

# IN THE LOOP

with the Richmond Department of Children and Youth



## Richmond Fund for Children and Youth (RFCY) Request for Proposals and Grant Application Now Available!

Richmond Department of Children and Youth staff is excited to announce that the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth FY 2021-24 Request for Proposals and grant application was released on January 1, 2021! The total projected amount available for FY 2021-2022 grant awards is approximately \$1.5 million for the initial year.

The application process is entirely online and interested organizations are invited to apply and submit their grant proposals. The submission deadline for the online grant application is **Monday, February 22, 2021, at 11:59 pm**.

The following resources can be found on the RFCY Grants webpage at [www.ci.richmond.ca.us/RFCYGrants](http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/RFCYGrants):

- Request for Proposals and grant application
- Recording of February 3rd pre-proposal meeting
- Frequently Asked Questions webpage ([click here](#))
- Request for Proposals - At-a-Glance document
- Pre-proposal meeting PowerPoint



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## Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Investment Plan Summary

In March of 2020, Department staff and HTA Consulting began a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) process with the goal of understanding the strengths, resources, and gaps in services for youth and their families in the community.

To engage community members while being mindful of COVID-19 health orders, Department staff and HTA Consulting creatively found ways to advance the Community Needs Assessment. In total, we were able to hear from over 900 community stakeholders including youth, adults, parents, and service providers through the following ways:

- Community forums
- Focus groups
- Surveys
- Interviews

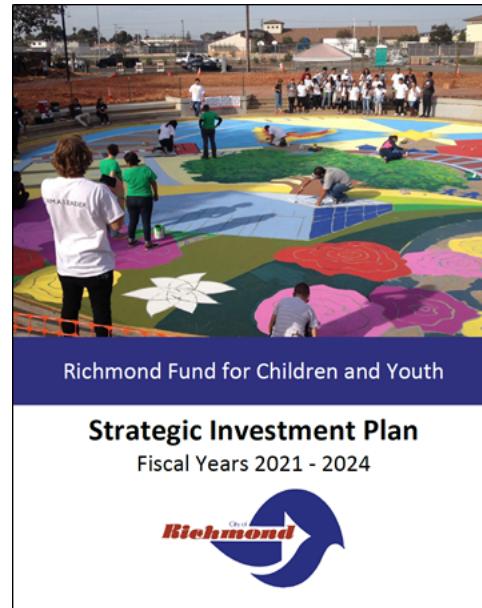
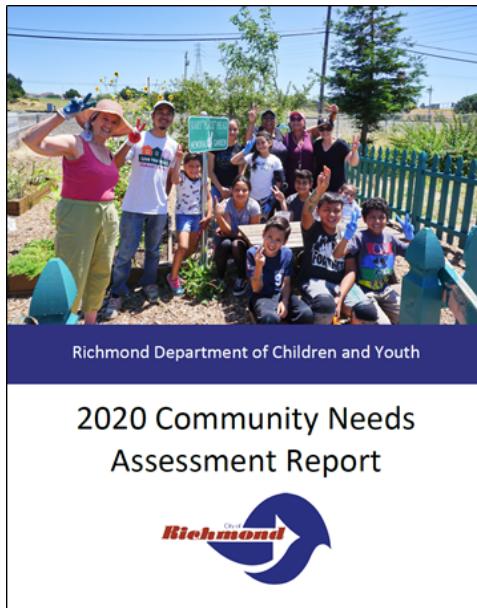
Ultimately, the community's feedback was analyzed to create the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and establish six (6) funding priorities for the FY 2021-2024 funding period. The six priority areas were then assigned a percentage allocation based on considerations of the urgency of the need and potential for equity impact. The priority areas are as follows along with the allocations.

PRIORITY AREAS	% ALLOCATION
1. Behavioral Health: Mental Health and Wellness	20%
2. Education Support and Employment/Training Support	20%
3. Out of School Time, Afterschool, Sports and Enrichment	20%
4. Youth Violence Prevention	20%
5. Access to Basic Needs	10%
6. Information, Guidance and Case Management	10%

On December 10 and 15, 2020, the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth Oversight Board and Richmond City Council approved the Strategic Investment Plan, respectively. Department staff would like to thank all community members who helped contribute to this effort to support children, youth, and families in Richmond and North Richmond!



### Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Investment Plan Reports now available!



To access these reports and additional resources, please visit our Resources webpage [here](#).

# SPOTLIGHT

## Oversight Board Members



Teyona Galloway



Stephanie Sequeira

### Teyona Galloway

*"I joined the Oversight Board in efforts to be a part of something bigger than me, purpose. It's an honor to be of help to the greater Richmond community and our youth! We have an amazing team, and I'm excited about working diligently with the new Board to seek better opportunities for our young people."*

### Stephanie Sequeira

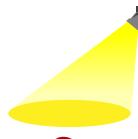
*"Since living in Richmond for the past 14 years, there hasn't been any summer program or recreational activity that can be both academically and artistically enriching enough for me to enroll them in. Never understood why until I started hearing about this measure that was trying to be passed. Which then made me want to make sure my voice as a mother of four would be heard in the board and be a part of the process."*

Meet the rest of our  
Oversight Board  
members on our  
Oversight Board  
webpage [here!](#)

**Meet our Oversight Board!**

**Khalieghya Dandie-Evans**  
"As an young female African American Filipina, young adult and children's issues are very important to me. I am very invested in our children and youth and their education. Being involved and appointed to the board is an opportunity to really work towards making a difference."

**Guadalupe Enllana**  
"I am a single mom of three boys. I am very invested in our children and youth and their education. Being involved and appointed to the board is an opportunity to really work towards making a difference."



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## Summer 2020 Interns



**Cali Luke**



**Dante Miguel**



**Jonathan Alvarado**

"Hi, my name is Cali and I'm a rising senior at UC Berkeley. I'm majoring in Business Administration and minoring in African American Studies. Originally, I'm from the U.S. Virgin Island, St. Croix, and moved to the El Cerrito/Richmond community in high school. As a Richmond Promise scholar, I was provided the opportunity to intern for the Department. All summer I have been researching best practices of similar city youth funds and co-writing the application for the 2021 Request for Proposal. Overall, I'm truly grateful for the community leadership skills, career advice and learning experience I gained with the Department."

"My name is Dante Angel Miguel. I am an upcoming 4th year at UC Berkeley majoring in Public Health. I am from the Richmond/San Pablo community. I graduated from Richmond High School in 2017 where the Health Academy sparked my interests in the importance of securing justice and health equity for disproportionately impacted communities such as Richmond. The RDCY projects I've contributed to are creating a youth development profile of Richmond and updating Transparent Richmond, our citywide open data and performance reporting system."

"Hi my name is Jonathan Alvarado, a long term Richmond resident and rising third year at Brown University studying Public Health. This summer, I was given the opportunity to work as a Health Career Connection intern with the Richmond Department of Children and Youth. As an intern, I've been able to meet and learn from some amazing community leaders as well as develop various professional skills through working on projects ranging from organizing a grant development application process to drafting community blogs! I look forward to using the skills and knowledge I gained from this experience to guide my future career path."

We'd also like to show appreciation to our previous interns who contributed significantly to our Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning processes!

Special thank you to Anna Leversee, Letitia Carpenter, Peter Godslaw, Sarah Ferrell, Yessica Gonzalez, and Nabil Aziz.



THANK  
YOU!

## **COVID-19 Resources**

As part of a larger community effort, the Department of Children and Youth is committed to ensuring all community members have access to timely information and community resources relating to COVID-19. Please see below for resources.

**City of Richmond, Health Information and Community Resources**

**Contra Costa Health Services, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information**

**West Contra Costa Unified School District COVID-19 Updates and Resources**

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**The Richmond Department of Children and Youth would like to thank the Service Provider Working Group, Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the Invest in Youth Coalition, and the Kids First Committee for their continued support.**