

Youth Action Council Request for Proposals

The Youth Action Council was established by Caring for Colorado's Packard Fund for Pueblo in 2021 to promote community engagement and leadership among Pueblo youth. The program is a collaboration of the Packard Fund for Pueblo and YouthRoots, a national youth philanthropy organization. Students involved in the Pueblo Youth Action Council learn about philanthropy and local issues by managing their grant cycle over the school year. Students raise funds for nonprofits addressing community issues that they have prioritized. 100% of funds raised by students will go directly to nonprofits.

This year's Youth Action Council is now accepting grant proposals for youth services in the following funding areas:

- **Homelessness/Teen Poverty**

There is a need in the Pueblo, Colorado community to provide services and support to teenagers who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. Based on a Needs Assessment, the Pueblo Action Council discovered that there are limited resources for teenagers who are experiencing poverty and homelessness.

- **Teen Mental Health**

There is a need in the Pueblo, Colorado community to provide mental health services and support teenagers who struggle with mental health wellbeing. Based on a Needs Assessment, the Pueblo Action Council identified that teenagers who are struggling with mental health wellbeing would benefit from services and support.

Geographic Restrictions: The Pueblo Youth Action Council will accept applications from organizations within Pueblo County or that serve youth in Pueblo County.

Other Notes: The Pueblo Youth Action Council promotes respectful interactions. The board values acts of leadership and of philanthropy. The board favors organizations that raise awareness to teen homelessness, poverty, and mental health. We want to select organizations that promote youth well-being, self-esteem, value in the community, leadership, mentorship, youth transitional services, and charity.

Make Change Take Root,
Pueblo Youth Action Council

Schedule

February 21, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

Due Date, Part 1 Application

Part 1 consists of a registration form and a brief summary of your organization and project. If eligibility requirements are met, you'll receive instructions to complete the full application.

[Pueblo Youth Action Council Part 1 Application](#)

March 1, 2024

Full Application Opens

March 22, 2024

Due Date, Full Application

April 2024

Grant Awards Announcement

You will be notified of the Youth Action Council's final decision by mid-April.

June 2024

Grant Awards Sent

Grant Awards will be mailed to winning organizations in June. Funds must be used within 12 months of receiving grant award.

The Rules

- Applicant organizations must be in or serve youth in Pueblo County.
- Applicants must be a charitable nonprofit organization with tax-exempt classification from the Internal Revenue Service OR a tax-supported institution, including state and local governments and schools.
- Organizations without tax-exempt status or that are not connected to a tax-supported institution can apply with an eligible fiscal sponsor or agent.
- The Packard Fund for Pueblo does not fund anti-abortion efforts or religious organizations for religious purposes.

