



Discover Your Future Program Partner Grant

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Close Date: April 15, 2018 at 5pm MST

Introduction

Originally founded 25 years ago (1991) by NFL player, Rod Smith, Future for KIDS's (FFK) impact began by offering free sports camps for at-risk youth in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Understanding the power and impact of team sports and positive adult role models, Smith wanted to provide children living in low-income areas opportunities they were typically not afforded through a high-end camp experience. In 2002, FFK expanded its efforts to impact youth at a deeper level, developing a mentor-driven, after-school program that eventually became known as the Discover Your Future program in 2006. Today, Future for KIDS serves over 1,000 youth each year through its free, out-of-school time programming and ongoing large-scale sports camps.

Program Background

Discover Your Future (DYF) is a free, out-of-school time youth development program that uses mentoring to improve the lives of program participants (3rd – 6th grade) by: Providing opportunities to engage youth in meaningful relationships with trained, caring adult mentors; Improving youths' physical health and nutrition; Promoting social and emotional development; & fostering an appreciation for academics/skill building through STEAM and literacy.

DYF is designed to help youth overcome adversity, surpass limitations, and exceed expectations via our three pillars: Academics, Athletics and Ethics. Imagine a community where children in who face adversity are brought together with caring adults who offer guidance, support, and encouragement through mentorship. Dedication of this kind is proven to have a major impact on the fragile lives of youth who face adversity. This vital interaction between deserving children and compassionate adults exists in our programs and allows youth to develop resiliency and confidence that they can carry with them moving forward.





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Request for Partnership

Seeking to invest \$21,000 via program services to eligible, supportive partner agency serving youth with adverse childhood experiences. Services include 26 week, after-school mentoring program for up to 50 youth. Program is provided for 2 hours, once a week in accordance with your school's calendar. Services include small-group mentoring, academic support (STEAM and literacy), athletic enrichment, and ethics development.

As the first trauma-sensitive program in the state of Arizona for elementary-aged youth, Discover Your Future (DYF) serves its community partners holistically. Our curriculum is intentionally designed for youth to develop socially and emotionally, to learn coping strategies and self-regulation: Mentors model healthy interactions, and encourage cooperation and exploration of feelings and motivations; youth develop self-confidence and explore self-expression; youth engage in hands on learning and problem solving skills, which promote participants to move ahead and excel in all areas of education. This youth development carries over into your classrooms or other program environment and has been shown to impact our partners overall culture.

Eligibility Requirements

- Title I School or School District, Charter School, youth-serving community center or housing community
- Ability to make an annual contribution of \$5000 toward program costs
- 3-year agreed partnership contingent on evaluation review

Additional Partnership Expectations

- Designate a Partner/Program Liaison
- Accessible Indoor & Outdoor Space (indoor space must have tables and chairs to accommodate 50 students and 12 mentors)
- Commitment to hit target registration numbers for youth in program
- Provide Marketing Support (Discover Your Future & other Future for Kids events)
- Must submit mid-term & final report to Future for Kids
- Must participate in program assessment/surveying

2018/2019 Program Partner Timeline

- Application Opens – February 15
- Application Due – April 15
- Site Visits for Top Applicants – April & May
- Program Award Recipients Announced - June 1**
- MOU Contract Deadline - July 1
- Program Launch - Mid September
- Mid-Term Report Due – January 21
- Final Report Due – June 3

**Upon successful evaluation review, approved recipients may continue with partnership without renewal application for three years



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Proposal

Please complete all sections in their entirety. Incomplete applications may be ineligible.

Overview

Agency Information

School/Organization Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Title/Affiliation:

Phone:

Email:

How did you hear about us?

- Internet Search
- Social Media
- Personal Referral
- Flyer/Handout
- Other; Specify: _____

Programming Day of Week Desired:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- No Preference

Programming Time Desired (2-hour range between 2-7pm):

How many youth do you serve at your facility? – One sentence

Are you able to provide transportation for your youth to attend Future for KIDS sports camps? (3 per school year):

Proposal Summary – 500 words

Why is it important to have our program at your school/agency? How will this impact your community?



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Background Information

Population Served – 350 words

What is your geographic scope? What youth/family demographic do you primarily serve? (Income levels, ethnicity, language, etc.)

Describe your organization's current programs and activities - 250 words

How do our services differ from or build on efforts?

Proposal Narrative

Why do you believe Discover Your Future is a fit for your school/organization? – 500 words

How do you intend to provide agency support for Discover Your Future? – 250 words

How does Discover Your Future fit within your school/agency's initiatives? – 250 words

What goals/need are we helping you achieve? – 250 words

Supplementals

- Copy of 2018/2019 Academic Calendar outlining breaks, half-days, lack of transportation availability (i.e. 21st Century program schedule) or other special scheduling information
- Letter of Support from fiscally responsible, decision-making member within agency regarding commitment to contribute \$5,000 program support and meet MOU requirements

Formatting Criteria

- Single-spaced, 1-inch margins
- 12pt legible font (i.e. Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri)
- Please include all appropriate headings and provide responses following the questions provided
- Submit all completed applications to julie@futureforkids.org (no hard copy applications will be accepted)

Contact Information

- More information available at www.futureforkids.org
- Office phone number: 480-947-8131
- Main email contact: julie@futureforkids.org