

Support \$3 million in funding for Pan African Youth Workforce Development Grants

Decreasing barriers to Pan African youth employment

Increasing readiness of Pan African youth to create businesses

Boosting the economic capacity of Pan African youth

About these Grants

During the 2022-23 biennium, Youthprise used \$1.4 million appropriated from the Legislature to fund 18 grantees with 8 located in Greater Minnesota and 10 in the metro area. Grants range in size from \$10,000 - \$170,000. These organizations offer programming that provides cultural training for East African youth while helping them navigate new systems and resources. Many of these youth become community navigators or translators for their parents, helping entire communities achieve economic growth and success.

Our Request

Help Youthprise and its sub-grantees throughout Minnesota continue this impactful work by increasing the funding to \$3 million for the 2024-25 biennium. For reference,

Youthprise had to deny over \$1.5 million in East African funding requests in the RFP process because of limited funding.

Quotes from the Sub-grantees

"Youthprise is a beacon of hope. This money has meant so much to use and our community. Often dollars don't make it here (Greater MN), so for the funds to make there..it's been so impactful."

By the Numbers

In 2022, subgrantees served 1799 young people.

- 306 youth were placed in jobs or supported with job placement.
- 404 education and/or industry credentials were earned, for example GEDs, college courses or trainings.
- 488 received job training services.
- 613 received work readiness training services.
- 629 received career exploration or career planning services.
- 987 received mentoring services.

"Everyone wants to partner but nobody wants to invest... until Youthprise."

We are grateful to partner with Youthprise in this program and help effect positive life change in the lives of young people and help them to grow."