Thank you to those that attended the #OYACgivesback Information Session! Please find questions and answers about the application process resulting from that session outlined below.

1. **How long is the funding in place for Oakland ReCAST/#OYACgivesback?**
   Oakland ReCAST is a five year grant and we are in our first year planning phase. Assuming this pilot year is a huge success, we will continue #OYACgivesback for an additional four years.

2. **Who received funding for the first two goals of Oakland ReCAST?**
   We are in the first year planning phase of this grant; therefore we are still developing activities for the first two goals. We are working with a team of partners for developing these goals. You can find a list of partners on the ReCAST FAQ sheet (attached).

3. **When does the mini-grant cycle end?**
   The current mini-grant cycle ends in September 2018.

4. **Will youth be reviewing applications? What is the selection process?**
   The #OYACgivesback team consists of Oakland Youth Advisory Commissioners supported by their Adult Allies/staff. The Commissioners on the team have been fully trained on Youth Philanthropy and with the support of their Adult Allies have developed the youth-to-youth mini-grant selection process for #OYACgivesback. Depending on the number of applications received, we may request in-person interviews.

5. **Does OPD have any role in the selection process?**
   Not this year.

6. **If the application is sent via email am I required to mail it as well?**
   No. You are only required to submit your application once. The Adult Ally listed on the application will receive an email confirmation of receipt within 48 hours of submission.
7. How many grantees will be awarded?
We have $45,000 to award. The number of grantees will vary based on the grant amount requested or awarded per project selected.

8. Is there a minimum dollar amount that a project can request and be awarded?
No. However, regardless of the amount requested, the project will be held to the same considerations and standards as all other projects. For example, it may be hard for a project requesting $500 to have as much impact as a project requesting the full amount - unless there is a large amount of other resources being leveraged which in this case should be clearly outlined in the application.

9. Is there a minimum requirement for how many youth are on the project team?
The youth-to-youth mini-grant model is designed for there to be teams of youth grantees and grantors. We would like to see multiple youth on project teams. However, as little as two youth and one Adult Ally can constitute a team.

10. Is there any flexibility in the age range (13-21) for youth team members working on the project?
Youth team members must fall between the ages of 13-21 years old within the calendar year of the year the grant is awarded.

11. Does the 13-21 age range apply to youth participants at project events?
No. This age range only applies to youth team members working on the project. The age range of “youth” varies across the field of youth development, but you can use the project summary section of the application to outline how your team is defining youth.

12. Are there recommendations on how requested funds should be used?
We do not have recommendations for how to break down your project budget. We want to see budgets with clear explanations for each line item listed. We cannot fund adult staff wages. However, we will fund up to 12% of the requested grant amount for administrative overhead costs of the supporting organization.
13. What is the role of 501c3 fiscal sponsors vs. 501c3 partners within #OYACgivesback?

- Project teams are required to have a 501c3 fiscal sponsor for financial administrative and reporting purposes. It is up to the project team whether the fiscal sponsor plays other supporting or collaborative roles within the project.

- Project teams are strongly encouraged, not required, to collaborate with other 501c3 organizations or community based organization partners.

Following are some examples of clarifying questions and scenarios about the role of 501c3 fiscal sponsors that were discussed during the #OYACgivesback Information Session:

**Scenario A:**
School sites or project teams come together to work on one collaborative project.

**Response:** Collaboration is strongly encouraged. In this scenario you would decide on how to combine and structure your team, identify one 501c3 fiscal sponsor, and then submit one project application.

**Scenario B:**
School sites or project teams apply for grants to fund different projects under the same 501c3 fiscal sponsor.

**Response:** It is acceptable for the same 501c3 to serve as the fiscal sponsor for multiple different projects.

**Scenario C:**
School sites or project teams apply for separate grants to fund the same project or parts of the same project as a means to increase the total potential dollar amount for one project.

**Response:** This is not encouraged. There is a maximum grant amount because #OYACgivesback mini-grants are intended to fund a variety of different projects with diverse approaches and scopes.
14. If projects incorporate recommendations from the OYAC report cited in the Background section of the application, will those projects be scored more favorably?
No. Several recommendations from the OYAC report are highlighted and encouraged in the Project Ideas section of the application because we value the time, energy and ideas of the young people that took part in developing those recommendations. We also believe that there are other ways to accomplish the overall goals of #OYACgivesback and we therefore encourage innovative and creative additional project types.

15. What kind of engagement do youth want to see with law enforcement?
Please review the application criteria and project idea section to help guide you with answering this question; and be sure to share your answer in the project summary section of the application.

16. How is law enforcement staff selected to work with project teams?
One of the goals of Oakland ReCAST includes supporting community work to address tensions in law enforcement-community relations and promote community healing. To this end, Oakland ReCAST is in discussions with Oakland law enforcement agencies about activities to support this goal. If your team does not have an existing partnership or connection with law enforcement and your project is selected, ReCAST staff will connect grantees to a law enforcement point person.

If you have any additional questions please submit them to youthcommission@oaklandnet.com by May 12th and #OYACgivesback staff will respond within 72 hours.
SAMHSA OAKLAND ReCAST

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the City of Oakland a Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) grant in September 2016. The purpose of ReCAST is to assist high-risk youth and families and promote resilience and equity in communities that have recently faced civil unrest through implementation of evidence-based, violence prevention, and community youth engagement programs, as well as linkages to trauma-informed behavioral health services.

Abstract

Oakland ReCAST, led by the City of Oakland’s Human Services Department (HSD), will promote resiliency and equity for Oakland’s high-risk youth and adults most affected by trauma, violence, and civil unrest. A multi-sector coalition of stakeholders will work together to improve behavioral health and reduce trauma among the highest-risk young people and their families, empower community residents, and improve community-police relations.

The goals of the initiative are: (1) Provide coordinated training to community-based social service providers and law enforcement entities to increase use of trauma-informed practices; (2) Expand access to trauma-informed behavioral health services by enhancing use of evidence-based models among City-funded human service programs and developing a service pipeline to County-funded services, and (3) Support the work of community partners to address tensions in law enforcement-community relations and to promote community resiliency and healing.

Oakland ReCAST will build on three HSD programs that serve Oakland’s most marginalized, at-risk populations in need of trauma-informed behavioral health supports: Head Start early childhood, Oakland Fund for Children & Youth youth development, and Oakland Unite violence intervention, which together reach over 50,000 young people and families through a network of local service providers. Other key partners are listed below. The initiative will be guided by a coalition of youth and young adult behavioral health and human service consumers, parents, and community based organizations involved in violence prevention efforts.

Oakland ReCAST will serve 1,350 individuals: 750 law enforcement personnel, service providers, and others who receive training and technical assistance on trauma-informed approaches, and 600 at-risk young people and family members, the vast majority people of color, who receive behavioral health and peer support services.
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4. Oakland Fund for Youth and Families, HSD
5. Head Start, HSD
6. City of Oakland Resilience Office
7. Alameda County Behavior Health Care Services
8. Oakland Unified School District
9. East Bay Agency for Children
10. Alameda Alliance for Health
11. Beacon Health Options
12. Oakland Police Department
13. Alameda County Probation Department
14. Prevention Institute
15. Youth in Mind
16. Research Development Associates

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