# 2019 Youth4Youth Grants Solicit Diverse Applications From Vermont's Young People

The Vermont Youth Council recently launched a new Youth4Youth grant competition that will distribute over $25,000 to projects created by youth for youth in Vermont. A project of Vermont Afterschool, the statewide Vermont Youth Council designed the grant program with the goal of inspiring youth-initiated projects that will benefit Vermont's young people. The grants will fund proposals that promote a wide array of rights identified in the Youth Declaration of Rights, which was written in October 2017 exclusively by youth between ages 9 and 22.

With all grant applications submitted by the February 10, 2019 deadline, we are excited to share some preliminary data:

- There were 44 applications from across Vermont with requested funds totalling over $100,000.
- Project proposals identified every category of youth rights.
- Projects ranged from building a community bread oven to bike trails to field trips for foster youth to a weekend writing workshop for migrant youth.




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Vermont Afterschool is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that children and youth in every Vermont community are able to benefit from the power of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs.

From here, the applications will go onto a voting round where young people from across the state will vote to decide which projects should receive funding. Voting will be open during the month of March.

The Youth4Youth grants are sponsored by:

- Vermont Afterschool
- VT9to26 Coalition
- Vermont Department of Health
- C.S. Mott Foundation
- Vermont Community Foundation

## SAVE THE DATE!

**On April 12, 2019, an awards ceremony is scheduled at the State House in Montpelier, VT.**







