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## **MANCHESTER YOUTH COMMISSION SEEKS MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

The Manchester Youth Commission is requesting proposals for Mini Grants of up to \$1,000 per application to Manchester community groups which are either led by, or intended to benefit, youth in Manchester. Qualifying candidates must plan to facilitate a project or program which fulfills one of three categories: Out of School Time/After School Initiatives, Service Learning Initiatives, and Arts and Culture Initiatives. Grant money may not be used for religious instruction or materials, capital expenses, or donations to other organizations.

Applications for the Manchester Youth Commission Mini Grant Program are available online at <http://www.townofmanchester.org/documents/PhilanthropyProgram2017.pdf> and must be completed and received by the Manchester Youth Services Bureau, C/O MYC Mini Grant Program, 41 Center Street P.O. Box 191, Manchester CT 06045-0191, by no later than 4:00 p.m., November 17, 2017. Letters of support or recommendation are also required. Grant recipients whose proposals have been selected for funding will be notified by the second week of January. All monies awarded must be used in full by August 31, 2018. Decisions will be based on recommendations of the Manchester Youth Commission & the Philanthropy Committee and the availability of funds. Submitting an application does not guarantee selection. Getting funded one year does not guarantee funding another year.

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