

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a Special Appropriation grant agreement with Focus on Youth in an amount not to exceed \$60,110 to fund expansion of their program and construction of an attached garage for use as an indoor classroom/demonstration kitchen and bathroom for students and volunteers (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Focus on Youth is a non-profit corporation with a mission to empower at-risk and homeless youth through sustainable gardening and photography.

Focus on Youth submitted a grant application for the FY2016-17 special appropriations grants competitive process and was selected as one of the twenty to be awarded a grant.

Focus on Youth works directly with New Avenues for Youth and Outside In, helping homeless youth become active participants in the planting and harvesting of organic fruit, vegetables, flowers, and herbs, and then learn food safety and how to prepare healthy meals on-site from their harvest.

Focus on Youth's students earn two science credits and one photography credit toward their GEDs by participating in the Focus on Youth programs. The students are ethnically and culturally diverse teens and over 40% identify as LGBTQ youth.

The grant will fund expansion of their program and construction of an attached garage to be used as an indoor classroom/demonstration kitchen and bathroom for students and volunteers.

Focus on Youth has served over 10,000 homeless and at-risk youth over the past thirteen years and continues to build capacity with their non-profit partners. Their students are working hard to get off the streets, stay clean and sober, earn their GEDs, and become self-sufficient adults.

In addition to learning how to prepare healthy meals for themselves from the produce they grow, they donate half of their harvest to help feed low-income seniors and families through the Neighborhood House food pantry.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This action will authorize a grant to provide Focus on Youth \$60,110 to expand their classroom. Funding for this grant is available in the FY2016-17 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Funding allows Focus on Youth to serve more students and to conduct their cooking classes inside, regardless of the weather outside, and to install a bathroom for use by the students and volunteers. The grant will also help fund the irrigation system, raised garden beds, and chicken coop and runs.

Focus on Youth is helping homeless youth become self-sufficient members of the community and to give back to the community with their food donations, and they have strong community support from volunteers.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ YES: Please complete the information below.
☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount