

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 *

West Sacramento Collings Teen Center

Name of Organization *

Campus Life Connection

Type of Organization *

- Public
- Private
- Non-Profit
- Other

If "Other," please explain.

Federal ID Number *

68-0279554

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Have you previously received YEA! Grant Funding? *

Yes

No

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

Not applicable.

SERVICES PROVIDED

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

Yolo County

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. *

Since 2004, Campus Life Connection (CLC)'s Collings Teen Center (Teen Center), located at 1541 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, has served thousands of under-resourced, high-risk youth in 6-12th grade—and beyond. The Teen Center currently serves up to 50 youth each afternoon from 2-6pm, with approximately 75 different students attending on a weekly basis. Free to youth and funded entirely by donations and grants, the Teen Center is designed to be a safe place where West Sacramento youth will always feel welcomed to hang out after school—a place where basketball, games, and recreational activities are combined with tutoring, nutritious after-school meals, community service opportunities, educational seminars, summer camps and trips outside the area, job training, and connection to healthy adult mentors who are leaders in the community.

Coming from some of the most economically-challenged areas of West Sacramento, 100% of the participants are low-income and high-risk; most come from single-parent homes, lacking a healthy adult presence in their lives, and they would wander the streets every weekday afternoon or would sit alone in a West Capitol Avenue motel until a parent comes home if not for the Teen Center. Extensive studies indicate that unsupervised after-school hours are the highest-risk hours for teens. During those hours, youth are more likely to smoke, drink, use drugs, and have sex. They are also more likely to commit or be the victim of a violent crime (https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/model-programs-guide/literature-reviews/afterschool_programs.pdf). The students who attend the Teen Center each day might otherwise find themselves engaging in the negative behaviors they most likely witness on their street. The Teen Center is a resource for foster and group homes, as well as for single-parent households needing a safe destination for their teens after school while the parents are at work. Since its inception, the Teen Center has fostered a sense of belonging to youth, many of whom struggle with being bullied and have a dangerously-low sense of self-worth.

Access to nutritious snacks, meals, and homework assistance for struggling students are critical for them to remain engaged in school and to build self-confidence. Most Teen Center youth are significantly below grade level in reading, math, and English. The Teen Center provides a safe place for students, where they are encouraged in healthy behaviors that will become the catalyst for present and future academic and social success.

The Teen Center is a safe refuge from the gangs, drugs, and violence plaguing the community. Each day at the Teen Center, youth find a caring, non-threatening, drug- and alcohol-free environment and can receive a daily, nutritious after-school meal; homework assistance; access to a technology center to complete homework and school projects; opportunities to participate in a variety of healthy, recreational activities (including access to a basketball court and air hockey and pool tables); opportunities to participate in educational and social enrichment activities; and mentoring and guidance from caring, screened adult mentors who equip youth with the skills and tools needed to manage social issues, learn problem-solving skills, and attain a successful future.

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

Since 1992, the vision of 501(c)(3) nonprofit Campus Life Connection (CLC) is to engage young people and their families in order to transform lives, provide hope, and effect positive change for individuals and neighborhoods. The mission of CLC is to develop character, confidence, and responsibility in the lives of young people and their families through educational, social, and physical programs.

Grant Amount Request *

\$39,800

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

After-school programs are available most commonly for elementary students—leaving a gap in services for older students. In West Sacramento, the majority of youth who attend the Teen Center would wander the streets every weekday afternoon or would sit alone in a West Capitol Avenue motel until a parent comes home if not for the Teen Center.

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illicit drug before they graduate, and two-thirds of high school seniors have used alcohol in the last month. West Sacramento parents have identified West Sacramento's top community-service needs as drug prevention and gang prevention. The Teen Center answers the need for a safe place for West Sacramento youth to go after school and be encouraged in healthy, recreational behaviors that will become the catalyst for present and future academic and social success.

As 100% of Teen Center participants are low-income and most live in a West Capitol Avenue motel, the majority of youth experience food insecurity, with their last meal of the day being their free lunch at school. The Teen Center meets this nutritional gap by providing youth with daily, nutritious after-school meals.

Many of the Teen Center participants have never been out of West Sacramento and have never seen the ocean or mountains before, lacking healthy, recreational activities. The Teen Center provides youth with the opportunities to take day trips out of the area and attend week-long summer camps at the ocean or in the mountains, helping to enrich their lives.

According to the California Department of Education, schools within the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) have an alarmingly-high dropout rate. For example, nearly 19% of students at Yolo Continuation High School dropped out prior to finishing their 12th grade year in 2016-2017 (<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/DropoutReporting/DrpGradeEth.aspx?cDistrictName=Yolo+High&CDSCCode=57726945739552&Level=School&TheReport=EthOnly&ProgramName=All&cYear=2016-17&cAggSum=Random&cGender=B>). The Teen Center offers West Sacramento youth academic and mentoring support, as well as a technology center. Despite coming from families that have only a 50% high-school graduation rate, 90% of participating high-school seniors graduate from high school, further indicating the Teen Center's progress. Teen Center staff attend participants' high-school graduations, provide graduates with a gift card, and acknowledge them at summer camp.

As many of the underserved, high-risk teens who attend the Teen Center come from single-parent homes, they often lack a healthy adult presence in their lives, which is critical for successfully navigating adolescence. The formal and informal mentoring services provided by adult mentors at the Teen Center offer these youth mentoring and guidance in managing social issues, learning problem-solving skills, making positive life choices, and increasing their likelihood of future success in life, which is what will change the legacy of the West Sacramento community, long-term.

The Teen Center's location in West Sacramento, which is an area where many low-income families (who often have transportation challenges) live, allows for greater depth of relationship and impact for participating students and their families. Serving as a daily, visual reminder to students and their families of the opportunities and assistance offered, the Teen Center is unique not only in its physical presence in the community, but by the Teen Center's dedicated staff and passionate volunteers, who offer their time and expertise. The physical presence of the Teen Center has positively impacted the community by helping to decrease the crime rate, providing services for families in need, and improving the academic performance of participating students. Teachers, administrators, city government officials, law enforcement, and other community partners attest to the Teen Center's success of instilling confidence

and improving the academic performance of the youth it serves.

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. *

According to 2021 statistics, 14.3% of West Sacramento residents live in poverty (<https://www.welfareinfo.org/poverty-rate/california/west-sacramento>), which is higher than the state's rate of poverty. Over 43% of students in West Sacramento qualify for free or reduced-price lunch programs.

According to the U.S. Census (<https://data.census.gov/>), of West Sacramento residents, nearly 40% are unemployed; nearly 68% of residents do not have a Bachelor's Degree or higher; 10% of those aged 18-24 do not graduate high school; the median household income is \$87,044; 41% are White; 32% are Hispanic or Latino; 13% are Asian; 5% are Black or African American; .01% are American Indian or Alaska Native; .01% are Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; .01% are Other; .07% are Two or More Races.

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One hundred percent (100%) of those served at the Teen Center are low-income. Of the Teen Center participants, approximately 75% are Latino or Hispanic; approximately 20% are Black or African American; and approximately 5% are White.

Approximately 90% of Teen Center participants come from broken homes; 65% have fathers in prison and 50% have mothers who are prostitutes; 85% come from families that struggle with drug and/or alcohol addiction; 50% have parents who did not graduate from high school; 65% of participants live in motels in the West Sacramento Corridor; 50% live with a grandparent or other relative and not their biological parent; and 15% are foster kids.

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

The program will aid in the prevention of risk factors impacting Yolo County Youth as it will continue to:

1. Encourage school attendance and provide accountability through daily interaction with youth that helps them know someone cares and is paying attention to their behaviors and habits.
2. Offer homework assistance to increase academic performance and confidence in youth who participate in the Teen Center's programs and enable these students to rise to their grade level and increase their chance of graduation.
3. Assist in the social and personal development of Teen Center youth through encouraging and rewarding positive behaviors and looking for opportunities to constructively address negative behaviors.
4. Provide daily, nourishing after-school meals to youth to help combat their food insecurity.
5. Provide educational excursions and day trips to enable youth to broaden their view of the world so they can see possibilities for their lives outside of the violence, addiction, and hopelessness of their challenged urban neighborhoods.
6. Mentor youth to help them become leaders in the community.
7. Offer college preparation, career, and job-skills seminars by having community members come to the Teen Center bi-monthly to talk to the youth about career opportunities. For example, representatives from California State University, Sacramento have come to the Teen Center to help youth complete a FAFSA and learn how to select college classes; Yolo County workers have come to the Teen Center to teach youth how to apply for trade schools; nurses have come to talk about careers in the medical field, and military personnel have come to talk about benefits of joining the military.
8. Provide a safe place for West Sacramento youth to go after school and be encouraged in healthy, recreational behaviors that will become the catalyst for present and future academic and social success.

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

1. Offer homework assistance and access to technology center to youth daily.
 2. Provide daily, nourishing after-school meals to youth.
 3. Provide opportunities for youth to attend educational excursions, day trips, and summer camp.
 4. Provide youth with mentoring from healthy adults to encourage school attendance and graduation.
 5. Offer youth bi-monthly college preparation, career, and job-skills seminars.
 6. Offer youth healthy, recreational activities such as basketball, air hockey, and pool daily.
 7. Offer youth opportunities to participate in community service activities.
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What are the anticipated outcomes and/or results of your proposed program/service(s)? *

The anticipated outcomes and/or results of our program is that participating youth will experience better nutrition through the daily meals; improved grades and graduation rates through the homework assistance and technology center offered; enriched life experiences through the day trips and summer camps; increased sense of self-worth through the community service activities and mentoring offered; improved health through the avoidance of drug/alcohol use and the participation in basketball and other recreational activities offered at the Teen Center; and an increased likelihood of attending college/trade school.

Through students' continued participation in the West Sacramento Collings Teen Center, these youth will realize they can make a difference, becoming an agent of change in their own neighborhood and making the West Sacramento community a better, safer place.

We anticipate the outcomes of our proposed program will result in the same positive benefits that participants have experienced in prior years:

"I'm grateful to know that my son is fed between the time he gets dropped off after school and before he gets home, and I know he's well taken care of by the staff and volunteers of the Teen Center." – mother of Teen Center participant

"The Teen Center has afforded my son a positive and healthy environment to be among his peers. I am delighted with his social adjustment and acceptance. His feelings of self-worth have increased a hundred-fold and it is directly related to his involvement in the Teen Center." – parent of high-school student

"My son and daughter went to San Francisco with [Teen Center Director] Justin and the Teen Center. They came back smiling ear to ear. They had never been to the Golden Gate Bridge, or the ocean for that matter. I'm grateful the center is here in our community." – parent of Teen Center participants

"...funding for their organization [CLC] is a win/win for our organization and the community we both serve," and CLC has been "helping the underserved population for over 18 years...they deserve serious consideration for potential funding." – retired Sacramento Chief of Police, Samuel D. Somers, Jr.

In collaboration with the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) and the West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD), the Teen Center is making a difference in this troubled community and is a key partner in the WSPD's juvenile crime intervention and prevention efforts.

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

The progress of our program will be measured by taking daily attendance of the participants benefitting from the Teen Center's services, recording the number of high-school seniors who graduate, as well as by recording the number of former Teen Center participants who come back to the Teen Center to volunteer their time by helping to serve a meal, chaperoning an event, or playing a game with the students.

How will program participants be engaged or recruited? *

The Teen Center has a strong relationship with the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) and West Sacramento schools (e.g., Yolo Continuation High School, Westmore Oaks Middle School, Westfield Middle School, River City High School) in reaching high-risk and under-resourced students. Through these relationships, program participants are easily engaged or recruited.

CLC holds an annual event in December, Collings Cares Christmas, where low-income students and their families from Westmore Oaks Middle School are invited to a Christmas Party at the Teen Center. This free event serves approximately 350 low-income people in the community, providing families with a traditional holiday meal, toys, stocking stuffers, and pictures with Santa. For most of these children and families, Collings Cares Christmas is the only way they will receive a traditional holiday meal and a toy for Christmas. Through this annual event, additional program participants are engaged or recruited.

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

The Teen Center is open during the school year, Monday through Friday (2-6pm), to serve West Sacramento youth.

The Teen Center is open during the summer on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (11am-4pm) to provide youth with educational excursions, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am-7pm) to take participants on day trips (e.g., to Lake Tahoe or Bodega Bay, etc.) to enable youth to broaden their view of the world so they can see possibilities for their lives outside of the violence, addiction, and hopelessness of their challenged urban neighborhoods.

Program Timeline: November 1, 2024–October 31, 2025.

The Teen Center continues to be open Monday through Friday after school from 2-6 pm and students are given daily healthy, after-school meals. During the summer, the Teen Center is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (11am-4pm) and on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am-7pm).

December 2024:

- The Teen Center's annual Collings Christmas Cares is a free event that serves 350 low-income people in the community, providing families with a healthy meal, toys, and stocking stuffers. For these families, Collings Cares is the only way they will have a Christmas. Through donors' generosity, Collings Cares enables these families to experience the joy of the season.
- The Teen Center's annual Shop with a Cop event will be held in partnership with the West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD) to enable low-income West Sacramento Youth the ability to go on a \$200 shopping spree to purchase gifts for themselves and their families.

Spring Break 2025:

- The Teen Center will provide educational excursions and day trips to enable students to broaden their view of the world so they can see possibilities for their lives outside of the violence, addiction, and hopelessness of their challenged urban neighborhoods.

Summer 2025:

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (11am-4pm): Teen Center is open to provide educational excursions.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am-7pm): The Teen Center takes participants on day trips (e.g., to Lake Tahoe or Bodega Bay, etc.) to enable youth to broaden their view of the world so they can see possibilities for their lives outside of the violence, addiction, and hopelessness of their challenged urban neighborhoods.
- Week-long Middle-School Summer Camp to Santa Cruz or Ojai
- Week-long High-School Summer Camp to Santa Cruz or Ojai

August 2025:

- The Teen Center's annual Backpack Give-Away event will provide free backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene kits to 500+ low-income students.

The responsible parties to complete the grant project are Campus Life Connection's Executive Director, Ed Kaczmarek; Campus Life Connection's Business Manager, Mike Edwards; and Teen Center Director,

Justin Waffird.

How do you propose your program be evaluated? *

The Teen Center's program is regularly evaluated through:

- 1) an established management/supervisory process;
- 2) regular evaluation between Program Director and Executive Director;
- 3) participant feedback—informally through conversation and formally through random surveys;
- 4) reviews given by participants' parent(s)/guardian(s);
- 5) staff/volunteer feedback; and 6) student testimonials.

Our program will also be evaluated through the observance of youth avoiding of negative behaviors or influences and the evidence of continued academic improvement. Additionally, our program will also be evaluated by students' stories such as the ones of past participants:

Jesse* was a student who started attending the Teen Center at the age of 12. He revealed to staff at summer camp that his dad overdosed when he was three, and he was being raised by his grandparents. It was his grandfather who introduced himself to Teen Center staff and volunteers, giving Jesse the courage to attend the Teen Center. He was mentored by Teen Center staff who spoke into his life and encouraged him to follow his dreams. Jesse eventually bought some land after working odd jobs and is now a successful farmer, selling his produce to a local school district in Lodi, California. Jesse donates his produce to our Teen Center and volunteers his time to speak into students' lives the way Teen Center staff spoke into his.

Angie* was a student who began attending the Teen Center at the age of 12. Angie was from a broken home; her father was in prison and her mom was a prostitute. She lived in the motels in West Sacramento, moving from one hotel to the next, often times living in her car. Eventually she was placed in foster care and her foster parents encouraged her to come to the Teen Center, and they even begin volunteering at the Teen Center. From the sixth grade to her senior year, she barely ever missed a day, attending five days a week, going on all of our trips, and attending camp. She was close to our staff and volunteers as she was very extroverted, fun, loving, and adventurous. Angie eventually went into the Navy and recently came back to speak to our Teen Center students about believing themselves and reaching their dreams. She's a true testament to our students, staff, and volunteers, believing in herself to do whatever she put her mind to.

*names changed for privacy

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

Ed Kaczmarek (Campus Life Connection Executive Director), ed@campuslifeconnection.org

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

We have additional resources that will be used in conjunction with requested funding as we've received \$31,000 in donations, in addition to a \$13,000 grant from a private foundation for the Teen Center's Late Lunch program.

The Rotary Club of West Sacramento holds its weekly meetings at the Teen Center and each club meeting at the Collings Teen Center is a fundraiser for the Teen Center as half the breakfast fee goes to the Teen Center to assist West Sacramento youth.

The Teen Center has four (4) volunteers who serve daily meals, provide mentoring, and offer support to youth.

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. *

The collaborative partners that will be involved with the program are the West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD) and Washington Unified School District (WUSD).

For the past eight (8) years, the Teen Center has partnered with the WSPD to enable participants to on a \$200 shopping spree while having pleasant interactions with law enforcement officers.

The Teen Center also partners with the WUSD for the annual Collings Cares Christmas, where low-income families are nominated by the WUSD to participate.

Organization, Lead staff, title and email:

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West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD), Taylor Nelson, Community Relations and Outreach
Coordinator, taylorn@cityofwestsacramento.org

Washington Unified School District (WUSD), Elizabeth Leon, Social Worker and Outreach Coordinator,
eleon@wisd.k12.ca.us

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

The Teen Center has been recognized by the West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD), as a key partner in the WSPD's juvenile crime intervention and prevention efforts:

"The Teen Center and their leadership have a long-standing, solid reputation with the West Sacramento Police Department. The Teen Center continues to prove how valuable it is in its direct services to a high volume of teen clients who are often in situations that need strong adult role-modeling. The Teen Center consistently and successfully addresses critical fundamental needs of our youth that simply cannot be met in many households. They are a critical component to building strong youth who turn out to be resilient, successful adults, and to improving safety in our City."

– Officer Robert Strange, Chief of Police, West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD)

"The Teen Center is a consistent community resource in West Sacramento. The direct services, as well as a bridge to resources, that they provide meet West Sacramento youth where they are. Justin Waffird

and the entire Teen Center team have been invaluable partners to the West Sacramento Police Department Community Outreach and Support Division, helping to create positive touch points in the community for officers and West Sacramento youth.”

– Taylor Nelson, Community Relations and Outreach Coordinator for the WSPD.

“The Collings Teen Center is a key partner in the Police Department's juvenile crime intervention and prevention efforts. I am convinced that if it were not for the facilities and programs that the Teen Center provides, many more of our youth would be involved in drugs, gangs and other negative behaviors. The entire community needs to be aware of and support this valuable resource in our community.”

– Dan Drummond, Retired Chief Police, West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD)

The Teen Center has also been recognized by the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) as a cornerstone of support for Yolo youth:

“The Teen Center stands out as a beacon of support and positive influence for the youth of WUSD. Serving as a vital afterschool haven, it provides a nurturing environment where middle and high school students can thrive. The presence of dedicated adult role models at the Teen Center fosters a sense of safety and encourages personal growth, making it a trusted place for students to unwind after school. The Teen Center’s commitment to addressing basic needs is evident in its provision of meals, ensuring that students are well-fed and cared for. This practical support, combined with a variety of engaging activities, keeps the teens occupied constructively and offers a compelling alternative to spending time unsupervised. Furthermore, the Teen Center goes above and beyond by offering transportation home, which is a crucial service that underscores their dedication to accessibility and convenience for families. The positive impact on students and their families is a testament to the Teen Center’s comprehensive approach to supporting and engaging the community. The Teen Center is more than just an afterschool program, it is a cornerstone of support for the youth in WUSD, providing essential resources, guidance, and a safe environment for personal development.”

– Elizabeth Leon, Social Worker and Outreach Coordinator for Washington Unified School District (WUSD)

In addition to many private foundation grant awards, Campus Life Connection has received for the Teen Center multiple grant awards from the River Cats Foundation, a Responsive Grant Program Award from Sutter Health Foundation for the Collings Teen Center, and a plaque from the Yolo County Friday Night Live Partnership.

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

The specific costs and expenses associated with the Teen Center program are as follows:

-\$20,800 for a 20-hr. part time staff at Teen Center @ \$20/hr.

-\$8,000 transportation (Teen Center bus @ \$1/mile for 8,000 miles per year for camps, outings, and daily to-and-from Teen Center.)

-\$11,000 for camps, entrance fees for activities (e.g., Six Flags); program supplies (e.g., sports equipment, arts and crafts, etc.); activity fees (e.g., bowling, going to the movies, museums, etc.)

Total \$39,800

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

-\$20,800 (for a 20-hr. part-time staff at Collings Teen Center @ \$20/hr. x 1,040 hours)

-\$8,000 transportation (Teen Center bus @ \$1/mile for 8,000 miles per year for camps, outings, and daily to-and-from Teen Center.)

-\$11,000 for camps, activities, entrance fees for activities like Six Flags; program supplies (e.g., sports equipment, arts and crafts, etc.); activity fees for bowling, going to the movies, museums, etc. (Summer Camp: 15 youth x \$400 = \$6,000; Day Trips (San Francisco, Reno, Tahoe, Bodega Bay): \$1,500 (Gas, Meals, Parking, Admission); Activities (e.g., bowling, mini-golf, day trip to lake.): \$1000.; Program Supplies: \$1,500; Six Flags: \$1,000 (Tickets and Meals))

Total \$39,800

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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