



THE YOUTH JOY AND WELLNESS FUND

What

The Youth Joy and Wellness Fund provides rapid response grants to youth programs and schools in Oakland, CA for projects, events, and services. Grant applications are generally reviewed and responded to within 48-hours to support individuals and programs in moving from planning to action. The fund provides two types of grants:

Individual: Up to \$1,500
Program or School: Up to \$10,000

Who

Individual Grants: Any individual - such as teachers, counselors, coaches, program coordinators, peer educators, and youth leaders - working with youth age 5-25 at an Oakland 501(c)(3) nonprofit or Oakland public, charter, or private school is eligible to apply for a grant up to \$1,500.

Program or School Grants: Any Oakland 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving youth age 5-25 or Oakland public, charter, or private school is eligible to apply for a grant up to \$10,000.

We encourage creativity in your approach to youth mental health and wellness. Activities that promote youth joy can be many, such as:

- Holding in-person or online youth affirming spaces
- Art-based activities
- Performances
- Supporting youth-led projects
- Field trips: camping, museums, sporting events
- Program celebrations: renting space, food, transportation
- Stipends for youth participants, guest instructors, or specialists
- Education and training on mental health support (e.g trauma-informed care, healing-centered engagement, social emotional learning)

Please note: All grants are paid to the nonprofit or school. General operating expenses and staff salaries are not funded through this grant.

How

Please visit our website for the link to the online application portal:
<https://www.venturesfoundation.org/programs/community-initiatives/joy-and-wellness-fund/>

When

The Fund is rolling and applications will be reviewed as they are submitted.



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