

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services is dedicated to supporting a continuum of coordinated services to enhance the lives of Chicago residents, particularly those most in need, from birth through the senior years. The department works to promote the independence and well-being of individuals, support families and strengthen neighborhoods by providing direct assistance and administering resources to a network of community-based organizations, social service providers and institutions.

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For more information about applications or sponsorship, please visit us as www.cityofchicago.org/fss or call the Mini Grants Hotline at (312) 743-6313.



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The Department of Family and Support Services' (formerly the Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services) Summer Mini Grants program offers non-profit agencies a chance to apply for up to \$2,000 in funding to support programs for Chicago-area youth (ages 10-18) to explore vocational, recreational and educational opportunities. Many Mini Grants also address community needs by supporting programs that engage youth in community improvement or exploration.

Award amounts range from \$250 to a maximum of \$2,000.

The Summer Mini Grants Program is open to community-based organizations, churches, schools, and other non-profit agencies. Those interested in applying for a grant can access applications and information online at www.cityofchicago.org/fss or call the Mini Grant Hotline at **(312) 743-6313**.



The Department of Family and Support Services' Summer Mini Grants fund over 100 organizations citywide that provide exciting summer opportunities for young people ages 10-18 to:

- Gain professional work experience
- Strengthen communities
- Develop their skills and abilities
- Have fun!

Program Options



Enhancements

(age 10-12) provide supplemental support to full-day, full-week summer programs by adding additional programming such as:

- Art projects made from recycled materials
- Science experiments
- Recreational sports



Apprenticeships

(ages 13-15) expose youth to various career or vocational choices such as:

- Photography
- Computer graphics
- Junior coaches
- Counselors in training



Internships

(ages 16-18) offer youth a paid opportunity to create and implement their ideas through independent study, community activity and career exploration, including hands-on experience in:

- Web design
- Marketing
- Documentary video production

Special consideration will be given to applications that incorporate healthy minds, healthy bodies and forming positive life habits.

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