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### #OYACgivesback Youth-Led Project Grants Available

**Oakland, CA** –The City of Oakland Human Services Department’s Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC) is excited to release the second cycle of the #OYACgivesback Youth-to-Youth Mini-Grant Application: **Supporting Community Resiliency and Healing for Oakland.**

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Youth-to-youth mini-grants of up to \$5,000 are available to support projects developed by young people between the ages of 13-21 that support and increase community resiliency and healing for Oakland’s most marginalized communities that have experienced high levels of violence, trauma and civil unrest, with a particular focus on communities in East and West Oakland.

To assist grant applicants, the City will host an **Information Session and Grant Writing Workshop** for #OYACgivesback grants from 4:30-7:00 PM on **Monday, January 8, 2018**, at OUSD’s Main Office, 1000 Broadway, Suite 150, West Oakland Conference Room #102, Oakland. Please RSVP at: <https://oyacgivesbackinfosesh.eventbrite.com>

#### Minimum Qualifications

- Project must be created and led by youth aged 13 to 21 in partnership with an Adult Ally
- Project must be fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization
- Project must serve Oakland residents

Applications are due by **5:00 PM** on **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018** and can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/OYACgivesbackAPP>

For updates, visit OYAC’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/oakyac](http://www.facebook.com/oakyac) and [hashtag] #OYACgivesback on Facebook and Instagram. For more information, please contact the #OYACgivesback Team at [OYACgivesback@oaklandnet.com](mailto:OYACgivesback@oaklandnet.com).

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About Oakland ReCAST: The City of Oakland Human Services Department (HSD) Oakland Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) initiative, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is focused on building resiliency and equity for communities that have been impacted by high levels of violence, trauma, and

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civil unrest. ReCAST goals include increasing access to behavioral health care services, transforming systems to become trauma-informed and responsive, and supporting community work to address tensions in law enforcement-community relations and to promote community healing; #OYACgivesback is one component of this third goal.

In the pilot year of #OYACgivesback eight youth-led projects were selected to receive \$5,000 each. Projects range from healing circles, to community gatherings, to service projects and are currently taking place throughout Oakland communities. To see a full list of 2017 projects, go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/OYACgivesbackC1grantees>