



Request For Proposals

2021 Youth Grant Pitch Contest

Summary

The SCI Youth Grant Pitch Contest is designed to engage youth-led groups based in Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn in community projects designed to address the mental health needs of their peers. Youth groups invited to participate will be paired with a professional coach. These coaches will assist adult advisors in mentoring each youth group throughout the development of project ideas & proposals. The program will culminate in a Pitch Contest event, where a panel of judges will award Grant funds for project implementation to selected groups.

Information

A core value of SCI is engaging youth in developing and implementing solutions to the problems they face in their communities. The goal of the Youth Grant Pitch Contest is to provide young people with the opportunity to:

- 1. Decide how to strengthen their community**
- 2. Learn public speaking, project management & collaborative skills**
- 3. Network & build new relationships**

This program aims to put young people in the driver's seat of positive change, while providing them with the guidance, monetary resources, and social capital they need to make a real impact.

SCI is particularly concerned about the mental health needs of minoritized demographics of young people: particularly BIPOC, English Language Learners, LGBTQ+, and low-income students. These youth face additional mental health challenges that have only been exacerbated by the pandemic, as their families bear a disproportionate share of the economic and health impacts of COVID-19. SCI encourages youth group applicants to create projects that will impact minoritized students.



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Timeline

Action/Task	Date
Request For Proposals (RFP) released	February 12th, 2021
Youth Group Applications due	March 12th, 2021
Applications reviewed / Groups invited to Participate in Pitch Contest	March 17th, 2021
Professional Coaches matched & Mentoring Youth Groups	March 17th, 2021 - April 14th, 2021
Pitch Contest Event / Funds Awarded to Projects	April 15th, 2021
Cross-Project check in with Youth Groups	May 20th, 2021
Current school year Projects Implemented / Long-term Projects begin planning	April 20th, 2021 - June 15th, 2021
Project Update Due (Final Report Due for Implemented Projects)	June 18th, 2021
Long-term Projects Implemented	June 18th, 2021- November 1st, 2021
Final Reports Due & Cross-Project Youth Celebration Event	November 15th, 2021

About SCI

SCI's mission is to strengthen communities by connecting diverse individuals and organizations through civic engagement initiatives. We envision a nation where individuals are strongly connected to their neighbors and play an active role in shaping the destiny of their communities. The core of our programming focuses on community building and youth development: since 2002, SCI has initiated, coordinated and participated in partnerships with local and regional organizations that has resulted in programs that have benefited diverse demographics in Woburn and other Greater Boston communities.

The 2021 SCI Youth Grant Pitch Contest is funded through CHNA 15 DoN funds from Lahey Hospital and Medical Center.



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Application

Contact Information

Youth Group	
Affiliated Org. / School	
Town / City	
Website (if applicable)	
Social Media (if applicable; indicate platform/s)	
Primary Youth Contact - Name	
Primary Youth Contact - Email	
Primary Youth Contact - Phone	
Secondary Youth Contact - Name	
Secondary Youth Contact - Email	
Secondary Youth Contact - Phone	
Adult Advisor - Name	
Adult Advisor - Email	
Adult Advisor - Phone	

Questions

1. What are the Group's goals?



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2. Briefly describe the history of the group.

3. Briefly describe the Group's project idea.

4. Briefly explain how the project will meet the need(s) of young people in your community.

5. Briefly explain how grant funds would be used, if awarded.



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6. Briefly explain how the group would use social media to raise awareness of its participation in the Youth Grant Pitch Contest.

Signatures

Primary Youth Contact

Signature

Date

Secondary Youth Contact

Signature

Date

Adult Advisor

Signature

Date