model of My Plate, participants in the Cook Fresh program will take previous learning from the summer 2017 session that focused on healthy portions and food groups and will integrate healthy eating habits into their communities. By the end of the project, they will have a deeper understanding of the USDA's MyPlate recommendations and will be able to better share this information with their families and with community members.

\$20,000

## Wellshare International

Minneapolis

The Young Achievers (TYA) youth program provides programming for young people to support them in learning how to live healthy and productive lives. While the program is open to any youth, there is a focus on young Somalis. The capacity building project focuses on developing and piloting a curriculum on reproductive health, developing a youth advisory board, and partnering with three new community arts organizations.

\$20,000

## Neighborhood House

Saint Paul

Neighborhood House is rebuilding its Youth Leadership programming with an overarching mission to improve literacy in the areas of reading, digital, and financial and social for St. Paul youth. Through this project, they will focus heavily on developing grade appropriate reading skills. They anticipate teens will advance their general reading skills a minimum of two levels over the course of one year and will build confidence, connect with caring adults, and ultimately increase their chances of high school graduation.

\$20,000

## We Win Institute

Minneapolis

WE WIN's capacity building project is a component of their organizational initiative 200 by 2020, the initiative's goal is to assist 200 young women in their entry into post-secondary institutions by 2020. The Youth LEAP program will support the implementation of an entrepreneurship curriculum that uses creativity and financial literacy to help young women plan for post-secondary life.

\$15,000

## The JK Movement

Saint Paul

A capacity building project that centers on beginning the organizational transition from a volunteer based staff to a compensation based staff. The JK Movement will hire a full time office assistant and a youth program driver. These hires will allow the Executive Director to optimize his time better to meet the needs of an expanding organization.

\$14,000

## Voices for Racial Justice

Minneapolis

The Mental Health in Color campaign is a capacity building project that provides youth the opportunity to participate in a storytelling and narrative building campaign about the mental health crisis impacting youth of color. This model addresses the reality that youth can only show up fully for systemic change when their personal needs are being met. The goal of the youth organizing work is to shift systems that are not working for communities while building the capacities of youth.

\$20,000

## The Brand Lab

Minneapolis

The DevelopU program provides professional development workshops and enhanced career readiness trainings for youth. The program pairs 21st century work experience with workforce readiness skills. The goal of the program is to build a bridge of support from the classrooms and internship programs to entry level career opportunities.

\$15,000

## We Impact!

Minneapolis

Expansion of the INNOVATE 2 ELEVATE (I2E) Summer Institute. The expansion in 2018 will build on 2017's programming in several significant ways by recruiting more youth, expanding their partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota, offering more experiential learning opportunities, recruiting more STEM companies/organizations, and strengthening their organizational infrastructure.

\$15,000

## American Indian Family Center

Saint Paul

The Native Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) project will give participants voice in programming and decision-making. In this project, youth are responsible for the leadership of NYAC, which is based on a youth-adult partnership program model with assistance and coordination coming from the Waaban Ogimaawag staff.

\$14,000

## St. Paul Neighborhood Network

Saint Paul

Building Capacity with Resident Artists program is designed to provide life-changing opportunities to 50 youth of diverse backgrounds. In addition to informal youth-driven media learning, a smaller set of participants will develop leadership skills by co-leading with resident artists and serving as peer mentors at select community locations. The project will not only build the capacity of SPNN, but also the youth, artists, and community at large.

\$20,000

## The Power of the People

Minneapolis

Boys of Hope helps young men in Minneapolis see a future beyond the poverty and crime that dominate their daily lives. Through the group leaders and participants, the boys are inspired to stay in school, set goals and work towards them, and be responsible for their lives.

\$20,000

## Redeemer Center for Life

Minneapolis

The goal of this project is to build capacity for youth programs that prioritize leadership development and racial equity. Entrepreneurialism and housing advocacy are two of the priorities that youth will focus on during the project. Youth participants will also be integrated into the full range of work in social engagement, creative enterprise, and relationship building with a range of individuals, organizations, and government and business partners.

\$20,000

## Legacy Keepers

Minneapolis

This capacity building project is focused on improving organizational development by undertaking several administrative, programmatic, and infrastructure related projects designed to strengthen governance, operations, and program delivery.

\$7,000

## Bolder Options

Minneapolis

Brothas' BBQ is the Social Enterprise platform of the African-American male focused "Brotha-to-Brotha" (B2B) Youth Mentoring Collaborative. It will be a youth-run, economic engine that will allow the boys in the program the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial spirit and make the connection between their current academics, higher education, career choices, and economic sustainability.

\$19,920

## Cycles for Change

Saint Paul

Cycles for Change's (C4C) youth apprenticeship engages youth as bicycle mechanics, educators, ambassadors, and leaders. In 2017-2018, C4C will focus its energy on building the capacity of the organization through engaging youth in building out our brand new Minneapolis bike shop.

\$15,000

## Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio

Saint Paul

The YA! Program aims to reverse education inequality through a comprehensive approach which includes supporting students and recognizing their families and cultural values as assets. Program activities include mandatory monthly Saturday Leadership Institutes that emphasize

leadership development, civic engagement, and mentorship support designed to further success in high school and preparation for college and career.

\$20,000

## Arts Us

Saint Paul

Through Planting Peace: Growing Justice, youth will participate in meals and activities, including but not limited to discussion and gardening together and with law enforcement partners, to build relationships and create opportunities for more harmonious, peaceful and just police/youth interactions. Youth will grow food 365 days a year using traditional gardening and cutting edge indoor hydroponic methods. They will use this produce to host a monthly gathering for community members. They will also sell their produce to the community and partner organizations to support their ongoing work.

\$20,000

## Juxtaposition Arts

Minneapolis

The Public Art Lab will lead Juxtaposition's 3rd annual Black August series by: creating a 3-week Black August lesson plan for Public Art apprentices, designing/facilitating a large scale interactive art installation on our vacant corner lot, and hosting 5 community meals held at Juxtaposition in July and August. This project addresses systemic inequality and racism which was identified as a serious concern of youth participants, neighboring businesses, and North Minneapolis residents.

\$20,000

## Banyan Community

Minneapolis

ACES creates pathways of success for middle school, high school, and college age youth. The focus of the capacity building project is to expand the ACES program in order increase the number of youth served and eliminate the current waiting list.

\$20,000

## Dream of Wild Health

Minneapolis

Dream of Wild Health fosters social entrepreneurship through youth-adult partnerships developing and operating food-related enterprises growing specialty agricultural crops and indigenous foods. DWH programs address employment, education, food access and community change. They promote youth engagement and leadership through farmers markets, Indigenous Food Share (CSA) program, food donations, feasts, advocacy for healthy food policies and lifeway at community events and conferences.

\$10,000



# youthprise 2018 Accelerator Grantees

In November 2017, Youthprise awarded Accelerator grants to **7 organizations totaling \$130,000. 20 competitive requests for proposals were submitted totaling \$200,000** in requested funding. In addition, **4 renewal proposals** were received from current Accelerator grantees. Through a cohort based model, accelerator organizations are provided funding, technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities with fellow accelerators to position them to achieve growth in order to have greater impact on the youth they serve.

## Children's Defense Fund-MN

Saint Paul

The Children's Defense Fund was founded in 1973 by Marion Wright Edelman and is proudly rooted in the American Civil Rights Movement. Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota, was launched in 1985 as a state partner of the national CDF organization with a unique focus on the needs of Minnesota's children and families. CDF-MN champions policies and programs that will lift children out of poverty, protect them from abuse and neglect, and ensure their access to health care, quality education, and a moral and spiritual foundation.

\$10,000

## American Indian Family Center

Saint Paul

Established in 1996 under the umbrella of the Ramsey County Children's Initiative, AIFC was one of eight family centers designed to work collaboratively to usher in systems change. The intention of AIFC has always been to serve the east metropolitan American Indian community through an extensive understanding of the gaps in services and to fill them with holistic services and methods.

\$10,000

## We Win Institute, Inc.

Minneapolis

WE WIN Institute, Inc. (WE WIN) is a non-profit community based organization that supports the academic and social success of all children. WE WIN provides year-round enrichment programming to support youth that are facing difficulty in math, reading, and/or are experiencing behavioral problems. We Win does this by working with children, families, public systems and the philanthropic sector to create increased outcomes for students of color in Minneapolis.

\$10,000

## **MIGIZI Communications, Inc.**

**Minneapolis**

MIGIZI was founded in 1977 with a goal of countering the misrepresentations, inaccuracies, and falsehoods promulgated about Native Peoples in the major media. Today, the mission is carried out through three intersecting program components serving middle and high school students:

Native Academy- STEM Education, Native Youth Futures- Economic Independence, and First Person Productions- Media Production.

\$25,000

## **Ka Joog**

**Minneapolis**

Ka Joog's mission is to create a better world by providing community-based and culturally specific programs and services to Somali youth and their families. Established in 2007 by a group of Somali young adults, Ka Joog focuses its efforts on encouraging Somali youth to "ka Joog" or "stay away" from negative influences such as drugs, violence, radicalization, and other behaviors that can be detrimental to their development and future.

\$25,000

## **The Sanneh Foundation**

**Saint Paul**

The Sanneh Foundation serves the holistic youth development needs of the increasingly diverse Twin Cities metropolitan area. The goals of this mission are to empower youth by supporting and promoting educational attainment through in school and after-school academic programming; improve lives by providing programs that strengthen physical health and social and emotional development; and unite communities by advancing diversity, equity, and community well-being.

\$25,000

## **Tamales & Bicicletas**

**Minneapolis**

Tamales & Bicicletas is dedicated to strengthening the Latino and immigrant communities through bike projects, green farming, cultural empowerment, and environmental justice. Tamales & Bicicletas addresses the racial inequities embedded in the food, transportation, and immigration systems in order to improve the health of the Latino and immigrant communities in Minneapolis.

\$25,000



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