Young Community Changemakers
Request for Proposals | 2020

Background
Young Community Changemakers (YC2) is a leadership development program designed to educate and empower local youth to become our community’s next generation of philanthropists—those who give their time, talent and treasure for the common good. Thirty students from Lyons Township High School and Nazareth Academy are currently participating in the program, which invites them to explore their local community and its social needs; learn about philanthropic theory; and engage in organizational evaluation and grantmaking.

YC2 is sponsored by Community Memorial Foundation (CMF) and The Burjan Family. Together we share a vision that young people need opportunities to develop the skills to be the future leaders and stewards of our communities.

Grant Opportunity
YC2 students are seeking grant proposals for general operating support from Community Memorial Foundation grantee organizations. They will conduct site visits to evaluate grant requests and will award up to $15,000 to further the mission and vision of Community Memorial Foundation.

YC2 students have identified the following CMF funding priority for this grant opportunity: Increase health equity by reducing the health, social and economic barriers to optimal well-being and quality of life. They are particularly interested in requests that reduce barriers at the intersectionality of language, cultural competence, and ability to pay. Any CMF grantee organization that addresses this priority is welcome to apply for funding (please see attached).
Timeline

- Grant applications are due to the Foundation by 5:00 PM on March 16, 2020.
- Site visits will occur between March 30 – April 18, 2020.
- Grantee(s) will be selected and notified the week of April 20, 2020.
- YC2 celebration and funds will be awarded at an event on May 1, 2020.

Commonly Asked Questions

- Who is eligible to apply for a YC2 grant?
  Any nonprofit organization that has received a grant from Community Memorial Foundation in the past five years and believes they are addressing the grant priority of reducing barriers through its programs and services is welcome to apply for a YC2 grant.

- Is this Request for Proposals for general operating grants or for a specific program?
  This RFP seeks grant proposals for general operating support. Grant(s) awarded are an investment in the mission of the organization, not specifically for any one program (see grant application for details).

- If I applied for (or received) a program or general operating grant in the past year from CMF, can I still apply for this grant opportunity?
  Yes. This is a special grant opportunity. Applying for a YC2 grant will not affect eligibility to apply for other grants in CMF’s spring and fall grant cycles.

- Who will review these grants? What will the grant process look like?
  The students participating in the YC2 program will review the grant applications, conduct a site visit with a select number of organizations and then decide how to allocate up to $15,000 in CMF funding. They may allocate funding to up to three organizations. Site visits will be scheduled between March 30 – April 18, 2020. Selected grantee(s) will be notified the week of April 20, 2020.

- Will all 30 students attend each site visit?
  No. The students will be divided into small groups for site visits.

- How do I apply?
  The attached grant application may be emailed to Tom Fuechtmann at tfuechtmann@cmfdn.org no later than 5:00 PM on March 16, 2020.

For more information about the YC2 program or about this grant opportunity, please contact Tom Fuechtmann (tfuechtmann@cmfdn.org) or Beth Murin (bmurin@cmfdn.org) at 630-654-4729.
Young Community Changemakers
Grant Application

Organization Information

Organization Legal Name:
AKA/DBA Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Phone Number:
Website Address:

Background Information

Organization Mission Statement:
Brief Organization History:
Current Programs:

Population Served by Organization:
(Include demographic information, total number served, and organization’s service area)

Enter the number of unduplicated persons served last year from each CMF community listed below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bridgeview</th>
<th>Hinsdale</th>
<th>Oak Brook</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Brookfield</td>
<td>Hodgkins</td>
<td>Riverside</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Broadview</td>
<td>Indian Head Park</td>
<td>Stickney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burr Ridge</td>
<td>Justice</td>
<td>Summit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clarendon Hills</td>
<td>La Grange</td>
<td>Westchester</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Countryside</td>
<td>La Grange Park</td>
<td>Western Springs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Darien</td>
<td>Lyons</td>
<td>Westmont</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Downers Grove</td>
<td>McCook</td>
<td>Willowbrook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hickory Hills</td>
<td>North Riverside</td>
<td>Willow Springs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Number of Full Time Employees:
Has your organization developed a strategic plan in the last 5 years?

Total annual organization budget:

**Contact Information**

Prefix:
First Name:
Last Name:
Title:
Office Phone:
Email Address:
Current Programs:

**Request Information**

Grant Amount Requested:
*(The YC2 Program will award 1-3 grants totaling $15,000)*

Timeframe in which the funds will be used:

How many unduplicated persons will be served from CMF target communities?

YC2 program participants are requesting proposals from CMF grantees that sponsor programs addressing the following grant priority: *Increase health equity by reducing the health, social and economic barriers to optimal well-being and quality of life*. They are particularly interested in requests that reduce barriers at the intersectionality of language, cultural competence, and ability to pay. How does your mission and programming address this priority?

Describe how you will use operating dollars to move your mission forward? What will the funds be used for?

Describe how you determine if your organization makes a difference in the health of the target population.
Supporting Material

Audited Financial Statements
Audited financial statements for the last fiscal year, or if unavailable, copy of 990

Annual Report
Latest annual report or a summary of the organization’s prior year’s activities

List of funders
A current list of foundations, corporations, governmental agencies and individuals which funded the organization in the past fiscal year, including amounts contributed ($1,000 and above), if not included in the enclosed annual report