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Mini-grants offered to help prevent youth violence

March 31, 2016 - The city's Youth Violence Prevention Program is accepting applications for mini-grants of up to \$10,000 that must be used to provide positive activities and services for young people.

Eligible applicants include community-based groups or neighborhood groups with income under \$50,000. The grant program is not open to local governments, schools or fee-for-service businesses.

Grants can be used to expand existing program or on limited focus projects, but every proposal must benefit youth in Hampton. Projects must also address one or more key priorities, including individual risk factors for young people, family risk factors, peer and social risk factors, and community risk factors.

The city has set aside \$50,000 for the grant program. A special mini-grant training session to provide applicants with a detailed overview of the process will be held April 14 from 6-7 p.m. at 100 Old Hampton Lane.

Synethia White, manager for the Youth Violence Prevention Program, said past grants have been used to hold music and media arts camps, support bullying prevention, provide recreational opportunities, and provide pre-employment training for middle school students.

Applications have to be received by April 28. The project period begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017.

To learn more about the mini-grants go [online](#). You can also go online for an [application](#) and to learn more about the [youth violence prevention program](#).

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