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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Office of Youth Development - Measure US**

In November 2020, the residents of Long Beach passed Measure US. These funds support public health, climate change efforts, and youth development in Long Beach. In 2021, the community voiced an interest in establishing a Youth Fund with Measure US. And the City Council gave direction on [February 16, 2021](#) to create the Youth Fund. The Office of Youth Development (OYD) within the Health and Human Services Department, is now prepared to launch its first disbursements of Measure US - Youth Funds via two rounds of community grant opportunities. The two opportunities are the *Youth 100 Fund* and the *Midsize Learning Community* grants. Grants awarded will focus on serving youth, ages 8-24, residing in communities most impacted by crime, COVID-19, poverty, and chronic health conditions. The combined total for these two funding opportunities will be \$225,000. The Nonprofit Partnership will manage the distribution of these grants for the Health Department and will be the entity making decisions on award amounts and eligibility. Additional Measure US funding opportunities for grants supporting youth in Long Beach will be offered through the Health Department by the end of this summer.

The *Youth 100 Fund* will provide mini-grant opportunities to formal and informal groups to submit youth neighborhood engagement proposals. Mini-grants will range between \$500-\$2,000 based on the scope of the proposal. Examples of informal groups include student, parent, and neighborhood groups without non-profit status, and formal groups are defined as entities with non-profit status or fiscal agents. Only one award per organization will be given to maximize opportunities for various groups to receive funding.

The *Midsize Learning Community* grants are for non-profit organizations undertaking work related to one of the goals identified in the Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan (YSP). Midsize Learning Community grants will be \$10,000 for single organizations and \$25,000 for collaborations between organizations. For this round of funding, four YSP goals are prioritized:

- YSP Goal 2: Physical Health, Mental Health, and Emotional Wellness
- YSP Goal 3: Planning for the Future
- YSP Goal 4: Community Care
- YSP Goal 6: Transportation

The applications for these two projects are now available with a deadline of July 20, 2022. Links to these opportunities are available below:

- [Youth 100 Fund Mini-Grants](#)
- [Mid-Size Learning Community Grants](#)

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The OYD looks forward to working with you as we continue to implement the YSP and ensure the safety and health of Long Beach Youth. For additional information, please contact Kelly Colopy at Kelly.Colopy@longbeach.gov or Sherlyn Beatty at Sherlyn.Beatty@longbeach.gov.

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