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YOUTHRISE GRANT ALLOWS CITY TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY-WIDE YOUTH SURVEY

The City of Burnsville will be asking area youth what types of programs and facilities THEY would like to see in Burnsville, thanks to a \$15,200 grant from Youthrise.

Youthrise, a Minnesota non-profit that invests in programs that allow youth and adults to work together, provided a grant for “the Advancement of Integrated Community Based Systems.” The grant will allow the City to hire a consultant to explore and make recommendations for youth programming and facilities in Burnsville. The desired outcome of the survey is a plan that helps the community best maximize current and future resources to meet the changing needs of area youth.

The survey, which will begin this spring, will:

- Identify national, state and local youth programming trends as they relate to Burnsville.
- Identify local youth demographics in Burnsville.
- Conduct a needs assessment to identify current interests and needs for services.
- Conduct an assessment of the youth agencies in Burnsville and create a list of each agency’s current programs, facilities, services, evaluation processes and capacity for growth.
- Develop a process with the City and key stakeholders to conduct a “Community Youth Services Forum” to continue to identify gaps in youth services and programming based on trends and research; discuss the facilities available in the community that provide youth services; and identify preferred location(s) for a youth center.

The City is currently accepting requests for proposals to conduct the Community Youth Assessment. More information is available at www.burnsville.org/bids or by calling 952-895-4617. Responses are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 22.

Youth, parents and local organizations will all be asked to participate in the process. Watch for opportunities to participate later this year at www.burnsville.org.

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