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## Youth Council awards \$100,000 for Milwaukee youth programs

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** has allocated \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to six agencies that will use the money for initiatives ranging from health improvement and job skills training, to planting community gardens and preparing Milwaukee youth for college.

The allocations were awarded on Wednesday (August 15) during a seven-hour meeting of the Youth Council at City Hall. During the meeting, agencies presented their proposals and answered questions posed by Youth Council members.

The allocations were:

- \$25,000 to **Groundwork Milwaukee**, working with the city Department of Public Works, to train and employ 12 youth to build the Kinnickinnic River Trail, enhance the Beer Line Trail, and build community gardens in neighborhoods across Milwaukee.
- \$25,000 to the **Center for Self Sufficiency** to provide sexual and emotional health workshops to LGBT youth.
- \$15,000 to the **Neu-Life Community Development Center** to provide academic counseling, job skills training, and community service projects for youth in the Amani neighborhood.
- \$15,000 to the **LGBT Community Center** to enhance existing resources and fund community service projects for LGBT youth.

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## Youth Council funding/ADD ONE

- \$10,000 to the **Social Development Commission** to provide college preparation and career guidance for 100 high school students -- a proposal created by the Youth Advisory Board of the SDC.
- \$10,000 to **COA Youth & Family Centers** to support a community health clinic at the Goldin Center, in a health-care deficient neighborhood.

The meeting Wednesday was the last for Youth Council members who graduated from high school and are now heading to college and other opportunities. The departing members of the Youth Council are: **Zach Komes** (President/District 10); **Kayla Schmeling** (chair of Communications Committee/District 11); **Francis Klein** (chair of Collaboration Committee/District 3); and **Siobhan Rudolph** (chair of the Education Committee/District 5).

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