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**Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund**

**Request for Proposals - Peñasco, NM**

**Submit application by June 28, 2024 to ycif@futurefocusededucation.org**

Future Focused Education (FFE) believes that schools should support the development of healthy, thriving communities and be places where the problems students solve as part of their learning are directly relevant to the community in which they live. The Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund (YCIF) provides multi-year unrestricted operating grants to nonprofit *organizations, community groups or community leaders* that are seeking to work more directly with young people whose school work aligns with the organization’s mission. These grants provide a generational investment rooted in young people learning from and applying local wisdom to address challenges in their communities.

Grantees will partner for three years with a New Mexico high school that has identified an area of community need, taking advantage of FFE’s X3 Internship platform and statewide Capstone initiative to help manage the process of working with the students and connecting their work to student graduation requirements. Grantee partners will work with students from the school (including some as interns) to further their mutual goals while students gain skills and advance their education.

The 2024 YCIF funders have committed to supporting work in various areas around the state, with proposals now being solicited specifically to:

* Improve economic opportunity for young people in Peñasco, creating opportunities for them to get paid doing work that builds the community, including potentially developing, building and operating a new community space. (Northern NM)

The YCIF will award a general operating grant intended to help a nonprofit or community leader deepen a project it intends to do in the Peñasco, NM area over the coming three-year period. This grant will be awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community organization or individual with a fiscal sponsor doing work in this area. **NOTE:** FFE can help identify fiscal sponsors for individual community leaders interested in applying.

In this first year of grantmaking, FFE will award a $35,000 Year 1 grant (for 2024) that is intended to support organizational capacity and planning for the collaborative work taking place over the next two years. This initial grant is intended to support the grantee as it engages with Peñasco Middle & High School and plans their work. Upon submission of a basic report at the end of Year 1, the grantee will be eligible for Year 2 and Year 3 grants in the amount of $75,000 per year.

All funding provided to nonprofit organizations will be unrestricted and intended to support the general work and mission of the organization. Student intern stipends will be funded separately and will not require a financial investment by the nonprofit. The number of interns and the scope of their work will be determined by each participating high school in consultation with the nonprofit partner.

**SECTION A: ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION**

**Organization Name:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**Phone Number:**

**Grant Application Contact Name:**

**Grant Contact Title:**

**Grant Contact Email:**

**Grant Contact Phone Number:**

**Which of these best describes your organization?**

\_\_ 501c3 nonprofit (What is your federal tax id?)

\_\_ Nonprofit organization or community leader with a fiscal sponsor

**If you are working with a fiscal sponsor, what is the name and address of the sponsor?**

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**SECTION B: RESPONDING TO SCHOOL QUESTIONS**

**The following learning questions speak to the work that students and staff at Penasco High School wish to engage in:**

Youth Economic Opportunity in Peñasco:

1. *What is needed to help students at Peñasco Middle & High School to envision and develop a community space where young people can prepare for a broad range of careers (such as medicine, the trades, technology, etc.), access mentors and find opportunities for employment?*
2. *How can the community build upon programs and services that Peñasco schools have already established to create more “hands on” learning experiences for students outside of school that will build relationships and honor our local culture.*
3. *How might partnerships be structured between the school, local organizations and businesses to ensure long-term sustainability and impact, given that existing school schedules and requirements can be complex?*

**Please provide a description (no more than 1,000 words) of how your organization’s mission and work align with the questions above.**

**SECTION C: PROPOSED APPROACH**

**1. Please provide a two-page summary (no more than 1,000 words) addressing the following:**

1. Describe your organization’s approach to working with young people in pursuit of your mission **OR** describe what you would like to learn about integrating young people more deeply into your work.
2. Please describe the types of skills and responsibilities participating students might experience through an internship with your organization.
3. What is your strategy for engaging hard-to-reach community members that are most impacted by your work? How will you work to center these most-impacted community members?
4. Describe the organization’s existing work that will be supported by this grant.
5. Describe any community collaborations that will help you make this work possible.

**2.** **Provide a project budget for the first year (year one) and your organization’s most current one-year operating budget. Please ensure your project budget indicates any other sources of funding (committed, received).**

**Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund: Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**

The funds granted through the Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund (YCIF) are intended to directly support the activities that the grantee is engaged in with the student participants. Although the funds are generally unrestricted in terms of how they can be used (e.g., staff time, supplies, transportation, etc.), the assumption is that they are supporting the grantee’s ability to work directly with student participants.

Instructions: The purpose of this form is to identify and manage potential conflicts of interest related to partnership between non-profit organizations and schools for the implementation of community-based capstone projects as part of the Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund (YCIF).

**1. Applicant Information**

* Name of Organization:
* Contact Person:
* Role in the Organization:
* Email:
* Phone:

**2. Disclosure of Employment at Partner School in the YCIF**

* + Are you or any of the nonprofit organization’s key personnel currently employed by the partner school? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	+ If yes, please provide 1) the name of the school you (or others) are employed at and 2) describe the role you (or others) play at the school:

**3. Use of Funds**

* The funders of the Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund require that grant funding allocated to compensating staff may not be duplicative of other compensation school staff may be receiving as an employee of the school. Please certify that no grant funds will duplicate compensation already provided to school staff:

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**4. Strategy Table Member Disclosure**

* Are you a member of the Strategy Table involved in selecting the nonprofit organization to partner with the school AND also applying for funding from the YCIF?
	+ ☐ Yes ☐ No
* **NOTE:** If you are applying to the YCIF and are a member of a Strategy Table, you will not be able to assess your own organization's proposal and you will be required to abstain from the final selection of the nonprofit organization. However, you may continue to be involved in other aspects of the Strategy Table's activities.

**Certification and Signature**  I certify that the information provided on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation, omission, or false statement may disqualify me and my organization from consideration for funding as part of the YCIF.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form as part of your Youth Civic Infrastructure Fund application.