

Accelerator Initiative

In 2016 Youthprise is continuing to support four organizations from diverse communities to accelerate innovative models and scale-up proven program models as a part of our Accelerator Initiative. Our past investments enabled Tamales y Bicicletas to provide regular stipends to participants working in their bike shops; helped Ka Joog establish a 4-H Club providing Somali youth with STEM programs in partnership with the University of Minnesota; continued MIGIZI Communications' emphasis on workforce development; and accelerated the expansion of programs offered by The Sanneh Foundation. In 2016 we are investing a total of \$115,000 in our Accelerator Project.

Ka Joog

GRANT: \$30,000

One-year grant of \$30,000 to strengthen the Fanka (Arts) component of Ka Joog's after-school Takeoff program, by creating a structure for students to explore topics of social change under the mentorship of local Somali artists. Ka Joog is the leading Somali nonprofit organization tailored towards enriching the lives of Somali American youth by utilizing the positive elements of education, mentoring, employment, and the arts.

MIGIZI Communications

GRANT: \$30,000

One-year grant of \$30,000 to build capacity through data collection, use of the YPQA tool, and to meet the standards of the Charities Review Council in addition to improving capacity in the OST and nonprofit sectors through participation in the Minneapolis After School Network. MIGIZI delivers high-quality, effective educational and youth development programming to help young people gain important skills, create meaningful works, ignite their passion and work toward life successes.

Tamales y Bicicletas

GRANT: \$25,000

One-year grant of \$25,000 to implement the Youth Empowerment Project which will include engaging Latino youth in South Minneapolis on the importance of using sustainable transportation technologies and becoming involved in environmental justice campaigns. Tamales y Bicicletas disseminates knowledge on bike maintenance, cycling in general, and on urban farming.

The Sanneh Foundation (TSF)

GRANT: \$30,000

One-year grant of \$30,000 to strengthen capacity of TSF to engage more deeply with Sprockets' coordinated OST efforts. TSF provides holistic youth development needs to the increasingly diverse Twin Cities metro area.

TOTAL GRANTED
\$115,000