



# OAKLAND FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



## Planning and Oversight Committee (POC)

May 21, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 4**

*1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

*Oakland, CA 94612*

## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

- *Introductions & Announcements*
- *Agenda Review/Modifications*

### 2. Open Forum for Youth and Parents of Young Children

### 3. Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes from April 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 and May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 *action*

### 4. Selection of the OFCY Independent Evaluators for FY2014-2016 *action*

### 5. Selection of LGBTQ Youth Services Program Grants for FY2014-2016 *action*

### 6. Administrative Matters

- *General Announcements*
- *Upcoming Meetings/ Scheduling*

### 7. Adjournment

**Public Comment:** The POC welcomes you to its meetings and your interest is appreciated.

- If you wish to speak before the POC, please fill out a speaker card and hand it to the staff of the POC.
- If you wish to speak on a matter not on the agenda, please sign up for Open Forum and wait for your name to be called.
- If you wish to speak on a matter on the agenda, please approach the Committee when called, give your name, and your comments.

Please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject under discussion. Only matters within the POC's jurisdiction may be addressed. Time limitations shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

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MINUTES TO BE APPROVED  
Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)  
*Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting*  
Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room 4, Oakland, CA 94612  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2014**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Committee Members present: Marcus Montague, Michael Wong, Kathy Dwyer, Cesar Sanchez, Kisha Jackson, Richard Raya, Vaughn Arterberry,

Committee Members absent: Brandon Sturdivant, Steven Wirt, Derrick Muhammad, Isaac Ruelas, Kenna Castillo, Julie Waters, Brianna Dunn

Staff Members present: Sandy Taylor, Mike Wetzel, Scott Kim

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. Open Forum for Youth or Families with Small Children**

There was one speaker.

**III. Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes from April 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**

The meeting minutes from the April 16, 2014 POC meeting could not be adopted due to lack of quorum.

**IV. Selection of the OFCY Independent Evaluator for FY2014-2016**

Staff presented the selection process for the Evaluator of OFCY FY2014-2016 for all strategies excluding School-based Afterschool programs, which will be sole sourced to Public Profit LLC. The Evaluation Subcommittee came to a unanimous decision to recommend Social Policy Research Associates (SPR) as the new evaluators for FY2014-2016. Action could not be taken due to lack of quorum but POC gave consent for staff to prepare and submit the agenda report and to move the recommendation forward with formal action to be taken at the next POC meeting scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.

There were no speakers for public comment.

**V. Selection of Health Initiatives for Youth, La Clinica de la Raza, and Destiny Arts Center for LGBTQ Youth Services Program Grants for FY2014-2016**

Staff presented the selection process for the LGBTQ Youth Services RFP for FY 2014-2016. The Ad-hoc LGBTQ Youth Services Review subcommittee came to a unanimous decision to recommend Health Initiatives for Youth for \$138,258, La Clinica de la Raza for \$45,129, and Destiny Arts Center for \$53,988 to implement OFCY's Safe Community Spaces for LGBTQ Youth funding strategy during Fiscal Years 2014-2016 based upon proposal reviews, external reviewer rankings, and interviews with the ten applicants. Action could not be taken due to lack of quorum but POC gave consent for staff to conduct the appeals process based on the Ad-hoc Review committee preliminary funding recommendations with final action to be taken at the next POC meeting scheduled to be May 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.

There were six speakers for public comment.

**VI. Confirm School-based After School program grants for Howard and Parker elementary schools**

Staff informed POC that Howard Elementary chose Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) as their lead agency and Parker Elementary chose Eagle Village for FY2014-2015. POC gave consent for staff to reflect the change in lead agencies in the FY2014-2015 grant renewal agenda report to the Life and Enrichment Committee.

There were no speakers for public comment.

**VII. Confirm continuation of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation services at program sites formerly served by The Link to Children**

Staff informed that The Link to Children was closing operations at the end of the FY2013-2014. Staff presented that conversations were had with Jewish Family and Children Services and Lincoln Child Center to designate which organization would cover services at which former The Link to Children sites. POC gave consent for staff to finalize conversations to determine which organizations would cover services at former The Link to Children sites and reflect the amounts in the grant renewal agenda report.

There were no speakers for public comment.

**VIII. Administrative Matters**

The next meeting of the POC will be May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The June POC meeting will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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**Wednesday, April 16, 2014**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Committee Members present: Marcus Montague, Steven Wirt, Michael Wong, Kathy Dwyer, Derrick Muhammad, Cesar Sanchez, Brianna Dunn, Isaac Ruelas, Kenna Castillo, Kisha Jackson, Julie Waters, Richard Raya

Committee Members absent: Brandon Sturdivant, Vaughn Arterberry,

Staff Members present: Sandy Taylor, Mike Wetzel, Scott Kim

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. New POC member Richard Raya, representing District 1 was introduced.

**II. Open Forum for Youth or Families with Small Children**

There was one speaker.

**III. Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Cesar Sanchez made a motion, which was seconded by Derrick Muhammad, to adopt previous meeting minutes from 3/19/14. The motion was approved.

**IV. OFCY FY2013-2014 Interim Evaluation Report Presentation**

Corey Newhouse of Public Profit presented the Interim Evaluation Report and the Summer 2013 Evaluation Report.

There were no speakers for public comment.

**V. Adoption of OFCY Program Grant Renewals for 2014-2015 Grants**

Staff presented a detailed memo of grantees that were highlighted in the Interim Evaluation report for low units of service/service hours, low number of youth served, or low Program Quality Assessment (PQA) score. The memo also noted five grants with changes: one afterschool grant will cease in FY14-15 while two afterschool grants are transferring lead agencies, one program is moving to a new fiscal agent, and one early childhood program is ceasing operations but programming will continue at four sites under a new provider EC mental health consultant services. One correction was noted: Ujimaa Foundation will continue to be the afterschool service provider at Burckhalter Elementary; while Bay Area Community Resources is being considered as the lead afterschool service provider at Howard Elementary for next year.

Marcus Montague motioned, which was seconded by Kisha Jackson, to approve the grant renewal recommendation as listed in Attachment A: OFCY FY2014-2015 Grant Renewal Recommendations by Strategy with the aforementioned correction.

There were three speakers for public comment.

**VI. OUSD Summer Pre-K Camp Update**

Staff presented an update including a letter from Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) requesting \$80,000 from OFCY to expand from six sites to eight sites and partially fund a Summer Pre-K coordinator position to build up the infrastructure and sustainability for Summer Pre-K camps in OUSD.

Marcus Montague motioned, which was seconded by Isaac Ruelas, to approve the grant of \$80,000 to OUSD for the Summer Pre-K Camp strategy. FY2014-2015 will be the first year of funding for this strategy.

There were no speakers for public comment.

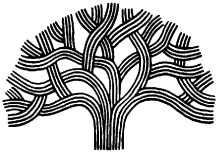
**VII. Administrative Matters**

The meeting of the POC will be May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The Review Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to interview the ten proposers for the LGBTQ Youth Services RFP. The Evaluation Subcommittee will meet on April 24<sup>th</sup> to interview three evaluation firms responsive to the Evaluation RFP for FY2014-2016.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



**City of Oakland, Human Services Department  
Oakland Fund for Children and Youth**



May 21, 2014

To: Members of the Planning and Oversight Committee  
From: Oakland Fund for Children and Youth  
Subject: Recommendation for the 2012-2014 Evaluator of Oakland Fund for Children and Youth

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The ad-hoc Evaluation interview committee and OFCY staff came to a consensus on recommending Social Policy Research Group as the selected evaluator for the term 2014-2016 based upon proposal reviews and interviews.

Proposals were reviewed and assessed based on organizational capacity and fit; project approach, strategy, work plan details and timeline; project staffing; project budget and budget narrative; and examples of similar work. Interviews were conducted with Bright Research Group, Sarah Samuels Center, and Social Policy Research Group. The interview panel included members of the POC Evaluation Subcommittee and OFCY staff.

The proposal from Social Policy Research Group was scored and ranked higher than Bright Research Group and Sarah Samuels Center, and the interview panel came to a unanimous decision recommending Social Policy Research Group as the evaluator for OFCY programs in all strategy areas excluding School-based After School. Public Profit Inc. will continue as the independent evaluator of programs in the School-based After School strategy through a sole-source contract, as part of the jointly funded evaluation of Oakland After School programs in partnership with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD).

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The POC Evaluation Subcommittee and OFCY staff requests that the full POC approve this recommendation.

**BACKGROUND**

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth was established in 1996 when Oakland voters passed the Kids First! Initiative (known as Measure K), as an amendment to the City Charter to support direct services to youth under 21 years of age. As reauthorized in 2009 for an additional twelve years (2010-2022), the city charter amendment (Section XIII) requires an annual independent evaluation of the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth programs.

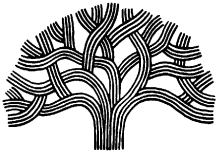
OFCY's 2014-15 evaluation is presently being conducted by the firm Public Profit Inc., with evaluation services to end September 30, 2014 when final reports are submitted to the POC.

**ANALYSIS**

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) released a Request for Proposals for Evaluation of OFCY programs on March 7, 2014 for 2014-2016 with the second year to be

renewed based upon satisfactory performance in year one. Three full proposals were received on April 7, 2014 from Bright Research Group, Sarah Samuels Center, and Social Policy Research Group. The ad-hoc Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) evaluation review committee and OFCY staff interviewed the three candidates on April 24, 2014 and based its final recommendation upon a group review of proposals submitted and responses provided during the interviews. The Evaluation review committee reached a consensus recommendation and forwarded this recommendation to the POC for approval at the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. This recommendation is returning to the POC for approval on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Upon approval from the POC, the recommendation to enter into a contract for services will proceed to the Life Enrichment Committee and City Council in June 2014 for the contract to commence on July 1, 2014.

The City of Oakland will enter into a two-year contract for evaluation services, with the second year to be renewed conditional upon performance, and will operate from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, with the inclusion of the evaluation of programs operating during summer 2014 and 2015. The evaluation contract amount will be in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in FY2014-2015 and \$150,000 in FY2015-2016 to evaluate OFCY programs during the contract term.



**City of Oakland, Human Services Department  
Oakland Fund for Children and Youth**



May 21, 2014

To: Members of the Planning and Oversight Committee  
From: Oakland Fund for Children and Youth  
Subject: Recommendation for the LGBTQ Youth Service Program Grants for Fiscal Years 2014-2016

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The ad-hoc LGBTQ Youth Services Review subcommittee came to a unanimous decision to recommend Health Initiatives for Youth, La Clinica de la Raza, and Destiny Arts Center for program grants to implement OFCY's **Safe Community Spaces for LGBTQ Youth** funding strategy during Fiscal Years 2014-2016 based upon proposal reviews, external reviewer rankings, and interviews with the ten applicants.

Proposals were reviewed and scored by external reviewers based on agency history and capacity, staffing, demonstration of need, program design, outcomes and evaluation, and required resources and budget. Interviews were conducted by POC members in the ad-hoc LGBTQ Youth Services Review subcommittee with all ten applicants for funding.

The proposals from Health Initiatives for Youth, La Clinica de la Raza, and Destiny Arts Center were the three highest ranked proposals based on the external reviewer scoring. The ad-hoc committee had unanimous agreement after interviewing all ten applicants that the program proposals from Health Initiatives for Youth, La Clinica de la Raza, and Destiny Arts Center were the top three applicants, and strongly recommended funding the three proposed programs.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The ad-hoc LGBTQ Youth Services Review and OFCY staff requests that the full POC approve a recommendation to fund the Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY) – Health Initiatives for Youth's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative, La Clinica de la Raza – Juntos program, and Destiny Arts Center – Moving in the Movement program for FY2014-2015 with the option to renew for FY2015-2016 based on performance and grant compliance. Grant funding for the three programs is \$237,375 for FY2014-2015.

**BACKGROUND**

The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth was established in 1996 when Oakland voters passed the Kids First! Initiative (known as Measure K), as an amendment to the City Charter to support direct services to youth under 21 years of age. OFCY provides funding to community-based and public agencies through an open and fair competitive procurement process. OFCY released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on February 26 2014 to provide \$200,000-\$300,000 annually to agencies to expand community-based programming and safe spaces specifically for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) youth in Oakland. To respond to the RFP, applicants were required to submit a proposal package electronically and in hard copy before 5:00pm March 28 2014 to OFCY.



## **ANALYSIS**

On March 28 2014, OFCY received ten applications requesting a total of \$1,272,478 in funding for FY2014-2015. Agencies are listed below in alphabetical order, with proposed program names following.

- 1) AIDS Project of the East Bay (APEB) – Leading Well
- 2) Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) – Breaking Silence
- 3) Destiny Arts Center – Moving in the Movement
- 4) East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC) – Oakland LGBTQ Youth Project
- 5) East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC)/ AYPAL – API Queer Youth Cypher Program
- 6) Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY) – Health Initiatives for Youth's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative
- 7) JFK University – Queer Youth Voices
- 8) La Clinica de la Raza – Juntos
- 9) Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) – Safe School – Based Communities for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Youth
- 10) Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS) – Out to Lead

Proposals were assessed by external reviewers and ranked. POC members on the ad-hoc review committee also received the proposals and reviewed applications prior to interviews. The ad-hoc subcommittee interviewed the ten candidates on April 22, 2014 and based its final recommendation upon a group review of proposals submitted and the responses provided during the interviews. The ad-hoc review committee unanimously ranked Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY) – Health Initiatives for Youth's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative, La Clinica de la Raza – Juntos program, and Destiny Arts Center – Moving in the Movement program as the top three applicants and recommends that OFCY enter into contract for direct youth services with these three providers for FY2014-2016 to implement the Safe Community Spaces for LGBTQ Youth funding strategy. The assessment of proposals by the external reviewers similarly ranked these three agencies and programs as being the top three of the ten applicants.

The ad-hoc review committee reached a consensus recommendation to fund Health Initiatives for Youth for \$138,258; La Clinica de la Raza for \$45,129, and Destiny Arts Center for \$53,988 in FY2014-2015, with the option to renew in FY2015-2016 based on performance and grant compliance, and forwarded this recommendation to the POC for approval at the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. This recommendation is returning to the POC for approval on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. These three programs project to reach 285 unduplicated LGBTQ Oakland youth ages 14-20 during FY2014-2015. Upon approval from the POC, the recommendation to enter into contracts for services will proceed to the Life Enrichment Committee and City Council in June 2014 for the contracts to commence on July 1, 2014. The City of Oakland will enter into a two-year contract for services with the three agencies, with the second year to be renewed conditional upon performance, with programs operating from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 during year one and July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the second and final year.

Summaries of all ten applications received are provided as an attachment, as is the rankings of applicants by independent reviewers and the POC review subcommittee.



# Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Review of Proposals for LGBTQ Youth Services



## **External Reviewers – Scoring & Ranking of Applicants:**

APPLICANT INFORMATION		External Reviewer	
Agency Name:	Program Name:	AVG. SCORE	RANK
Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY)	HIFY's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative	75	1
La Clinica de la Raza	Juntos	68	2
Destiny Arts Center	Moving in the Movement	60	3
OUSD	Safe School-Based Communities for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Youth	59	4
JFK University	Queer Youth Voices	58	5
AIDS Project of the East Bay	Leading Well	56	6
Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)	Breaking Silence	55	7
East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC)	Oakland LGBTQ Youth Project	55	8
Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS)	Out to Lead	49	9
EBAYC - AYPAL	API Queer Youth Cypher Program	34	10



Oakland Fund for Children and Youth  
Review of Proposals for LGBTQ Youth Services



**Ad-Hoc POC Review Committee – Applicant Ranking:**

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Agency Name:	Program Name:	POC RANKING
Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY)	Health Initiatives for Youth's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative	1
La Clinica de la Raza	Juntos	2
Destiny Arts	Moving in the Movement	3
BAWAR	Breaking Silence	4
Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS)	Out to Lead	5
EBAYC - AYPAL	API Queer Youth Cypher Program	6
JFK University	Queer Youth Voices	8
East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC)	Oakland LGBTQ Youth Project	8
OUSD	Safe School-Based Communities for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Youth	9
AIDS Project of the East Bay	Leading Well	10

<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>AIDS Project East Bay</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$250,000
<b>Project Title:</b>	Leading Well LGBTQ Youth Leadership and Wellness Training & Deployment Program
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>Within three LGBTQ youth safe spaces, the program utilizes leadership and wellness training to provide participants with information and skills that will increase their ability and motivation to make healthy choices for themselves and those within their sphere of influence. It is designed to increase their leadership skills, so that they can have positive influence on peers and others within their sphere of influence, as well as increase their personal and public advocacy concerning the issues that they face, and those that their community of LGBTQ youth might face. Through community planning and other community leadership and community engagement activities in Oakland, it will provide participants with an opportunity to exercise the leadership skills that they have acquired in the Leading Well leadership and wellness training, and provide participants an opportunity to give public voice to the issues they face personally, as well as the issues faced by members of the LGBTQ youth community generally. Through family engagement activities and family engagement counseling, the program will provide opportunities for engagement, education and support of family members, without compromising the safety of the LGBTQ youth center setting, and the confidentiality of those youth not yet able to disclose their sexual orientation to family members.</p>
<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$150,000
<b>Project Title:</b>	Breaking Silence
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>Breaking Silence is a monolingual project serving sexually abused Spanish-speaking Latino LGBTQIQ youth and their family members in the city of Oakland. The program serves 100 youth survivors from ages 14-20 and 50 significant-others . Breaking Silence engages youth and their love ones in culturally and linguistically appropriate services such as individual crisis counseling, family and youth support groups, recreational and art activities, accompaniment and advocacy services, and leadership impact projects. The program has the objective to foster positive youth LGBTQIQ identity formation, strengthen family unity, create high quality bonding peer and adult mentoring experiences, and provide a safe and creative space for youth to prevent and reduce violence against LGBTQIQ youth in their community. Programs are scheduled to run from September 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 at BAWAR's downtown office and Oakland's recreational parks.</p>

<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>Destiny Arts Center</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$53,988
<b>Project Title:</b>	Moving in the Movement
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>Moving in the Movement will support the healthy development and community integration of Oakland's LGBTQQI youth, directly serving up to 90 unduplicated young people ages 14-18 over the course of the entire school year. The design for our project is organized into three areas that strategically target needs of teens: Peer Support, Adult Role Models, and Share Their Stories (Artistic Expression). Aligned with OFCY's goals, the primary objectives of DAC's Moving in the Movement project are to increase the availability of safe spaces for LGBTQQI youth in Oakland, create opportunities for youth-led participatory art experiences covering LGBTQQI-related topics, to highlight the visibility of youth who identify as LGBTQQI through performance arts. Finally, Moving in the Movement will connect youth with a network of accepting, supportive adult, peer, and parent/family relationships.</p>
<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>East Bay Agency for Children</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$168,032
<b>Project Title:</b>	Oakland LGBTQ Youth Project
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>The Oakland LGBTQ Youth Project's collaboration consists of East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC), Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) and DreamCatcher Youth Shelter and Support Center (DreamCatcher). All of our missions and youth work align with the goals of OFCY and its Creating Safe Places for LGBTQ Youth strategy and strengthens the network of services available to support LGBTQ youth in need. The Oakland LGBTQ Youth Project will fill a vital need by offering safe and supportive spaces for 132 LGBTQ youth (ages 14-20) in Oakland to connect with peers and culturally competent caring adults, and to access case management, trauma informed mental health counseling and legal advocacy. Using a "no wrong door" approach, the project creates a highly coordinated trauma-informed safety net for Oakland LGBTQ youth, who can access project services via intake and assessment by EBAC, BayLegal or DreamCatcher. The project will benefit all LGBTQ youth but targets the most at-risk LGBTQ youth: those who are youth of color, runaways, homeless or at extreme risk of homelessness; sexually exploited minors; commercially sexually exploited youth; and those involved with the dependency and delinquency systems.</p>

<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC)</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$62,076</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>API Queer Youth Cypher Program</b>
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>AYPAL's API LGBTQIA Queer Youth Cypher Program will provide a safe and culturally-specific space where LGBTQIA Asian youth will be given wrap around services that holds the complexities of their lived experiences through peer learning and support groups, mental health counseling, transformative leadership development, political education, and community advocacy. Program participants will receive tools that will help them see the ways in which poverty, violence, and the lack of transformative life opportunities become roadblocks in their road to success, and then more importantly engage them in community building activities and advocacy initiatives that will cultivate their sense of empowerment in order to overcome the challenges they, and people just like them, experience.</p>
<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>Health Initiatives for Youth</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$138,258</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Health Initiatives for Youth's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative</b>
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY) proposes to serve 85 LGBTQIQ youth by partnering with high school partners, an LGBTQIQ competent mental health services provider, and community arts groups to implement Health Initiatives for Youth's LGBTQIQ Youth Safe Space Initiative. Target population includes youth of color, street-involved and transitional age youth living in Oakland. HIFY and its partners will expand programs and available services for LGBTQIQ youth by opening HIFY's transit-accessible LGBTQIQ drop-in space (QTY Treehouse) 20 hours per week (Tues-Thurs, Sat) to offer harm reduction/sexual health workshops led by peer health educators, and mental wellness and support services. To increase LGBTQIQ youth participation and engagement in high quality youth development programs, HIFY will offer enriching project-based learning activities (e.g.digital autobiographies, arts/resiliency workshops), and a Queer Culture Series (e.g. open mics/movie screenings/discussions on queer culture) at QTY. Bi-annual family social events and parent coaching will reach parents/caregivers of LGBTQIQ youth and raise awareness of services available to them.</p>

<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>La Clinica de La Raza, Inc.</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$45,129
<b>Project Title:</b>	Juntos (Together)
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	La Clinica proposes to implement Juntos (Together), a community outreach, education and support group program for Oakland LGBTQ youth ages 14-20 years. 40 diverse LGBTQ youth in Oakland schools will be served by three-part educational workshops that discuss challenges faced by LGBTQ youth and the role of peer support, LGBTQ human rights and advocacy, and the intersection of gender/sexual identity and culture. 40 Spanish-speaking LGBTQ youth will be served by bilingual, facilitated support groups that will meet weekly at the transit-accessible La Clinica facility to address youth needs for peer support and bilingual, bicultural services. Juntos will involve parents and family members in the support system by facilitating family sessions at La Clinica, per youth client request. Juntos will ultimately result in improved self-esteem among support group clients and groups that meet LGBTQ youth needs for support.
<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>John F. Kennedy University</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$136,122
<b>Project Title:</b>	Queer Youth Voices
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	Queer Youth Voices is an integrated culturally-competant program designed and implemented by JFK University, The Center for Media Change, and MetWest High School that will create a number of new or expanded safe community spaces where LGBTQ youth can gather, socialize, create art, write, collaborate on meaningful projects, and discuss important personal and societal issues that affect them. New resources created by this grant include: A centrally-located after-school drop-in center located at MetWest High School open to all LGBTQ-identified youth from Oakland; a new on-site mental health service where youth can receive free individual counseling supervised by licensed therapists; queer-friendly storytelling, journalism, media and tech training catered to the special needs of this population and designed to encourage optimum youth leadership; a new website developed by and for Oakland's LGBTQ youth that features news, information, creative expression, and positive and supportive dialog about LGBTQ youth issues; advanced training in technology and media that will improve youths' self-esteem and confidence and allow them to become empowered digital natives, able to use web tools to share their views, organize, and connect to one another; and subsidized family counseling and group therapy/psycho-educational programming at JFK University's Oakland Counseling Center.



<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>Oakland Unified School District</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$118,853
<b>Project Title:</b>	Safe School-Based Communities for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Youth
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>Oakland Unified School District, Groundspark and the Gay Straight Alliance Network seek to establish a collaborative to plan to implement a comprehensive set of programs for LGBTQ youth in Oakland schools. The programs will together support the formation of positive identities, foster peer connections, help youth to develop self-sufficiency skills and to work towards achievement of personal goals, and provide opportunities for youth to give voice and leadership in making a more inclusive community in our schools and our city. LGBTQ youth and families will lead the collaborative in the design of family support and reconciliation services that enhance the school district's capacity to support youth and their families. The services will target the over 250 students in OUSD who identify as LGBTQ, ages 14-20, offered on school site weekly or more often to form safe spaces for exploring LGBTQ issues and identity in context of a community of LGBTQ youth and their allies. Each individual students will determine the kinds and level of involvement of her/his own family and youth will design the family programming in consultation with the OUSD Liaisons: Ilsa Bertolini, Program Manager, HIV/STD Prevention and Olivia Higgins, LGBTQ Education Consultant.</p>
<b>Lead Agency/ Applicant:</b>	<b>Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS)</b>
<b>OFCY Funds Requested:</b>	\$150,000
<b>Project Title:</b>	"Out to Lead: Peer Support & Leadership Development for Oakland LGBTQ Youth"
<b>Project Description</b> (Maximum Length: Five Sentences) :	<p>We at PEERS propose the "Out to Lead: Peer Support &amp; Leadership Development for Oakland LGBTQ Youth" project, which will utilize the Evidence-Based Practice of Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) – in concert with ongoing access to safe spaces, connections to caring adults, engagement in a positive peer support community, and opportunities for leadership in the community – to empower and support up to 48 LGBTQ Transitional Age Youth (TAY, ages 16-20) during the one-year grant period. By participating in peer &amp; family events and creating a personal WRAP plan, LGBTQ youth will regain and sustain empowerment, hope, peer support, self-esteem, and self-managed health and wellness. PEERS will provide three cycles of WRAP Peer Support Groups for up to 16 LGBTQ TAY at PEERS over a period of 30 weeks. During the last quarter of the project, PEERS will provide a WRAP Facilitator Training for up to 18 LGBTQ TAY, who will be selected through a competitive application process from the pool of participants who have been involved with the PEERS WRAP Peer Support Groups. Upon completion of training, these LGBTQ TAY WRAP Facilitators will be qualified to lead on-going WRAP Support Groups for peers in their own communities.</p>