



## HEALTHY YOUTH – WHAT WE FUND

In the Healthy Youth Focus Area, we support two strategies, **Supporting Youth Development** and **Promoting Youth Health**.

We use our [grantmaking guiding principles](#) to make funding decisions across all our focus areas. In the Healthy Youth Focus Area, programs and services must be serving a majority youth of color and/or youth living in families with low incomes. Programs integrating youth voice and leadership into core structures, practices and decision-making are prioritized.

In the **Supporting Youth Development** strategy, we seek to fund:

### **Out-of-School Time Programs**

- ✓ Programs that operate 10 hours or more per week on an ongoing basis and provide regularly scheduled, structured and supervised activities at no or low cost to participants.
- ✓ Programs focused on addressing emotional and mental wellness, social skill building and/or sexual and reproductive health.

### **Youth-Focused Programs**

- ✓ Safe, healthy, inclusive and affirming programs designed for and with youth who experience systemic obstacles and injustice, including LGBTQ+ youth, youth of color, youth experiencing homelessness, pregnant and parenting youth, youth in or aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities and youth involved with the juvenile justice system.
- ✓ Organizations that adopt a strengths-based focus and are culturally responsive are prioritized.

In this strategy, we **do not** fund:

- Mentorship programs
- Academic tutoring
- Sports programs
- Short-term camps
- Physical education or programs focused primarily on outdoor education, physical health and/or healthy eating
- Groups that do not meet regularly or only meet for brief stretches of time

In the **Promoting Youth Health** strategy, we support youth-friendly health services with a focus on **integrated mental health** and **sexual and reproductive health** services. We seek to fund:

- ✓ Integration or co-location of behavioral health services and/or sexual and reproductive health services in schools and/or youth-focused, community-based settings in which youth feel safe and comfortable.
- ✓ Services that are designed to meet needs and incorporate the desires and perspectives of young people, increase access to care and respond to identity are prioritized.

In this strategy, we **do not** fund:

- Free clinics
- Pharmacies
- Pregnancy resource centers