Community Mini-Grants

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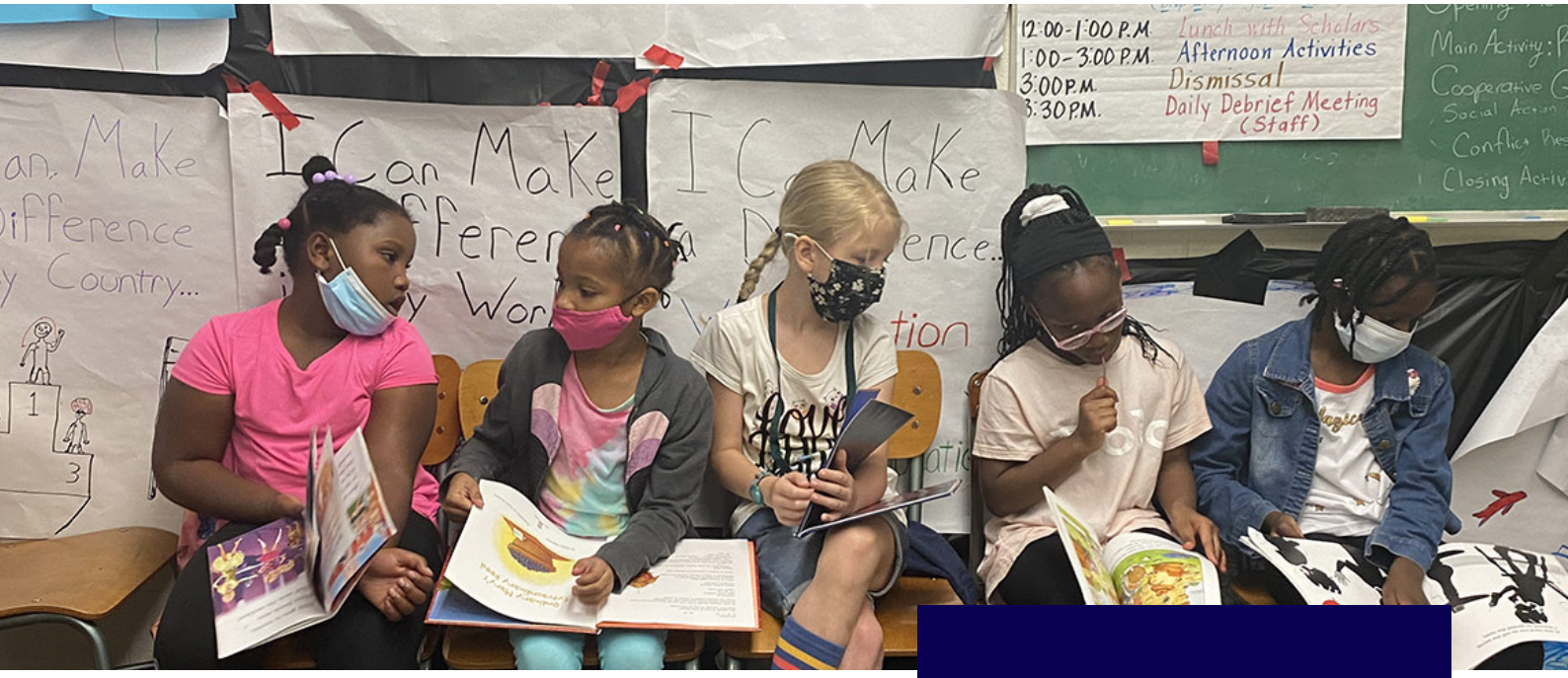

Goal One

Increase capacity and implementation of evidence- and community-based youth engagement programs through community partnerships to promote positive youth development.

Goal Two

Increase the capacity of trauma-informed practices and strengthen the integration of behavioral health services to improve equitable access.

Community Mini-Grant Program

The Flint ReCAST mini-grant program is a yearly opportunity for community-based organizations to implement programming that assists at-risk youth and families to attain improved health, increased community engagement, reductions in trauma, and sustained community change.

Heart of Worship Dance Studio

FLINT YOUTH CANCE TO DANCE PROJECT

This is a project to alleviate the effects of extended confinement and loss of daily activities for the Greater Flint area youth through dance. Heart of Worship Dance Studio (HOWDS) will use the skill of dance to relieve symptoms of PTSD or other emotional hardships affecting many youth experiencing ongoing effects of the Flint Water Crisis combined with the COVID-19 Pandemic. HOWDS will use the skills of CRM modeled in the ReCAST program; and will engage youth in in-person, virtual, and pre-recorded video interaction; to motivate and promote continued learning during these times.

Flint Freedom Schools Collaborative

COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

The Flint Freedom Schools Collaborative (FFSC) is a culturally relevant, literacy-focused, collaborative solution to closing the educational gap, fostering positive esteem, and encouraging retention and development of youth, young adults, and professional talent throughout Flint and Genesee County. Our project fosters academic and creative growth, community engagement, collaboration, positive culture cultivation, parent and family involvement, and intergenerational servant leadership development. The main components of the FFSC project are experiential learning, talent development, and capacity building for Flint youth, families, young adults, and community organizations.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint

CREATING ACCESS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint utilizes trauma-informed practices to help the young people who need us most reach their full potential. The Club is dedicated to youth achieving academic success, receiving on-site mental health services, and developing skills that support their workforce development and employability. “Boys & Girls & Creating Access & Equal Opportunity for All” reinforces our commitment to promote a safe, positive, and inclusive environment to every young person in our community.

African Drum & Dance Parent Association

LIFE SKILLS AND CULTURAL AWARENESS PROJECT

African Drum and Dance Parent Association’s “Life Skills and Cultural Awareness Project” is a performing arts program consisting of West African Culture and engagement in life skills, designed to reach under-served Flint neighborhoods with limited access to the arts. Our goal is to expose at-risk Flint-area youth to West African cultural traditions, instrumental/vocal music, survival life skills that encourage self-awareness, high self-esteem, youth leadership, community pride, academic achievement, careers, and entrepreneurship. Participants will engage in “hands-on” West African drumming, dance, folklore, history, Swahili, crafts, jewelry-making, cooking, sewing, personal hygiene, and employability skills activities.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

EMPOWERING POTENTIAL MENTORING PROGRAM

The Empowering Potential Mentoring Program builds and strengthens support systems, facilitates community engagement, reduces stress, and mitigates trauma. Improving health, career development, and promoting mental health for Flint youth requires broad approaches that address social, economic, and environmental factors that impact young people and the communities they live. Big Brothers Big Sisters staff engages with Flint youth and focuses on building and maintaining one-to-one mentoring relationships, as well as connecting families with community resources such as schools, community organizations, leaders, funders, and others to improve health and mental wellness ensuring they realize their full potential.

Bangtown Studio On The Go

STUDIO ON THE GO EXPANSION PROJECT

Bangtown Studio On The Go connects youth to their community through music, film, and technology. They get the opportunity to create songs, videos, and gain skills to work on the equipment used by professionals. Youth will be positively impacted, giving them social, academic, and technical skills needed for the future of our community.

Youth Arts: Unlocked

ARTS IN DETENTION & ARTS ON PROBATION

Youth Arts: Unlocked (YAU) empowers and builds resilience in the most marginalized and disadvantaged members of the Flint community: detained and justice-impacted youth. Each week our diverse team of professional teaching artists share their skills and expertise with youth in detention and on probation by conducting trauma-informed visual arts, dance, theatre, poetry, and yoga workshops at local youth facilities. The transformative experience of creating art propels the youth forward, forging new identities and experiences and giving them a chance to succeed outside of the criminal justice system.

Uma Strong Marshall Outreach

LEARNING HUB

Attention: Parents & Guardians! Are you looking for a free educational supportive service that provides tutoring, Chromebook rental, mindfulness yoga, and computer literacy assistance for your student (K-6) and/or yourself? Look no further. USMO's Learning Hub is here to serve your family on Monday and Wednesday mornings and evenings from 9am-11am and 4:45pm-7:00pm, located at the Howard Estates Townhomes community center. Must be a resident of Howard Estates and/or participate in Urban Boys Scout.

Flint Children's Museum

SUPPORTING RESILIENCY DEVELOPMENT

The Flint Children's Museum believes that play is fundamental to children's development and that all children deserve access to enriching play experiences. At the core of this belief is the opportunity for children to discover and explore their own capacities in the presence of loved ones. Flint ReCAST programming and support knocks down admission barriers for those who need hands-on learning most, and creates the chance for developing resiliency in Flint families and beyond.

Community Support Fund

SUPER SUMMER FUN CAMP

Basketball, volleyball, football, kickball, baseball, motivational classes, fine arts, and more! Youth ages 6-16. Come experience the fun!

Flint Institute of Music

MUSIC THERAPY FOR YOUTH

Partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint, the Flint Institute of Music will employ the evidence-based practice of music therapy by utilizing music and movement, group instrument play, and structured music listening to address the impact of trauma and lead exposure on the behavioral health of Flint youth.

Total Life Prosperity CDC

F3-FIT AND FUN FAMILIES

Total Life Prosperity CDC, through a grant from ReCAST, invites you to remember how to use laughter and learning to de-stress and practice self-care, while celebrating life. For the next six months, the importance of self-care, family time, and the world of art/culture will be open for families to explore through community empowerment workshops in the city of Flint.

Motherly Intercession, Inc.

READING AND COUNTING TO SUCCESS PLUS PROGRAM

Every child has a voice, and every child deserves to be heard. At Motherly Intercession, we strive to amplify each child's abilities, while empowering them to pave a path of possibilities and success for themselves. Motherly Intercession allows children creative freedom through various projects and has a system in place to reward appropriate behaviors and actions while teaching life skills. We believe in the African Proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," and we are dedicated to being a part of each child's village in partnership with their other supports.

Sisters Supporting Sisters

HEAL THE MIND GROUP SESSIONS

Heal the Mind is an 8-week Group Therapy program devoted to offering innovative therapeutic interventions facilitated by licensed therapists. This program is targeted to women ages 18 and older struggling with grief, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, domestic violence, and self love/self care.

Tapology

FLINT S.T.O.N.E. MOVERS

Tapology is expanding its program to engage more Flint Kids in 2022! Thanks to our continued funding partnership with Flint ReCAST, Tapology will engage youth in Culture, Arts, Physical, and Mindfulness activities. We are expanding our services to Flint Housing Commission Neighborhood and the children in the foster care system.