



GUIDELINES (Revised October 11, 2021)

Youth As Resources offers funding for community organizing projects and social enterprises that are designed and carried out by Baltimore young people.

- Young people who want to dedicate themselves to addressing problems and meeting critical community needs are invited to apply.
- Applicants must identify a sponsoring organization with a non-profit status such as a community organization, youth group, church, or school.
- There is no lower age limit for program participants. The upper age limit for program participants is 23 (at the time of application). The youth contact person (the youth leader responsible for the program) must be at least 11 years old.
- Funding requests may be up to \$5,000. The average grant is \$2,700.

Projects funded will be those:

- **That address a critical community problem(s).**
- **Where young people come up with the idea, create the plan, do the work and make the decisions.**
- **That can be started and carried out by the same group of young people.**
- **That are long term and make a lasting change (YAR does not fund one- day or short-term events); and**
- **That have a realistic budget and solid plan.**

Stipend/Salary Policy: Youth As Resources **does not** fund stipends for new grantees. A stipend is a payment, such as a salary, allowance, honorarium and/or offering for services rendered. Examples of stipends include paying youth to implement the project, paying a DJ for an event or giving a fixed honorarium to a professional dancer to teach step classes etc....

Youth As Resources will **ONLY** consider stipends and/or salary for **youth organizers** and **ONLY** for **renewal requests**.

YAR will consider requests for stipends for renewal projects with the following conditions:

- (1) Stipends can **ONLY** be used to compensate HIGH SCHOOL age youth project organizers.
- (2) A final report from the last grant must be submitted with evidence of success in meeting the initial goals for change; and
- (3) Stipends cannot exceed 25% of the total YAR request.

Youth As Resources will not consider projects where youth are charged a fee to participate.

