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Youth Council awards \$137,978 for Milwaukee youth programs

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** has allocated \$137,978 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to five agencies that will use the money for initiatives ranging from health improvement, leadership development, sustainable food production and job skills training, to reducing crime and preparing Milwaukee youth for college.

The allocations were awarded following agency presentations that took place in August during a seven-hour meeting of the Youth Council at City Hall. During that meeting, agencies presented details about their proposals and answered questions posed by Youth Council members.

The funding recommendations were approved this morning by the full Common Council.

The allocations were:

- \$25,000 to **Casa Romero Renewal Center, Inc.** for a youth leadership development and anti-bullying program, for middle and high school students.
- \$25,000 to the **First Stage, Inc.** to engage minds, and transform lives by creating extraordinary theater experiences for young people and families.
- \$25,000 to **Growing Power, Inc. – Youth Services** to allow young people to take part in a year-round leadership and development program in urban gardening and sustainable food production and maintenance.
- \$37,162 to the **Safe and Sound, Inc.** to achieve effective crime reduction, increased economic viability and proactive youth development.

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- \$25, 816 to the **Social Development Commission** to provide college preparation and career guidance for 100 high school students -- a proposal created by the Youth Advisory Board of the SDC.

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