

**County Youth Centers – East and Central County: \$10,000,000 (One-time) and \$3,500,000 (On-going)**

Youth centers play a critical role in the lives of young people. Today, many people seek out youth centers to help the development of their children. There are many studies that show positive outcomes of being involved in youth programs. Youth centers vary in their activities across the globe and have diverse histories based on shifting cultural, political, and social contexts and relative levels of state funding or voluntary action. Many youth clubs are set up to provide young people with activities designed to keep them off the streets and out of trouble and to give them a job and an interest in activity. Some youth clubs can have a particular compelling force, such as music, spiritual/ religious guidance and advice or characteristics such as determination.

Youth clubs are there to help young people understand the world around them. They are there to advise young people with their future, to talk about the past, and even help them with the present. Many clubs hold different sessions to educate young people about different topics regarding their health and worries. Youth clubs normally have a leader youth worker who organizes trips or workshops for the young people to participate in. They can also hold charity events and even volunteer to do many different things. Youth clubs will sometimes help young people to gain qualifications for their life ahead.

The County does not currently operate youth centers. The RYSE Center in west county was used as a basic model for providing a center in East and Central County. According to the financial statements for the RYSE Center, it costs approximately \$3.47 million per year to operate a center (attached, page 4 of Audit for Year Ended June 30, 2020). Of that amount \$2.52 million is for programming, \$742,000 for general costs and administration, and \$205,000 for fundraising. The center is supported by \$1.79 million in grants and contributions, \$1.78 million in government contracts, and \$90,000 in program service fees. Using the RYSE Center's financials as an estimate, it would cost approximately \$3.5 million per year for each added center. It should be noted that the RYSE Center is an established program and similar programs would require time to develop significant fund raising.

Approximately \$5 million is estimated for each center for infrastructure and an annual budget of approximately \$3.5 million, which will be supported at approximately 50% by donations, grants, etc.

**Recommendation:**

Centers for East and Central County are recommended for funding. Given its focus on children and family services, Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) would be the host agency to contract for the development and operations of the youth centers. A significant amount of planning and logistics will be required to develop these centers.

The County Administrator's recommendation includes \$5,000,000 for each of the two centers for infrastructure (\$10 million total one-time), \$1,750,000 for start-up costs through June 30, 2023, and on-going annual appropriations of \$3,500,000 (\$1.750 million each) for operations.

**RYSE, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>			
Grants and contributions	\$ 1,790,567	\$ 1,494,359	\$ 3,284,926
Government contracts	1,781,902	-	1,781,902
Program service fees	90,266	-	90,266
Interest and earnings	123,832	-	123,832
	<u>3,786,567</u>	<u>1,494,359</u>	<u>5,280,926</u>
Net assets released from restriction	<u>1,881,718</u>	<u>(1,881,718)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<u>5,668,285</u>	<u>(387,359)</u>	<u>5,280,926</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Program	2,520,830	-	2,520,830
General and administrative	742,470	-	742,470
Fundraising	205,048	-	205,048
	<u>3,468,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,468,348</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>3,468,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,468,348</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>2,199,937</u>	<u>(387,359)</u>	<u>1,812,578</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	<u>2,562,682</u>	<u>3,245,395</u>	<u>5,808,077</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 4,762,619</u>	<u>\$ 2,858,036</u>	<u>\$ 7,620,655</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements