

Proposed Program	Youth Leaders	Description	Recommendations
Rising Stars @ SLA	Colin Townsend	The Creative Writing Workshop of Teen Services of Stratford Library is planning a performance event in June of 2017. The Rising Stars @ SLA event will allow teens in Stratford to showcase their creativity through poetry, prose, screenplays, musical talent, dance, artwork through various mediums, photography and videography. This year's event will continue to stage Stratford's youth's writing, music, artwork, acting, dance and videos.	\$200.00
Unlearn	Jeanine Guerrucci	Bunnell High School student plan to publish Unlearn , which is a literary magazine at Bunnell High School that addresses numerous teen issues, such as substance abuse, eating disorders, emotional issues, depression teen pregnancy and bullying. Unlearn helps Bunnell students to develop positive attitudes about these issues, and it offers students a safe way to express themselves through creative expression, writing and artwork without judgment.	\$200.00
Give Your Gear Another Year	Meghan Reynolds	The Sterling House Youth Volunteer group, STROBE, plans to create a sports equipment drive. The collected equipment will be repaired as needed with grant funds and distributed to athletes in need or receiving scholarships within SHCC programs.	\$200.00
Kick Start Youth Soccer Camp	Hannah Shimura	Kick Start Soccer Camp plans to continue their program for Summer 2016, which is a youth volunteer led camp that introduces young players to the game of soccer. It is geared for students in grades 3-6, teaching campers the fundamentals of soccer and learning to work and play as a team.	\$200.00
Teen Volunteers	Olivia Donnelly	The Town of Stratford Recreation Department offers summer volunteer opportunities for approximately 100 Stratford teens. The Teen Volunteer Program allows teens to be positive role models for others, while gaining positive assets, such as responsibility, leadership skills and experience.	\$200.00
Hero Spotlight	Ana Aguirre	Stratford Academy plans to create an interactive mural which will exhibit their role models. A question on the front of a flip page will reveal the hero inside. The art supplies needed to create this project will be purchased with the grant money. The mural will be displayed in the school hallway.	\$200.00
Spreading Kindness	John Karafa	Eli Whitney Elementary School Students plans to spread kindness in the community by creating lawn signs which will bring kindness to all in Stratford. 25 youth leaders will be working on the signs. This will involve painting the wood signs.	\$200.00

4-H Garden	Kiki Vlahos	The Stratford 4-H Club, sponsored by the Stratford Recreation Department, plan to create a community garden. The produce will then be donated to local food pantries. This years funding will be used to buy gardening tools that will be used annually to continue this project.	\$200.00
Healthy Lifestyle Supreme Beauties	Ashante Riley	The Supreme Beauties dance/step team plans to use funds to defray the cost of uniforms and competitions. This 22 member team of 10-17 year old girls showcases their talent throughout the region. Not only do they perform, they volunteer their time to give back to the community.	Does not meet criteria