



The City of Richmond and NextUp join forces to Award \$493,628 to Community-Based Organizations for Summer 2024 Positive Youth Development Programs and Events

RICHMOND, VA – May 6, 2024—NextUp and the City of Richmond will disperse **\$493,628** from the Positive Youth Development Fund in grants to 42 grassroots and community organizations that provide quality out-of-school time programming and events so that youth closest to communities affected by violence can have resources to disrupt the cycle.

Grants will support various positive youth development (PYD) programs, including STEM summer camps, career exploration, and youth mentorship. The PYD Fund is a critical component of the City of Richmond’s Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention (GVPI) Framework, a comprehensive and inclusive approach to reducing gun violence while strengthening community and individuals across Richmond. Through strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts with community-based organizations across the city, NextUp advances evidence-based approaches to influence the risk and protective factors for youth violence as identified by the Centers for Disease Control.

“I am incredibly grateful for the City’s partnership with NextUp to provide community-based programming for our youth,” said Mayor Levar Stoney. “It is important that we provide a diversity of opportunities for youth across our entire city – and that is exactly what NextUp has done by working with our community partners.”

The programs target youth aged 12-19 and provide opportunities to learn, grow, and develop in a safe and supportive environment. These initiatives aim to nurture supportive family environments, bolster youth skills, facilitate connections with caring adults and engaging activities, and cultivate protective community settings while implementing preventive measures to drive positive youth development in the City of Richmond.

NextUp’s President and CEO, Dr. Traymanesha Lamy, believes, “Quality out-of-school-time programs are a critical preventative measure in combatting gun violence in Richmond. NextUp is committed to investing in our young people and working closely with youth, families and program providers to ensure out-of-school-time opportunities are both safe and accessible.”

Through a competitive process, NextUp received over 58 applications and funded 42 organizations. This funding will ensure that over 3,000 Richmond youth will have access to PYD out-of-school-time programs this summer! With unwavering support from the City of Richmond and collective action from community organizations, NextUp works to turn the tide against crime and build a safer community where every young person can thrive.



The following list contains the approved organizations that received funding for Summer 2024 programs and community-building events, along with their award amounts:

Organization	Contact Person	Youth Participants	Funding
Anna Julia Cooper School	Sam Trepp	50	\$7,500
ART 180	Maurice Leoni-Osion	10	\$25,000
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond	Katie Rhodes	150	\$25,000
Broken Men Foundation	Ellery Lundy	45	\$20,000
Building Constructive Communities Foundation	Jacquelyn Edwards	30	\$7,105
Challenge Discovery Projects	Denise Barnes	40	\$20,000
CodeVA	Charles Carnahan	230	\$15,000
Culturecated Educational Services	Shirtiera Lynch	30	\$7,230
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EZMONEYBRO LLC DBA (STUDIO LUCKS LANE NAIL SALON)	Chris Santos	15	\$5,000
Flawless Imperfections	Tammie Mobley	20	\$18,000
Foundation for Art & Health, Inc	Shanee Harmon	15	\$10,000
Girls For A Change	Angela Patton	15	\$1,000
Girls For A Change	Angela Patton	15	\$25,000
Greater Richmond Fit4Kids	Ezra Lapidus	50	\$5,220
Groundwork RVA	Melissa Guevara	12	\$20,000
Help Empower and Liberate People	Patricia Clement	60	\$5,000
IMPACTING FUTURES COMMUNITY SERVICES LLC	Anitra Carter	10	\$1,000
It's Bigger than Braids	Rossie Dean	7	\$5,000



Just C, Inc	Chenice Brown	10	\$15,000
Kidz R Cookin LLC	Wendy Huett	25	\$20,000
L.O.C.A.L. Adventures	Preston Slaughter	20	\$1,000
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Legacy Leadership Academy	Justin Fitzgerald	100	\$1,000
Metropolitan Junior Baseball League Inc.	Micah Crumm	30	\$7,500
New Life Community Center Nonprofit	Sandra Sykes	15	\$15,000
Next Generation Learning Center	Maria Benjamin	15	\$15,000
Nu Collar Solutions	Curtis Hall	15	\$3,600
Richmond Hill, Inc.	Yvette Rajput	12	\$17,000
Rings vs Rent Scholarship Foundation	Queen Bailey	100	\$15,000
Rising Towards Success	Dr. Monica Ball	1000	\$1,000
Sew What Kidz	Talasha Carrington-Lewis	40	\$7,500
St. Luke Legacy Center Foundation, Inc.	Korinn Carter	10	\$1,000
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STEM-Ed Partners	Katrina Entzminger	16	\$18,000
Street Smartz Over Safety, LLC	Dremon Miller	25	\$20,000
SwimRVA	Adam Kennedy	75	\$18,000
Taylor Lifestyle Group	Danica Taylor	10	\$2,500
The Enough Foundation	Pamela Spratley	10	\$1,000
Unbreakable Minds Coaching	Yolanda Hall	15	\$1,000
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Urban Renaissance Society	Marvin Underwood Jr	15	\$7,500
Victoria's Kitchen	Ellen Luckey	20	\$11,490
Virginia Outside	Brittany Deleon	30	\$15,000



Virginia University Preparatory	Shan Rennalls	15	\$15,000
	Total Impact and Funding	3,137	\$493,628

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