

## Grant Simulation Activity

Together with other new members, you make up the Youth Advisory Council.

You have \$9,000 to give this year.

You have sent out the RFP (Request for Proposals) and have received four grant applications.

Guidelines/Eligibility: (these are the "Non-Negotiables")

- Must benefit youth
- Must be part of a non-profit organization with a 501c3
- Must not be discriminatory against a particular group
- Must not be from a religious organization *for a religious purpose*

Other things to consider (these are the Negotiables):

- Is the project appealing to youth? Is it creative or interesting?
- Is the goal and timeline realistic?
- How many youth are impacted and what is the level of impact on those youth?
- Are youth involved in planning and carrying out the project?
- Budget/Money issues: is it realistic, are there other sources of funding, do they have plans to fund the project after our grant runs out?

What your committee should do:

1. Read each application carefully. You may make notes or write on them if you like. (20 minutes)
2. Discuss each application with the rest of the group, keeping in mind the Non-negotiables and Negotiables listed above. (20 minutes)
3. If the group has questions about the applications, you may ask representatives from any of the organizations (CMF Staff member). (5 minutes)
4. As a group, decide how you will distribute the funds. You may choose to give all, some or none of the money available; and you may choose to give full or partial grants. (15 minutes)
5. Present your final recommendations to the group for approval. (5 minutes)

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