



2017

**Somali Youth Development Fund**  
*Capacity Building Grants*

**26** Organizations

**\$450,000**

## **Willmar Downtown Development**

**Willmar, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$24,000 to provide Somali youth an opportunity to gain meaningful work skills while being mentored by local entrepreneurs who speak their language. Funding will be used to hire a part-time staff member, rent office space and buy equipment for a local Food Hub that will provide vegetables commonly found in their native homes.

\$24,000

## **Eradicating Achievement Gap and Learning Empowerment**

**St. Cloud, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to eliminate the achievement gap impacting low income immigrant and refugee students through an afterschool and summer tutoring program that focuses on reading and math.

\$25,000

## **Afro American Development Association**

**Moorhead, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to help new immigrant youth and families acquire practical skills that help them to access job opportunities, reduce dependency, and contribute to regional economic growth and development.

\$25,000

## **COMPASS:**

**Rochester, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$30,000 to provide artist mentorship and creative training to students participating in Rochester STEM Academy's spoken word traveling teams. Funding will help develop creative as well as leadership skills.

\$30,000

## **Somali Rebuild Organization**

**Rochester, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$30,000 to provide Rochester middle and high school students and their parents assistance with homework, study skills, and social skills. The program will also provide peer mentoring, sports opportunities, cultural awareness, and geopolitical discussions.

\$30,000

## **Somali Community Barwaaqo Community**

**Mankato, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to provide immigrant youth from Mankato with job training, recreational opportunities, and facilitated intergenerational community dialogues about immigrant challenges.

\$25,000

## **Somali American Parent Association (SAPA)**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$56,000 to partner with Ka Joog to implement a comprehensive Somali Youth & Family Resiliency program to engage youth, parents, and families in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood. Funding will be used for Ka Joog to provide youth activities focused on youth identity, cultural integration, and educational and employment opportunities. Funding will also be used for SAPA to implement parent programming aimed at educating and empowering parents to support their children and provide protective guidance and trusting relationships.

\$56,000

## **Ummah Project (Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc. fiscal sponsor)**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to partner with Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc. to implement the Somali American Leaders and Mediators Program. Funding will be used to train and qualify Somali American youth ages 18-25 as mediators and restorative justice facilitators using a curriculum shaped by Somali and Islamic teachings and practices.

\$25,000

## **Fortune Relief and Youth Empowerment**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to provide an anger management curriculum for Somali youth in order to train them on resolving conflicts, undoing racism, reducing bullying, avoiding risky behaviors, and preventing teenage pregnancy.

\$25,000

### **African Immigrants Community Services**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to expand its current Youth Leadership Program by focusing on projects related to civic engagement and public policy around issues that impact Somali youth and families.

\$25,000

### **Somali Girl Rock**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to expand its current program to engage girls to play sports. Funding will be used to engage more Somali girls in sports, provide mentoring, and provide education designed to build excellence.

\$25,000

### **Street Soccer Twin Cities**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to provide free access to organized soccer activities, practices, games, coaching, mentoring, soccer leagues, and local, national and international tournaments.

\$25,000

### **Prevention Health Care Agency DBA Isuroon**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to provide a platform where Somali girls and young women age 14 to 24 can feel empowered to share their stories, opinions, and experiences via television broadcasts, documentaries, and social media as a means of changing the existing public narrative about Somali and Muslim youth in our community.

\$25,000

### **Center for Multicultural Mediation**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to provide an individualized response to Somali youth experiencing disputes, conflicts, family instability, or problematic behaviors. Funding will be used to provide community and family mediation, cultural connections, and offer skill-building opportunities.

\$25,000

### **Shanta Link**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to train staff and board members in human resource management and financial management in order to strengthen the organization's overall management capacity and provide a solid foundation for organizational expansion.

\$25,000

### **Somali Youth and Family Development Center**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to expand the Girls in Action Mentoring Program and launch the Youth Cultural Arts Program focused on enriching young Somali's knowledge of their culture and traditional arts through performance and community building.

\$25,000

### **Tasho Community Solutions**

**Twin Cities, MN**

One-year grant totaling \$25,000 to offer Somali high school juniors and seniors in Minneapolis a balanced and self-determined internship focusing on both professional experience and personal growth.

\$10,000

**June 2017 board approved grants total: \$450,000**