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Grants up to \$2,000 available for youth-led projects

United Way's Gennext and the Central Okanagan Foundation for Youth (COFFY) have partnered again this year to offer Youth Initiative Grants. Youth who are improving their communities have a chance to receive project funding of up to \$2,000.

These grants are available to young people up to age 25 who are partnering with an organization to create positive change in their local community. The partner organization can be a school, church or charity and youth must reside in either the Central or South Okanagan Similkameen in order to apply. Applications are available until the March 4th, 2016 deadline.

"United Way, as a community-focused organization, is very excited to be in a position to partner with our under 25's to build our region in a variety of ways and impact people's lives, in ways that are important to the younger generation," said Shelley Gilmore, Executive Director of United Way.

"The Central Okanagan Foundation for Youth (COFFY) encourages youth engagement through supporting projects which are youth-led, volunteer-based and beneficial to both youth and our community as a whole," says Cheryl Miller, Adult Advisor for COFFY.

Application packages are available at centralokanaganfoundation.org, or by calling the Central Okanagan Foundation office at 250-861-6160, or the United Way office at 250-860-2356.

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