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# News Release

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## Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Offers Mini-Grant Program

**LAFAYETTE, Colo March 24, 2014** – Members of the Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee (LYAC) recently announced a mini-grant program intended to mobilize local youth to create positive social change through student service. Rooted in the Committee's mission, the mini-grant program seeks to empower Lafayette youth to develop and implement youth-centered service projects. Applicants may apply for \$100 to \$500 in funding.

LYAC will accept project proposals from youth groups through April 7, 2014. Applicants must be between the ages of nine and 19 and affiliated with a school or community-based youth group within the City of Lafayette. While all project proposals will be considered, priority will be given to youth groups who actively seek to address and/or raise awareness about issues impacting local youth through service-learning projects, youth initiatives, and special events. Projects are required to be implemented by August 1, 2014. In addition to offering funding, members of LYAC will provide grant writing training and technical assistance to interested youth as requested.

Discussing the grant program, Zack Cusworth, a senior at Peak to Peak Charter School and Co-Chair of LYAC, shared, "I am excited to have the opportunity to empower students to use their talents and energy to make a difference in the lives of other youth. I believe that the mini-grant program will not only result in the coordination of several comprehensive service projects, but also a stronger Lafayette community."

Centaurus junior and LYAC member Emma Piller added, "The Lafayette Youth Advisory Council is committed to promoting youth voice and youth-centered social involvement in the community. We hope Lafayette students will not only take advantage of this funding opportunity, but also make student service a lifelong priority."

Applications may be downloaded from the City of Lafayette's website [www.cityoflafayette.com/LYAC](http://www.cityoflafayette.com/LYAC) or picked up at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center (111 W. Baseline Road).

*The [Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee](#) engages Lafayette youth in outreach, advisory, and educational opportunities through solutions-based discourse and action in their community. In addition, the Committee advises the City Council on youth related issues and other relevant topics, and fosters youth leadership and civic participation in the greater community. Representing five local middle and high schools, 20 students currently comprise the Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee. Contact Elaina Verveer for additional information at [everveer1@aol.com](mailto:everveer1@aol.com)*

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