

Opportunity Reboot

Youthprise

Letter of Intent Background

Opportunity Reboot is open to all nonprofit organizations meeting the eligibility criteria described in the letter of intent. Letters of intent are being accepted from nonprofit organizations working in low-income communities in Minnesota that are engaged in community partnerships focused on working to more effectively create pathways to school, career, and life success for opportunity youth.

The deadline for the letter of intent is October 30, 2015. Confirmation of eligibility to apply will be sent no later than November 13, 2015. The application deadline for a full proposal is due January 8, 2016. The Opportunity Reboot RFP process will be initiated in accordance with a timeline that will enable an organization to begin its project on April 1, 2016.

Opportunity youth are generally between the ages of 14 and 24 and are either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system; or disconnected from school and education. “Opportunity youth are disproportionately male and from minority groups, but substantial rates are found for all youth groups” (Belfield et al, 2015). These youth are also at risk for becoming or may be high school dropouts; may be involved with the criminal justice and human service systems; and have mental health conditions and/or care-giving responsibilities that further complicate their lives.

This initiative and funding opportunity are made possible through a Social Innovation Fund (SIF) grant to Youthprise for implementation of its Opportunity Reboot program. SIF is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) that is focused on improving the lives of people in low-income communities throughout the United States. CNCS achieves this goal by funding innovative community-based solutions that have compelling evidence, ultimately with the aim of increasing the evidence base, capacity, and scale of the organizations serving vulnerable populations.

Youthprise will award six to eight Opportunity Reboot subgrants based on approximately \$1.25 million/year in available funds. Subgrants will be in the range of \$150,000-\$250,000 per subgrantee annually, and individual grants over the three-year period will total \$450,000-\$750,000 per grantee. Successful applicants will implement program models that are aligned with a Career Pathways Framework. Successful Career Pathways models must possess the nine elements described within the Program Plan item in the Proposal Components of this document. Subgrantees will be required to provide a 1:1, dollar-for-dollar, cash match with non-federal dollars. This is a reimbursable grant award. Selected subgrantees must demonstrate they have spent at least dollar-for-dollar resources when submitting for reimbursement.

Project Name*

Name of Project

Character Limit: 100

Summary*

Provide a one-sentence description of your organization. In addition, include a second sentence describing how funding will be used.

Character Limit: 2000

Organization Information

History/Mission and Goals*

Describe your organization's history, mission, and goals and types of programs.

Character Limit: 1500

Year Founded

Character Limit: 4

Total Operating Budget from most recently completed fiscal year

Character Limit: 20

Tax Exempt Status*

Is your organization considered a nonprofit with 501(c)3 IRS status defined by the Internal Revenue Code and an entity described in sections 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code?

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Yes

No

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Partners*

List of proposed partners and brief description of their roles.

Character Limit: 5000

Target Population*

Describe target population for your project.

Character Limit: 5000

Data Points*

Provide at least three data points to demonstrate a need for programming in its targeted area that is consistent with the focus of Opportunity Reboot.

Character Limit: 5000

Evaluation Requirement*

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) places high priority on evaluation and building evidence of program effectiveness. Does your organization agree to participate in a rigorous third-party evaluation process?

Choices

Yes

No

Matching Requirement*

Opportunity Reboot anticipates that grants will be in the range of \$150,000-\$250,000 per grantee annually. Individual grants over the three-year period will total \$450,000-\$750,000 per grantee. At the time of notification, your organization will be instructed to provide a commitment from your board president or officer of your board to confirm matching funds for your program. Applicants must be able to provide a 1:1 dollar for dollar cash match for the funded project by March 2016.

Can your organization demonstrate that a minimum of 25% dollar for dollar matching funds have been secured by at the time of proposal submission on January 8, 2016?

Choices

Yes

No

Authorization

Commitment to Participate:

If invited to submit a full proposal, a letter of commitment will be requested from an authorizing official at your organization. Please type the name and title of the person who is authorized to submit this letter of intent to Youthprise. Typing their name and title here represents an electronic signature.

Name*

Character Limit: 150

Title*

Character Limit: 150