



DANE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION



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FALK ANNOUNCES 2008 YOUTH GRANTS

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk and the Dane County Youth Commission announced funding for 11 grants totaling \$21,650 to agencies providing innovative prevention programs to Dane County youth.

“These projects will provide a broad range of community service, peer mentoring, cross cultural and youth leadership services that will benefit more than 500 youth countywide,” said County Executive Falk. “These organizations have wonderful programs which involve kids and youth in positive activities.”

Barbara Arnold, Chair of the Dane County Youth Commission, said the money the county spends on the prevention grants is a prudent investment, especially when one considers that each child who gets in trouble and is sent to a juvenile facility can cost the county more than \$60,000 a year. “Our prevention initiative spends a fraction of that amount and it will serve several hundred young people across Dane County,” said Arnold.

The 11 programs were selected from 28 applications that requested more than \$77,000. Grant recipients were recognized at a ceremony held on April 16.

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**2008 Prevention Grant Awards
Dane County Youth Commission**

Project Name	Agency	Description of Project	Recommended Award
MS Bullying Awareness/Reduction	Sennett Middle School	Sennett's Gay Straight Alliance will plan activities to increase student leadership and reduce bullying and harassment by promoting understanding and kindness.	\$1525
Just the Boys Program	McFarland Youth Resource Center	Program targeting MS boys to build leadership skills, while helping boys develop and grow into young men who make healthy and informed decisions.	\$2700
Girls in Action	YWCA/Girl Neighborhood Power	Collaborative project between GNP and Hostel International to build bridges between diverse communities.	\$3000
Community Mentors African American Women	SS Morris African Methodist Episcopal Church	Mentoring program for African American students at West High School focusing on African Centered principles and academic support.	\$1250
Mt. Horeb Community Garden	YMCA/Mt. Horeb Youth Resource Center	Community garden project to engage youth and other community members in the planning and implementation of a vegetable, flower and herb garden.	\$2000
Sun Prairie Youth Haunted House	YMCA/Sun Prairie Youth Resource Center	Youth led initiative to plan, develop, design and run a Haunted House.	\$2500
Renovacion Juvnil (Youth Renovation)	Catholic Multicultural Center	A council of 6-8 grade Spanish-speaking youth to develop leadership skills through 10 months of activities planned and executed by the youth.	\$2800
Boys Group	Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Center	Weekly group for 4-8 th grade boys with a focus on violence and gun prevention activities.	\$1350
Troy Gardens Mentorship Program	Friends of Troy Gardens	Program to cultivate teen mentors that help educate younger children to care for the natural world.	\$2000
Grow Our Own College Students	Simpson Free Press	Program to encourage minority students toward college opportunities researched and written about by youth writer's for SFP.	\$2000
Students in Dialogue W/ Students, Teachers and the DPI	Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools	Project will respond to the lack of respect by teachers and student for WI pupil non-discrimination law protecting LGBT students.	\$2525
		Total	\$23,650