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Mini-grants offered to help prevent youth violence

Oct. 27, 2015 - The City of Hampton is accepting applications for up to \$10,000 in mini-grants that can be used to support community-based, grassroots programs addressing youth violence.

Eligible applicants include community-based groups, faith-based organizations, or neighborhood groups with income under \$50,000. The 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 priorities, including individual risk factors for young people, family risk factors, and community risk factors.

Synethia White, manager for the city's Youth Violence Prevention Program, said past grant 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.

Money for the mini grants comes from \$50,000 that has been set aside by the city. Applications have to be received by the city by Nov. 24, 2015. A decision on recipients will be made and award notices sent to applicants by the end of December. The project period begins Jan. 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2016.

To learn more about the mini-grants go [online](#) to <http://www.hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9144>. You can go online for an [application](#) at <http://www.hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9143>. And, you can learn more about the [youth violence prevention program](#) at <http://hampton.gov/index.aspx?nid=2846>.

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