



United Way
Central & South
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Grants up to \$2,000 available for youth-led projects

United Way's GenNext and the Central Okanagan Foundation for Youth (COFFY) have partnered again this year to offer Youth Initiative Grants. Youth who are improving their communities have a chance to receive project funding of up to \$2,000.

These grants are available to young people up to age 25 who are partnering with an organization to create positive change in their local community. The partner organization can be a school, church or charity and youth must reside in either the Central or South Okanagan Similkameen in order to apply. Applications are available until the March 1.2018 deadline.

"We are thrilled to support youth in the Central and South Okanagan through the Youth Initiative Grants. Our youth have a unique perspective and role in their communities, which leads to new ideas around how they can create positive change. These grants empower them to make an impact on their local community through a project or cause that is important to them." Reanne Amadio, Manager of Community Investment with the United Way CSO.

"The Youth Initiative Grants enable youth to feel their voice is valued and that they have an impact. Our communities benefit from the fresh perspective, optimism, and enthusiasm of youth generated projects" says Cheryl Miller, Director of Grants & Community Initiatives with the Central Okanagan Foundation.

Application packages are available at www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/youth-initiative-grants/, or by calling the Central Okanagan Foundation office at 250-861-6160 or the United Way CSO office at 250-860-2356.

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