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## Milwaukee Youth Council Allocates Funds

The Milwaukee Youth Council (MYC) voted last week at its formal meeting to allocate the portion of Community Development Block Grant reprogramming funding in its control to two Milwaukee-based agencies that specialize in youth services: the Harambee Ombudsman Project, Inc. and Safe and Sound.

Steve Mahan, Director of Community Development Grants Administration for the City of Milwaukee, was happy with the students' process. "The members of this body continually asked questions about the city's process for allocating grant dollars. They were very thoughtful about the proposals and took their evaluation of the projects very seriously. Last night's lengthy deliberation is further testament to how they recognize the impact of grant dollars in a tight economy."

The body also voted to reserve \$3,000 of the \$25,000 they were allowed to allocate for their own projected growth. Safe and Sound received \$15,000, its full request, to facilitate youth intervention and education programs where students develop leadership skills. Harambee Ombudsman Project, Inc. was awarded \$7,000, a portion of its initial request, to create four jobs for teens and shore up the mission of the agency.

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The students earmarked \$2,000 of the funds for the group's own development and attendance at national leadership events and \$1,000 to fund continued recruiting efforts for the MYC.

The Milwaukee Youth Council is a prestigious youth leadership body aimed at students aged 14 to 18 interested in government and in making a difference in the Milwaukee community. For more information on the Youth Council please visit <http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil>.

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