

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM STATE APPROPRIATION

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**North Carolina Department of Administration
NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement**

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Brief Description of Program:

The Mini-Grant Program was initiated by the Youth Advisory Council in 1977. The mini-grants give youth an opportunity to develop program ideas, write grant proposals, screen grants submitted by youth groups, and implement defined program objectives. With an annual appropriation from the N.C. General Assembly, the Youth Advisory Council is able to award grants not to exceed \$500 for a wide range of youth-directed projects. Grant applications are received in the fall of each year. The programs are responsible to operate per the program guidelines provided.

To qualify for a mini-grant, applicant organizations should: 1) Be a youth program located in North Carolina and interested in developing innovative youth programs that are directed by youth. 2) Be a local government agency or 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and 3) Involve youth in project development, implementation, evaluation and writing of grant proposals. Grant funds may not be expended for loans, mortgage payments, taxes, entertainment costs, social activities, alcoholic beverages, flowers, bad debts, fines and penalties, cost of lobbying to influence legislators to support or vote for or against legislation or appropriations on any cost/expenditure not included in the approved budget.

Non-profit organizations must submit a letter of reference with the application. This letter may come from a local government official or the sponsoring agency director and must be signed by that person. If the letter is not submitted with the application, the application will not be considered. Funds must be used to directly fund the project and cannot be used for the following expenses: clothing, salaries, scholarships, transportation, entertainment, awards, gifts, incentives, tickets, or food.

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State X Federal _____