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Youth Council recommends \$138,755 for Milwaukee youth programs

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** has recommended the allocation of \$138,755 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to six agencies that will use the money for initiatives ranging from leadership development, expungement services and job skills training, to reducing crime and preparing Milwaukee youths for their futures.

The allocations were recommended following agency presentations that took place Monday, June 20, 2016 during a regular 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 will now go to the Common Council's Community & Economic Development Committee and later to the full Council for a final vote.

The recommendations were:

- \$30,000 to the **Center for Self Sufficiency** to fund a summer mentorship program focused on personal development through experimental learning and healthy relationships education.
- \$33,755 to **Clean Slate** to provide legal expungement services that can open the door for new opportunities.
- \$25,000 to **Grateful Girls, Inc.** to educate and empower young women through internships with local businesses.
- \$15,000 to **Riverworks Development Corp.** to hire youth ambassadors from the 53212 ZIP code to improve the safety, cleanliness and attractiveness of commercial corridors.

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Youth Council recommendations/ADD ONE

- \$15,000 to **Running Rebels, Inc.** to provide leadership training during out-of-school and summer time programs.
- \$20,000 to **Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.** to provide career counseling and job training to youth at risk of becoming involved with gangs and to former gang members.

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