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Youth Council to hear agencies' funding requests for city youth programming

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** is expected to make allocation recommendations tomorrow (**Wednesday, July 8**) after hearing from agencies which have applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be used for programs and projects benefiting city youths.

The allocation recommendations (to be forwarded to the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee) are expected to be made during the Wednesday, July 8 Youth Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall. At the meeting, six agencies will present proposals and answer questions posed by Youth Council members.

The Youth Council has a total of \$73,960 in CDBG reprogramming funds available for allocation. Those who have submitted requests for funding include:

- **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee** – Requesting \$11,000 to fund the Summer Youth Employment Program for youth ages 13-17 who have had involvement with the criminal justice system or who are at high-risk.
- **Center for Self Sufficiency** – Requesting \$30,000 for healthy relationship education to prevent teenage pregnancy and promote financial literacy in a program for 150 high school youth.
- **COA Youth & Family Centers** – Requesting \$10,450 for youth leadership training, including youth empowerment, a crime prevention retreat, community service and crime prevention projects for low income youth.

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- **First Stage** – Requesting \$25,000 for the First Stage Theater Academy Family Partnership program, which provides need-based scholarships for low income youth. Youth are taught life skills through stage skills (acting, musical theater).
- **Neu Life Community Development** – Requesting \$20,000 for their Too Good for Drugs and Violence Program, which provides evidence-based prevention education curriculum to foster healthy and positive decision-making skills. Other activities include health & wellness, arts, life skills, academics, service projects and entrepreneurship activities.
- **Social Development Commission** – Requesting \$15,000 for its youth employment program, which places 10 Milwaukee youth in a job, internship or apprenticeship program. Other services include GED certification, work readiness training and training/skills certification in the participant’s job interest area.

The meeting will be televised live by the City Channel via streaming video on the city website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

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