

Youth Empowered Through Action (YEA!) Grant Application

Background

In May 2022, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors established the Yolo Youth Commission (*Commission*) and authorized the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) to administer the program. The Commission's mission is to enhance the quality of support, services, and programs for youth by working with local leaders and to make funding decisions that lead to a positive impact on youth development and empowerment. The Commission was tasked with issuing a yearly request for grant funding proposals from youth-centered efforts or youth organizations that provide services in Yolo County. The Commission has launched this project as the Youth Empowered Through Action (YEA!) Grant Program.

About the YEA! Grant Program

The YEA! Grant Program from the Yolo Youth Commission is soliciting youth support services proposals from providers. Only proposed program services that address ongoing needs experienced by youth of Yolo County will be evaluated. Up to four (4) successful program proposals will be awarded grants of up to \$40,000 each. Awardees will partner with the Yolo Youth Commission to ensure successful program implementation.

YEA! Grant Program Application Process

1. Applicants will submit an online application that provides an abstract description of their proposed program, as well as project summary, and narrative responses. The online application will also ask for background information of the program services provider(s).
2. The Commission will review the applications and submit recommendations for funding to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
3. Selected YEA! Grant applicants will be reviewed and affirmed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
4. Once affirmed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the selected applicants must enter into a grant funding agreement approved by Yolo County and the Board of Supervisors.
5. After the successful execution of the grant funding agreement by all parties, the grants of up to

\$40,000 will be issued.

YEA! Grant Information Sessions

To support grant applicants, the Yolo Youth Commission will offer an information session and grant office hours for direct assistance with completing the application. Attendance is not required to apply for the grant, although participation is highly encouraged.

- **Information Session:** August 19, 2024 (4:00–5:00PM; <https://ycoe.zoom.us/j/83329756331>)
- **Grant Office Hours:** August 23, 2024 (10:00–11:30AM; <https://ycoe.zoom.us/j/83763807487>)

Zoom information for each session will be on the YEA! Grant Page on the Yolo Youth Commission website located at www.ycoe.org/youtcommission.

YEA! Grant Deadline

All applications for the YEA! Grant must be **submitted online** to the Yolo Youth Commission **no later than August 30, 2024 by 5:00PM**.

This is a hard deadline and not exceptions will be made for late applications. You will not be allowed to make any changes to the application once submitted. All required information and documents (if applicable) must be submitted with the application by the deadline.

If you experience any technical issues with the application or have general questions, please contact YCOE Liaison for the Youth Commission, Edwin Ortega Beltran at edwin.ortegabeltran@ycoe.org.



ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Project Name *

KinderCamp Expansion to Clarksburg

Name of Organization *

United Way California Capital Region

Type of Organization *

- Public
- Private
- Non-Profit
- Other

If "Other," please explain.

Federal ID Number *

94-1225382

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Have you previously received YEA! Grant Funding? *

Yes

No

If you previously received funding, how much funding was awarded?

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SERVICES PROVIDED

Please describe the region(s) that your program serves (If you provide services to communities other than Yolo County, please list here). *

Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties.

What is the age range of the youth you provide services to? (Select all that apply) *

- 0 - 5 years
- 6 - 11 years
- 12 -18 years
- 18 - 24 years

Which of the following best describes the services of your program? (Select all that apply) *

- Education
- Mental/Behavioral Health
- College/Career Readiness
- Life-Skills/Recreational Activities
- Civic Engagement/Community Organizing
- Other

If your program fits into other category of service, please briefly describe below.

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GRANT SUMMARY & NARRATIVE RESPONSES

Provide a summary of the proposed project using no more than 500 words. Be sure to include a problem statement and project model/framework. *

Clarksburg, CA, a rural community with a small population faces challenges in providing adequate early childhood education. Limited access to preschool programs, financial barriers for low-income families, and a lack of diverse educational resources contribute to gaps in school readiness for young children. These challenges are compounded by the community's predominantly older population and fewer educational institutions, which further restricts early learning opportunities.

The proposed KinderCamp project aims to address these challenges by offering a comprehensive early education program tailored to the needs of children in Clarksburg. The goal is to enhance school readiness, improve social and emotional skills, and support families through accessible, high-quality educational experiences.

KinderCamp is a structured, four-week program designed for preschool-aged children. The camp will provide a curriculum focused on early literacy and social-emotional development incorporating interactive lessons, play-based learning, and group activities. Additionally, the camp will include components on health, including various screenings such as vision, dental, and vaccinations, that are required before entering Kindergarten and nutrition offering healthy meals and teaching children about proper dietary habits.

To recruit participants, the program will partner with local schools, childcare centers, and community organizations for direct referrals and promotions. We may participate in local or community events to raise awareness about the program and we hope to encourage current or past participants of KinderCamp that have been implemented in other areas of Yolo to share information about the camp with others

The effectiveness of KinderCamp will be assessed through a range of methods. Pre- and post-assessments will measure improvements in children's skills and developmental milestones. Parent and participant feedback will be collected to gauge satisfaction and impact. Attendance and engagement levels will be monitored, and long-term outcomes will be evaluated by tracking participants' academic performance in kindergarten. Staff and volunteer feedback will also be considered to refine and improve

the program.

KinderCamp is anticipated to produce several positive outcomes. Participants are expected to show improved school readiness, including enhanced literacy and social skills. Increased parental involvement in education is another key outcome, as the camp will provide parents with tools and strategies to support their children's learning. The program will also contribute to better health and nutrition among children and foster a stronger community focus on early childhood education. By addressing these needs, KinderCamp aims to provide a strong foundation for academic success and long-term development for young leaders in Clarksburg.

What is your organization's Vision and Mission Statement? *

UWCCR's vision is to end poverty. UWCCR's mission is to mobilize our community to action so all can thrive.

Grant Amount Request *

\$40,000

What Yolo Youth needs will be addressed by your proposed program/service(s)?

KinderCamp will address incoming Kindergartners who did not have the opportunity to attend preschool. KinderCamp will address several critical needs particularly in early childhood. It will focus on school readiness by developing essential early literacy and social-emotional skills, ensuring children are well-prepared for kindergarten. The camp will provide vital socialization opportunities, supporting emotional development and helping children build resilience for school success. It will also engage parents, offering resources to support learning at home, and address the lack of early access in rural areas like Clarksburg. Additionally, the camp offers healthy meals, promotes nutrition, and serves as an early screen tool for identifying special needs, ensuring children receive the support they need from the start. KinderCamp creates a strong foundation for educational success, especially for children at risk of falling behind due to socioeconomic factors or the challenges of rural life.

Describe the population you propose to serve. Include distinctive characteristics such as demographic statistics, ethnicity, median income, levels of educational attainment, and other relevant details. *

Located in the Supervisorial District 1, Clarksburg, CA is a small, rural community with a population of several hundred residents, known for its close-knit atmosphere and strong agricultural ties. The largest racial group in Clarksburg is White, reflecting a predominant demographic in the area.

According to the California School Dashboard. Elementary students are 26.1% socioeconomically disadvantaged and 9.2% are English learners. English and Mathematics Academic Performance are below standard with about 20.5% chronically absent.

Clearly describe how the proposed program/service(s) will aid in the prevention of risk factors impacting Yolo County Youth. *

KinderCamp is a four-week summer program for incoming kindergartners who have not had the opportunity to go to preschool to experience a classroom with exposure to school-readiness activities. The major goals are to expose each child to various school-readiness benchmarks and provide access to community resources for the families.

A school readiness gap exists for the youngest learners in Yolo County. 46% of three- and four-year-old children in Yolo County do not experience preschool before starting Kindergarten.

According to the First 5 California, children that are ready for school have the physical, social/emotional, and academic skills needed to make a successful move into kindergarten.

Research shows that early reading offers numerous benefits for childhood development in the first 5 years of life. Getting children excited about books and inspiring shared family reading time helps build language and memory skills and sparks a child's imagination. Young children who are exposed to books and who read early and are often better prepared for kindergarten and excel academically.

A major component of KinderCamp is early childhood literacy and new books are provided daily. Additionally, children are taught the basics of classroom expectations including waiting in lines, raising their hands, and using supplies such as holding a pencil and using scissors. The camp concludes with a graduation ceremony, which also provides community resources, school supplies, and books.

Children also receive a healthy lunch and receive hygiene education.

KinderCamp will run for 4 weeks, beginning in late June, and will run into July. The graduation will be scheduled for the end of the 4-week camp. As UWCCR expands to additional communities, the camp schedule will be staggered and scheduled based on the availability of space and staffing from partners. Every student is invited to the graduation ceremony. During the celebration, each student will be recognized and will receive a Ready for Kindergarten certification, and a backpack filled with school supplies and books. In addition to this gift, a critical component of this program is providing a brand-new book to each student every day of the program. The funds requested will cover the cost of the certificates, graduation caps, backpacks, school supplies, new books, food, supplies, and additional giveaways for families at the graduation.

List the proposed activities of your program/service(s). *

UWCCR intends to:

- * Coordinate student identification and enrollment with our partner;
- * Provide pre-tests and post-tests to families in coordination with community partners;
- * Purchase and secure donations of books for participating students to provide books daily;
- * Conduct outreach to partner organizations in the local area and invite them to the graduation which includes asking each to provide an interactive booth as well as community resources;
- * Solicit community donations both in-kind and financial to support the program as well as the graduation; and
- * Advertise through social media, local partner organizations, and local outlets, which is open to all residents.

KinderCamp provides students with a step up before entering their first day of kindergarten. For the past 5 years, UWCCR have partnered with Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD), whose staff have expressed gratitude for this option to refer families who have not attended preschool before Kindergarten. WJUSD allows for the program to occur on one of their school sites. In 2024, UWCCR expanded into West Sacramento, and in 2025, UWCCR plans to expand to two additional communities in partnership with community partners.

What are the anticipated outcomes and/or results of your proposed program/service(s)? *

The anticipated outcomes of a KinderCamp in Clarksburg include several key benefits for participating children. The camp is expected to enhance school readiness by improving early literacy and social-emotional skills, thereby preparing children for a successful start in kindergarten. It will foster better social skills, such as cooperation and communication, which are essential for classroom integration. Increased parental involvement is another result, as the camp provides parents with tools and strategies to support their children's learning at home. Early identification of special needs during the camp can lead to timely interventions, ensuring children receive appropriate support as they enter kindergarten. Long-term, the camp aims to contribute to academic success by reducing future learning struggles and fostering confidence and motivation. Additionally, by offering healthy meals and promoting good nutrition, the camp improves children's health and instills lasting healthy habits. The overall success of KinderCamp can positively impact the community, raising awareness of early childhood education and strengthening community connections.

Describe how will the progress of your program/service(s) be measured. *

UWCCR will monitor the project with our collaborations. Community Partnerships, such as the YMCA and Empower Yolo, will track attendance records. UWCCR will conduct pre-and post-assessments for our KinderCamp students. The assessment includes the following areas of development: Language/Literacy, English Language, Physical Development, Cognition, Social/Emotional, and Self-Regulation. UWCCR also plans to gather feedback from participant's families 6 to 12 month after the conclusion of the program to assess areas for improvement, if outcomes were achieved, and if the program remains responsive to the needs of both the participants and their families.

How will program participants be engaged or recruited? *

The program participants will be engaged or recruited through community outreach with local schools, childcare centers, and community organizations to spread the word about KinderCamp. UWCCR may participate in local or community events to raise awareness about the program and hope to encourage current or past participants of KinderCamp that have been implemented in other areas of Yolo to share information about the camp with others.

Provide a timeline for proposed program/service(s). Include expected completion date and responsible parties. *

KinderCamp will run for 20 days in 4 weeks, beginning in late June, and will run into July. The graduation will be scheduled for the end of the 4-week camp.

How do you propose your program be evaluated? *

UWCCR will evaluate the program based on the following factors:

Attendance: 40 children will be registered for the program at each site.

Nutrition: Students will receive health screenings

Social/Emotional: Students will be provided opportunities to improve their comfort level in social interactions.

Community Partnerships, such as the YMCA, will track attendance records.

UWCCR will perform pre-and post-assessments for our KinderCamp students. The assessment includes the following areas of development: Language/Literacy, English Language, Physical Development, Cognition, Social/Emotional, and Self-Regulation.

Provide the name and email for representative(s) responsible for data collection, analyses, and reporting results to Yolo Youth Commission. *

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Describe any additional resources that will be used in conjunction with requested funding such as supplementary grants, volunteers, donations, etc. *

While UWCCR currently does not have additional resources identified, UWCCR is actively pursuing supplementary funding opportunities, including grants, in-kind donations, and volunteer support. UWCCR is committed to leveraging community partnerships and resources to maximize the impact of the requested funding.

Will any collaborative partner(s) be involved with the proposed program/service(s)? If so please list the organization, name of lead staff, title, and email. *

KinderCamp mobilizes several community partners who share UWCCR's dedication to helping children in school.

* Washington Unified School District – Dr. Cheryl Hildreth, Superintendent, childreth@wusd.k12.ca.us and June Flores – Community Schools Coordinator, jflores@wusd.k12.ca.us

* Woodland Joint Unified School District, Maria D. Orozco, Director of Equity and Access Educational Services, maria.orozco@wjusd.org

* YMCA of Superior California Tiffany Davidson, Executive Director of Youth, tdavidson@ymcasuperiorcal.org

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* Yolo County of Education, Garth Lewis, Superintendent, garth.lewis@ycoe.org and Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, maria.arvizu-espinoza@ycoe.org

List any accreditations, certifications, and awards your organization has achieved. *

UWCCR

2023 – Nonprofit of the Year – Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce

2024 Business Centennial Business Hall of Fame Award – Sacramento Metro Chamber

Dr. Dawnte Early, President and Chief Executive Officer

2023 – Black Changemaker – Sacramento Bee

2024 – Most Admired CEO – Sacramento Biz Journal

2024 – Women Who Mean Business Honoree – Sacramento Biz Journal

2024 – Women in Leadership Honoree – Comstock's Magazine

Amber Lovett, Chief Resource Development and Marketing Officer

2024 – C-Suite Awardee – Sacramento Biz Journal

BJ Snowden, Board Member

2023 – Black Changemaker – Sacramento Bee

Develop a budget narrative that describes the specific costs and expenses associated with the proposed program/service(s). *

Food - \$2,500: This budget covers water, juice, snacks, and lunch for participants. With \$5 allocated per person, it will provide meals for up to 200 attendees, ensuring everyone is well-fed during the program.

Supplies - \$500: This will fund decorations, school supplies, books, backpacks, and gift cards, costing about \$12.50 per student, to enhance their learning experience and provide essential materials.

Mileage - \$670: This covers travel costs for program staff, including site visits before, during, and after the program, ensuring they can effectively manage and support all activities.

Contracted Partner - \$20,000: This amount covers staff costs for classroom instruction, maintaining a student-teacher ratio of 10-13:1 for up to 40 students, and providing crucial educational services to meet the program's goals.

Books - \$4,000: Each student will receive a new book daily, with an average cost of \$5 per book. Over the 20-day program with 40 students, this ensures they have access to 20 different books, promoting reading and learning.

Project Manager - \$9,000: This budget covers the project manager's time for overseeing and coordinating the program, ensuring smooth operation and achievement of goals.

Indirect Costs - \$3,330: This covers necessary administrative and overhead expenses to support the program's operations.

Provide a detailed calculation for the specified items such as salaries and any other related expenses aligned to the budget narrative. *

1. Food - \$2,500: Provides meals for at least 200 attendees at an average of \$10 per person.
 2. Supplies - \$500: Covers materials for 40 students at \$12.50 each.
 3. Mileage - \$670: Funds 20 trips at 50 miles each, reimbursed at \$0.655 per mile.
 4. Contracted Partners - \$20,000: Covers 3 instructors for 20 days at \$40/hour, maintaining a 12:1 student-teacher ratio.
 5. Books - \$4,000: Provides 40 students with 20 books each at \$5 per book.
 6. Project Manager - \$9,000: Pays for 200 hours of project management at \$45/hour over 10 weeks.
 - 7.. Indirect Costs - \$3,330: This represents 9% of the total budget.
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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

There are additional required documents applicants must submit for the application to be complete. Carefully read through the instructions to ensure all required documents are submitted with the application. There is the option to upload additional documents that are pertinent to the online application.

NOTE: No changes or updates to the application will be allowed after the deadline of August 30, 2024.

YEA! Grant Signature Page

Applicants will need to upload a YEA! Grant Signature Page with the completed online application. The signature form needs to include a wet signature. It will be best to print the form, complete and sign, and upload the signed document to the online application. You can access the form here: [YEA! Grant Signature Page](#)

Organization Logo

The request for logo is for presentation purposes. There will be a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and your logo will be included in this presentation. Additionally, the selected applicants will be announced in the Youth Commission website and the logo will help identify your organization/program.

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Organization Logo *

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