

## AGENDA

Youth and Family Services  
Thursday, February 22, 2018  
2:30 p.m.

### Room 100

Members and Alternates: Amy Foster, Brandi Gabbard, Charlie Gerdes, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman; Steve Kornell - Alternate

Support Staff: Cindy Sheppard, City Council Administrative Officer

#### **A. Call to Order and Roll Call**

#### **B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

#### **C. Approval of Minutes**

- a. July 20, 2017 and October 26, 2017

#### **D. New/Deferred Business**

- a. My Brother's and Sister's Keeper 2.0 Youth Program Development Grant Update—Leah McRae

#### **E. Upcoming Meetings – Agenda Tentative Issues**

1. Thursday, March 15, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.
  - a. Dr. Ulyee Choe – Pinellas County Opioid Task Force

#### **F. Adjournment**

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE  
October 26, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Committee Chair Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Amy Foster, Karl Nurse, Charlie Gerdes, Steve Kornell.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Education and Community Engagement Director Leah McRae, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Jefferis, Assistant City Attorney Sharon Michnowicz, Assistant to the City Clerk Cortney Phillips.

**ABSENT:** None

Chair Wheeler-Bowman opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and began with a roll call. Councilmembers Foster and Gerdes in attendance at 3:33 p.m.

In connection with the new business, Chair Wheeler-Bowman introduced Leah McRae to give an update on My Brother and Sister's Keeper (MBSK) program in its second year, as well as the Youth Program Development Grant. This grant has been expanded from its previous targeted services range from only 12-24 year old African-Americans to all youth throughout St. Petersburg. The goal is primarily to promote positive achievement and anti-crime awareness among youth. Applications for grants will be reviewed by the Mayor's Office. Ms. McRae would like to see wide participation by citizens from all districts. The MBSK outreach goals in the future will include attending Neighborhood Association meetings, conduct instructional meetings at City Hall and City recreation centers, youth football leagues, etc.

Councilmember Foster noted that the grant review process should include rules for conflicts of interest to avoid any perceptions of wrongdoing. She stressed the importance of including members on the grant committee that have subject matter expertise.

Councilmember Nurse would like a grading system for the applications to find out which organizations are having the most impact per dollar. He would also like to target children as young as possible with outreach to intervene with at-risk youth as early as possible.

Councilmember Gerdes inquired regarding the makeup of the grant review panel. Ms. McRae clarified that the group will include a representative from each district and one Mayoral appointment, totaling nine members. There will be no elected officials included. Councilmember Gerdes would like to focus on recipients of services, rather than providers of services, to be on the grant committee. Assistant City Attorney Sharon Michnowicz noted that any funding requests from a grant committee will have to be approved by Council. The Urban Affairs department will be providing the staff support for the committee.

Ms. McRae stated that the targeted organization will those that serve at-risk youth. It is not the intention of MBSK to prescribe the nature of the programming, just so long as it aims to remove the barriers between youth and resources.

Councilmember Kornell expressed his desire for agencies to have a strong educational component. He recalled a sports program in Pittsburgh that allowed coaches with parental permission

to view grades of participants. Further, coaches should have to receive a level of training for at-risk youth. He would like to work with the organizations to promote a more realistic positive outcome than the end goal of becoming professional athletes.

Chair Wheeler-Bowman noted that many sports program participants do not pay fees, which financially burdens the coaches and staff that may pay out of pocket to provide equipment. She explained that many of the coaches and staff in these programs are like father or mother figures to the children, and there are educational components, not just sports.

Ms. McRae stated that the next part of the process is the application phase, after which she will return to the committee with recommendations.

Councilmember Foster recommended forming a grading rubric for the applicants that will give more weight to agencies with wrap-around services, educational programming, and sustainability.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 18, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE  
July 7, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Committee Chair Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Amy Foster, Karl Nurse, Charlie Gerdes, Steve Kornell.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Zach Spoehr-Labutta, All Children's Hospital; Dr. David Berman, All Children's Hospital; Education and Community Engagement Director Leah McRae, Assistant City Attorney Macall Dyer, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Jefferis, Assistant to the City Clerk Cortney Phillips.

**ABSENT:** None

Chair Wheeler-Bowman opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and began with a roll call. Councilmember Gerdes moved for approval of the agenda. All were in favor of the motion, with Councilmember Kornell being absent. Councilmember Gerdes moved for approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2016, January 12, and March 16, 2017 meetings. All were in favor of the motion, with Councilmember Kornell being absent.

In connection with the new business, Chair Wheeler-Bowman introduced Dr. Zach Spoehr-Labutta, of John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital, to speak regarding toxic stress in childhood. Dr. Spoehr-Labutta provided a PowerPoint presentation and handouts to the committee regarding his research. Toxic stress can occur when a child experiences strong, frequent, and/or prolonged adversity without adequate adult support. This stress on a child can lead to a number of health issues in the future, including drug use, obesity, and depression. Dr. Spoehr-Labutta stated that identifying and addressing these stressors can greatly improve the life of the child and how they develop into adulthood.

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No child should be hungry for a long time.

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No child should be touched in their private parts.

No child should be scared by gun violence at home or in school.

No child should have to see other people hurt each other.

**BECAUSE**

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It makes a child worry a lot about their family.

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Councilmember Gerdes moved to recommend to Council an allocation for \$300,000 to implement Ms. Kendra's Program within St. Petersburg. All were in Favor of the motion with Councilmember Kornell being absent.

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# APPLY NOW! 2018 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- **Apply Now!**
- Funding available to non-profit organizations
- Want to improve the education, workforce participation, and enrichment of at-risk children and youth?
- Must be used to develop specific projects/programs within the St. Petersburg municipal boundaries
- Deadline for Application is February 23, 2018 at 5 pm
- **Mandatory Pre-Application Session:**
  - Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6 pm
  - St. Petersburg Main Library  
3745 Ninth Ave. N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
- Applications available at your nearest St. Pete Recreation Center, Community Library or online at [stpete.org/MBSK](http://stpete.org/MBSK)
- For more information contact, Leah McRae, Director of Education and Community Engagement, [leah.mcrae@stpete.org](mailto:leah.mcrae@stpete.org)



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# 2018 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE



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**MANDATORY PRE-APPLICATION  
INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM.**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 15, 2018

**TIME:** 6:00 pm -7:30 pm

**LOCATION:** St. Petersburg Main Library  
3745 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

**PURPOSE:** To provide applicants with information about the grant program and the application form and procedure followed by a question and answer period. Any questions that remain after the meeting may be directed to:

**Leah McRae, Esq.**  
**Director of Education and Community Engagement**  
**c/o Office of the Mayor**  
**[leah.mcrae@stpete.org](mailto:leah.mcrae@stpete.org)**  
**(727) 893-7174**

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT  
GRANT PROGRAM - 2017**

**WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?**

The purpose of the Youth Program Development Grant is to provide support to non-profit organizations engaged in projects/programs that seek to improve the education, workforce participation, and enrichment of at-risk children and youth within the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Petersburg. The grant is designed to offer funding to non-profit organizations, in good standing, which have developed specific projects/programs to address these areas of concern.

The targeted population of the project/program must be youth who are less likely to successfully transition into adulthood and achieve economic self-sufficiency or academic success.

The funds will be available in the minimum amount of \$1,500 up to the maximum amount of \$25,000. There are no restrictions on the scope of the project/program for which support is requested as long as the project/program fits within the goals of the grant program. The amount distributed to successful applicants is within the sole discretion of the Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg based on the budget submitted for the project/program.

Only one application per organization will be accepted. Organizations which offer multiple projects/programs may submit one application with multiple individual descriptions and budgets for each project or program. Proposals may range from requests for funding of entire projects or components of a larger project. Proposals may be for any ongoing program, regularly held event, or one time event, so long as the project, program, or event meets the eligibility criteria set forth below.

**WHO MAY APPLY?**

This program will provide funds to non-profit organizations providing services to youth within the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Petersburg. Services must be within the eligibility criteria set forth below.

## **WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?**

To be considered for funding a project and/or a program:

1. Be a pre-existing program or project that targets at-risk children and youth, or be part of a program that will be expanded to serve at-risk children and youth.
2. Have a written mission statement that sets forth goals that are measurable, aligned with the mission statement, and directed to achieve sustainability.
3. Have an evaluation system that collects feedback from family, staff, and volunteers to measure success against written goals at the beginning and at the end of the project or program.
4. Include an itemized budget for funds requested that reflects sound fiscal and business practices that ensures continued and sustained program operations.
5. Offer developmentally appropriate activities that reflect the mission and goals of the program.
6. Provide a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for children and youth to choose from, which provide social, recreational, and educational opportunities.
7. Have written policies and procedures to ensure the safety of children and youth, including additional staff if necessary, and complies with all legal requirements where necessary.

## **WHAT FEATURES ARE FATAL TO AN APPLICATION'S ELIGIBILITY?**

1. Organization is not in compliance with 501(c)(3) requirements.
2. Programs do not have a history of operation for a period of at least one year.
3. Programs that have a greater than 10% administrative fees for operation.
4. Any organization which owes monies to the city of St. Petersburg.
5. Any organization that previously contracted with the City and failed to successfully complete the projects and/or programs required by the contract will not be eligible to receive funding.
6. Any organizations which is not in compliance with a current City contract is not eligible for funding.
7. If the application is not complete on the date the application is due.  
(Review social services application)

All applicants approved for funding will be required to enter into a contract with the City setting forth the terms and conditions under which funds may be expended and outlining all accounting requirements. Organizations that receive funding must also agree to participate in a once a year convening on children and youth in the community. Applicants that are not approved may be eligible to receive additional resources through the City's Greenhouse to prepare for the next round of funding.

## **HOW MAY MY AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION APPLY?**

Agencies or organizations wishing to receive these funds shall apply to the City of St. Petersburg Office of the Mayor, Department of Education and Community Engagement.

Applications may be mailed to:

City of St. Petersburg  
Office of the Mayor  
Department of Education and Community Engagement  
P.O. Box 2842  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-2842

or, hand-delivered to the Front Desk in the lobby of City Hall, 175 5<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg, which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Postmarks will not be considered when determining the timeliness of an application.

All applications must be **RECEIVED** by the Office of the Mayor **NO LATER than 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.** Applications received after 5 P.M. will **not** be considered for funding. Applications must be completed in full and properly executed. The original application must be received with eight (8) additional copies for a total of nine (9) applications to be considered for funding. Only the application portion of the package should be copied and returned. Do not make copies of the instructional portion of this package. **Applications with missing materials may not be considered for review.**

## **HOW WILL THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR DECIDE WHICH PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED?**

All applications that meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be reviewed by the Youth Development Approval Committee which is comprised of eight community members. Those members will review completed applications and make recommendations to the Mayor. Upon reviewing the recommendations, the Mayor will make the final determination of awards. **The decision of the Mayor will be final.**

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to evaluate requests for funding which meet the eligibility criteria. Projects/Programs will be rated using the criteria listed below.

1. **TIMELINESS.** The application must be received prior to the deadline date and time. Applications received after the deadline date and time will not be considered.
2. **PREPARATION.** The applicant has produced an Application that contains all necessary documentation, including; a complete budget with supporting estimates, proper signatures, adequate number of copies, and has complied with all other requests outlined in the application package.
3. **COMMUNITY IMPACT.** The project/program will affect change to as great a number of youth as possible. Projects/programs of all sizes are welcome to apply for funding, however, the committee would like the grants to make as much impact as possible in youths' lives and in turn the community as a whole.
4. **YOUTH FOCUS.** The project/program addresses a concern of and identifies specific benefits of significance to the well-being of the youth in the city of St. Petersburg. The project/program goal is to enhance outcomes related to the education, workforce participation and enrichment of youth.
5. **PROJECT QUALITY.** The applicant has developed a project/program that is well planned, adequately budgeted and is ready for implementation or is a part of a broader ongoing effort, and includes a well-defined method for demonstrating that the funds are expended appropriately.
8. **ORIGINALITY.** The applicant has proposed a project/program that innovatively addresses a problem that significantly under-resourced within the community that serves the youth population. Creative thinking is welcome and encouraged.
9. **QUALIFICATIONS.** The applicant must demonstrate, via clearly stated qualifications, an ability to implement the proposed project and/or provide the necessary services.

**WHEN WILL MY AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION RECEIVE FUNDING IF OUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED?**

**TIME LINE**

Youth Development Grant  
Information Session  
Thursday, January 25, 2018  
6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Enoch D. Davis Recreation Center  
1111 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., South,  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

Youth Development Grant  
Information Session  
Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
6:00 – 7:30 pm  
St. Petersburg Greenhouse  
440 Second Ave., North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

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6:00 – 7:30 pm  
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Application due: **Friday February 23, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

**WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**

Leah McRae, Esq.  
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Office of the Mayor  
[leah.mcr@stpete.org](mailto:leah.mcr@stpete.org)

**City of St. Petersburg Youth Program Development Grant**



**Application Checklist and Cover Page**

	Yes	No	Comments
Cover page (Completed)			
Copy of Organization Non-Profit Status Letter from IRS?			
Non-Profit Status Active with IRS?			
List of Board Members, Director/Agency Head, Title?			
Evidence of Incorporation for the State of Florida is ACTIVE (www.sunbiz.org)?			
Evidence of Financial Soundness (990 Form) AND documentation from a Financial Institution showing last three (3) months of operating expenses?			
Letters of Support for the project and/or program? (Limit to three (3))			
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) if partnering with any organization(s)?			
Key staff resumes?			
Certificate of Insurance?			
Grant request does not exceed \$25,000?			
Original Grant application with signatures?			
Eight copies of Grant application?			



*Return one original and eight copies of the remaining portion of the application package only.*

**APPLICATION FOR  
YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT  
SECTION I**

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant - Agency, Organization)

CORPORATION? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ (If yes, attach a copy of the Corporation's latest Annual Report - Must be an active Florida corporation.)

FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (if incorporated): \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Does Organization have a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ (If yes, attach a copy of the Organization's non-profit status letter from the IRS.)

**AUTHORIZED APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE:**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

All notifications will be made via e-mail communication.

The undersigned agrees that funds awarded will be used only for the purpose authorized by the selection committee and acknowledges that if applicant is selected for funding, applicant will be required to enter into an agreement with the City setting forth the terms and conditions under which funds may be expended and accounting requirements. The undersigned further acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the agreement will result in a demand for return of the funds and may preclude the applicant from future consideration. A sample agreement will be made available on request.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of organization or individual to whom check is to be made payable)



## SECTION II

1. Give a brief description of your project/program: (May attach additional information. Please limit to one (1) page.)

2. Is this project/program new or ongoing? NEW \_\_\_\_\_ ONGOING \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe exactly how your project/program will impact at-risk youth living in the city of St. Petersburg and meet the goals of the grant program?

4. Describe what public benefit your project/program will provide.

5. Does your program include youth other than St. Petersburg residents?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

6. If answer to #5 is YES, what percentage of your participants are non-St. Petersburg residents? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Does your program/project involve collaboration with other organizations? (If so, attach a letter of support.)

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

8. If answer to #8 is YES, explain the type of collaboration with the other organization in your project/program?

9. What specific group(s) or population(s) will benefit from and participate in the project/program? (Check all that apply.)

Youth (less than 5 years) \_\_\_\_\_  
(5 - 12 years) \_\_\_\_\_  
(13 - 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_  
Young Adult (19 – 24 years) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. How will the proposed participants/population be notified and participation encouraged? (Check all that apply and identify the publication and/or location of the advertisement.)

Flyers \_\_\_\_\_  
Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_  
Association Newsletters \_\_\_\_\_  
Faith institution bulletins \_\_\_\_\_  
Schools \_\_\_\_\_  
Recreation Centers \_\_\_\_\_  
Websites (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Project/Program goals:

<u>Task/Objective(s)</u>	<u>Time Line</u>
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12. How will you account for expenditures, including the use of award dollars for only St. Petersburg residents?

13. Are there other sources of funding for your program/project?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

14. If the answer to #13 is YES, what are the other sources of funding? (Check all that apply.)

Current operating \_\_\_\_\_  
City grants \_\_\_\_\_  
County grants \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal grants \_\_\_\_\_  
Private Foundations \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration fees \_\_\_\_\_  
Donations \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Will you be able to conduct your program/project without *full* funding of this request?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

16. If the answer to #15 is NO, then will you be able to conduct a portion of the program/project with partial funding?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

17. If the answer to #16 is YES, please explain which part of the program/project will be affected by limited funding.



## MBSK Youth Development Grant Review Committee Goals

### Member Goals and Responsibilities

This document has been created for the City of St. Petersburg Youth Development Grant Review Committee (YDGRC) on February 5, 2018.

Purpose: The purpose of the YDGRC is to promote the education, workforce participation, and enrichment of at-risk youth living in St. Petersburg.

Goals: The goals of the YDGRC shall be to:

- Review all Youth Development Grant applications received and to make recommendations to the Mayor for funding based on the criteria and conditions set forth in the Youth Development Funding Guidelines and Application.
- Advance the education, workforce participation, and general well-being of at-risk youth residing in the City of St. Petersburg which includes addressing their need for achieving academic success and financial independence.
- Assure the program(s) or services provided by the organizations are designed to advance the goal of serving at-risk youth.

#### Members Knowledge, Skills, and Qualifications

- A commitment to service and recognition of the needs of the youth of the city of St. Petersburg.
- An interest in and familiarity with local organizations that serve youth in the city of St. Petersburg.
- The ability to maintain fairness and objectivity.
- Possess the ability to evaluate and analyze budgets and funding requests.
- The ability to express him/herself clearly and concisely.
- The ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other board members and staff.
- Not be compensated by an agency competing for, or in competition with an agency applying for, a Youth Development Grant. If this conflict exists, this must be stated during the scoring and funding deliberation process.

#### Responsibilities and Commitments:

- Members are expected to dedicate the time necessary to adequately complete the required tasks/functions of this Committee.
- The primary time commitment involves reading and rating YDG applications and participating actively in the deliberations and recommendations meeting.
- Members are also expected to participate in occasional committee meetings that *may be* scheduled throughout the year.
- There is no meeting date/day for this committee. Meetings are limited to occasions when committee input or action is required.
- As an appointed member of an official City Board, members are required to adhere to guidelines set forth in the State of Florida Sunshine Law. The primary purpose of the Sunshine Law is to ensure all discussion and deliberation concerning the business of a committee is done in a way

that allows the public to see how and why the committee decisions are made. Information on the Sunshine Law is provided and reviewed by the City's Legal Department at the time of the Committee's training.

- Due to the important nature of the work for which this Committee is responsible, it is essential that members follow through on their commitment.
- Failure to complete service, absenteeism, and/or any conduct unbecoming an appointed member of an official City Board may be reason to ask for a resignation.
- Members serve an important role in representing the City of St. Petersburg in the area of youth development. In such role, any publicity whereby a member identifies him/herself as a member of this committee must be approved by City staff.

Appointment to the Committee:

The YDGRC shall consist of eight (8) members, each serving a term of one (1) year. Should members on the Committee need to be replaced because of resignation or incapacity, vacancies will be filled by appointment for the balance of the term. A chair and a vice chair will be elected from the members by a majority vote of the committee.

Members are appointed to the Committee by the Mayor.

Resumes should be sent to:  
Mayor Rick Kriseman  
c/o Leah McRae, Esq.  
RE: Youth Development Grant  
P.O. Box 2842  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-2842



## **COPY FOR THE WEBSITE**

The City of St. Petersburg is seeking interested St. Petersburg residents to fill eight (8) vacancies on the Youth Development Grant Review Committee. The City will be accepting resumes until 5 PM on Monday, February 12, and expects to have all appointments approved by the Mayor. The term of service will be for one year that ends in 2019. All appointees will be eligible to serve another one-year term. Please send a resume to the address listed below and include the number of your City Council District in the body of the document.

To learn more about the grant review committee, please read the attached document.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Leah McRae, Director of Education and Community Engagement

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## ***City Seeks Residents to Serve on Youth Development Grant Review Committee***

St. Petersburg, Fla. (January 10, 2018) – The City of St. Petersburg is seeking interested St. Petersburg residents to fill eight vacancies on the Youth Development Grant Review Committee. The City will be accepting resumes until 5 PM on Monday, February 12, and expects to have all appointments approved by the Mayor. The term of service will be for one year that ends in 2019. All appointees will be eligible to serve another one-year term. Please send a resume to the address listed below and include the number of your City Council District in the body of the document.

Resumes should be sent to:  
Mayor Rick Kriseman  
c/o Leah McRae, Esq.  
RE: Youth Development Grant  
P.O. Box 2842  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-2842

Successful Applicants must attend a mandatory Review Committee orientation on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.

The youth program grants are the fourth component of the My Brother's and Sister's Keeper initiative that began in 2016. MBSK consists of the *Not My Son* campaign, the *Cohort of Champions* youth training initiative, and the *My Sister's Keeper Just B U!* Girls Conference.

Said Mayor Kriseman: "We continue to be focused on the youth of our city, particularly those at-risk. We want to not only help these young people develop marketable skills, but expand job training opportunities for them as well. We are working with community partners to build a qualified, prepared and ready workforce. That is good news for the young people of our city, and it is good news for our growing business community."

For more information about the Youth Development Grant Committee, contact Leah McRae, Esq., Director of Education and Community Engagement, at [leah.mcrae@stpete.org](mailto:leah.mcrae@stpete.org).

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### ***City to Offer Youth Development Grants in 2018***

St. Petersburg, Fla. (January 9, 2018) – City officials announce a new source of grant funding for local organizations to develop programs for at-risk youth in St. Petersburg. In 2018, the Youth Development Grant Program will offer funding amounts from \$1,500 up to \$25,000 to non-profit local organizations, in good standing, who provide services to youth and are located within the municipal boundaries of St. Petersburg.

Applications for the Youth Development Grants will be available online at [stpete.org/MBSK](http://stpete.org/MBSK) starting January 9. Printed copies will be available city recreation centers and libraries.

Two information sessions for the community to learn more about the program are scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Enoch Davis Recreation Center, 1111 18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705; and Tuesday, January 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The St. Petersburg Greenhouse, 440 Second Avenue North, 33701.

Potential applicants must attend a Mandatory Pre-Application Instructional Session on Thursday, February 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Avenue North, 33713.

Applications are due February 23. Youth Development Grants must be completed and delivered to: Mayor's Office, Attn: Youth Development Grant Program, City Hall, 175 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701 by 5 p.m. Friday, February 23, 2018.

The Youth Development Grants are the fourth component of the My Brother's and Sister's Keeper initiative started in summer 2016. MBSK features the Not My Son community canvass walks and intervention efforts; the Cohort of Champions youth training initiative; and the My Sister's Keeper Just Be U! Girls Conference.

Said Mayor Kriseman, "My administration continues to be focused on the youth of our city, particularly those at-risk. We want to not only help these young people develop marketable skills, but expand job training opportunities for them as well. We are working with community partners to build a qualified, prepared and ready workforce. That is good news for the young people of our city, and it's good news for our growing business community."

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