

ABSTRACT

SPECIAL FUND PROPOSAL

Section I. BASIC INFORMATION

Proposed Project Title: BLM@Metro

Grant Source and Agency: William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund

Total Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Due Date of Application:** 5/26/2021

System Contact: Stephen Staysniak, Teacher, Metropolitan Business Academy

Telephone #: 617.721.9963

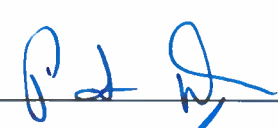

Description of Project:

Together with Citywide Youth Coalition, Inc. (who will serve as the fiscal sponsor and directly receive all funds) and local Black Lives Matter New Haven chapter co-founder and anti-racist/anti-bias trainer Ala Ochumare, this grant will fund a series of workshops for students at Metropolitan Business Academy, tailored to their needs as youth on how to organize, plan impactful events and how to use their voice effectively. In addition to the training, the BLM@Metro group will host local artists, business owners, and other successful leaders of color from the community, implement school-wide activities, which will all culminate in a youth racial justice summit to bring all these groups together in the spring of 2022.

TARGET: Schools/Unit: Metropolitan Business Academy
No. of Students: ~400 **Grade Level(s):** 9-12
Eligibility Criteria: N/A

GRANT PERIOD:	
From: (09/01/2021):	
To: (08/31/2022):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation
Previous Bd. of Ed. Approval:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Operational
Bd. of Ed. Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive
<input type="checkbox"/> Entitlement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant

PROPOSAL DEVELOPERS:
 Lauren Strillacci
 Stephen Staysniak

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ABSTRACT TIMETABLE	REVIEW
Return to: _____	Grants Manager <u></u> Finance Manager <u> 6/28/21</u> Human Resource Manager _____
Received: _____	
Board of Education FINANCE & OPERATIONS Meeting Date <u>7/6/21</u>	
Board of Education Meeting Date: <u>7/12/21</u>	
Due Date to Grantor: _____	

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SECTION II: FISCAL INFORMATION

PERSONNEL

# FT	#PT		COST
		Administrators	\$
		Teachers	\$
		Management	\$
		Paraprofessionals	\$
		Clerks	\$
	1	Stipend – Faculty Advisor	\$492.82*
	1	Stipend – Comm. Partner Co-Advisor	\$1478.46*
		Longevity	
		SUBTOTAL	\$1,971.28*

NON PERSONNEL

	COST
Fiscal Sponsor Fee	\$500*
Educational Materials	\$500*
Meeting Supplies	\$500*
Community Partner Honorarium	\$1,500*
Student Transportation	\$
Staff Travel	\$
Construction	\$
Other	\$
Indirect Costs, if allowed	\$
TOTAL NON- PERSONEL	\$3,000*

FIXED COSTS:

Health Benefits	\$
Pension (Paras & Mgmt.)	\$
FICA/Medicare	\$28.58
Workmen’s Compensation	\$0.13
SUBTOTAL	\$
TOTAL PERSONNEL & FIXED COSTS	\$2,000*

Notes:

- 1) Total Personnel and Non Personnel columns must equal grant total.
- 2) The Abstract budget must be aligned with the Grant Application budget/ED114.
- 3) All applications should budget for staff development (stipends) and evaluation wherever appropriate.

SECTION IIA: BUDGET EXPLANATION

The following categories must be explained:

All Personnel: explain positions; **Salary:** if the grant pays a percent of salary and fixed costs, please describe below, breaking down **percentages and amounts to be paid by grant and by NHPS**. **Other;** and

*All Personnel stipends (Faculty Advisor and Community Partner Co-Advisor) will be paid for by Citywide Youth Coalition, Inc., who will directly receive all funds from this grant.

All Non- Personnel items. If additional space is needed, continue to next page.

*All Non-Personnel items (Fiscal Sponsor Fee, Educational Materials, Meeting Supplies, and Community Partner Honorariums) will be paid for by Citywide Youth Coalition, Inc., who will directly receive all funds from this grant.

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SECTION III: SYSTEM OBLIGATIONS

Project support from other programs: None Yes Explain:

Linkage with other programs: None Yes Explain:

Local Fiscal costs, (include renovation): None Yes Explain:

Future local personnel obligations: None Yes Explain:

PROJECT OR GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- Local Maintenance Replication Parent Involvement
- In-Service Training Advisory Committee Linkage w/other Programs
- Non-Public School Involved Dissemination

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS OR CONCERNS

None.

SUBMITTING ADMINISTRATOR:  6/24/2021
Signature Date

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SECTION IV: PROPOSED PERSONNEL

List, **individually**, each position proposed by this grant application. **If no personnel**, please indicate N/A in the chart below

F/T	P/T	Classification	Position Description	Duration of Proposed Service	Proposed Employee	Current NHPS Employee Yes/No	If Yes Current Employee Number
	1	Stipend	Faculty Advisor	9/1/2021-8/31/2022	Stephen Staysniak	Yes	N/A – Not paid by us
	1	Stipend	Comm. Partner Advisor	9/1/2021-8/31/2022	Ala Ochumare	N/A	N/A – Not paid by us

V. PROPOSED CONTRACTS

List **individually**, each contract that will be prepared by this proposed project. If contractors will not be utilized, please indicate **N/A** in the chart below.

Proposed Independent Contractor	Brief Description of Service	Proposed Pay Rate	Proposed Total
Citywide Youth Coalition, Inc.	Fiscal Sponsor	\$500	\$500 – Paid for by grant

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Please Answer All Questions -- Use Additional Pages if Necessary

1. Please state specific goals for this grant or the grant period.

The goals of this grant is to center and amplify youth voice on the issue of racial justice by providing students with the training, tools, and support needed to go about organizing themselves, planning impactful events, and engaging in change in their community. Students will receive training from Black Lives Matter New Haven chapter co-founder and anti-racist/anti-bias trainer Ala Ochumare, and also attend workshops with other local artists and business owners who are truly invested in the community. The BLM@Metro group will meet twice a month – one meeting each month will be dedicated to training, workshops, and other live speaker events, and the other will be for planning, organizing, and implementing school-wide or community activities.

2. How does this grant address School Reform goals?

This grant is not intended for that purpose.

3. Please explain why this proposal is significant and important in relation to improving student and/or staff performance, as well as any additional pertinent information that is specific and relevant: (Include resume of person(s) providing service for contracts \$10,000 and over)

In the New Haven Public Schools' Policy for Race & Equity it acknowledges that “complex societal and historical factors contribute to the inequity within our school district. Nonetheless, rather than perpetuating the resulting disparities, NHPS must address and overcome this inequity, institutional racism and bias, providing all students with the support and opportunity to succeed.” This grant is an important next step in centering our students in that conversation and engaging them in this transformation for our district. Students who participate in BLM@Metro will learn how to strengthen partnerships with other student groups including SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism), GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance), MYJP (Metro Youth Justice Panel), and the Community Service Club, and reach out to student groups organizing around similar issues at other New Haven area schools to explore possible collaborations, and plan a youth racial justice summit to bring all these groups together in the spring of 2022.

REQUIRED:

A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE ABSTRACT.

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Fiscal Sponsor Organization

Fiscal Sponsor Name: Citywide Youth Coalition, Inc.

Please provide information on the organization who will be receiving the grant dollars from the Memorial Fund: Citywide Youth Coalition, Inc. (CWYC) is a non-profit organization founded by grassroots organizers in New Haven, CT, and a network of over 500 youth-serving staff, community stakeholders and individuals who work together to build a courageous community in which all youth can succeed.

Tax ID: 06-1386638

Address: 928 Chapel Street

City: New Haven

State: CT

Fiscal Sponsor Postal Code: 06510

Fiscal Sponsor Phone: 203.464.7838

Contact Information

Your Organization's Name: Metropolitan Business Academy, New Haven Public Schools

Project Primary Contact First Name: Stephen

Project Primary Contact Middle Initial: M

Project Primary Contact Last Name: Staysniak

Project Primary Contact Title: English teacher

E-mail: STEPHEN.STAYSNIAK@new-haven.k12.ct.us

Project Primary Contact Address: 115 Water Street

Project Primary Contact City: New Haven

Project Primary Contact Office State: CT

Project Primary Contact Office Postal Code: 06511

Second Contact First Name: Ala

Second Contact Middle Initial: n/a

Second Contact Last Name: Ochumare

Second Contact E-mail: Orishaala@gmail.com

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What are you seeking support for?: BLM@Metro was started in January 2021 by a group of students who were interested in holding a school-wide event during Black History Month. At the first planning meeting the students made it clear that they wanted to do a lot more than just a one-time event. So for the next meeting, the group's supervisor and english teacher at Metro, Stephen Staysniak, coordinated with the local Black Lives Matter New Haven chapter co-founder and anti-racist/anti-bias trainer Ala Ochumare, to give the students ideas on how they might go about organizing themselves, planning impactful events, and more about the issues that are most concerning to them. The students really enjoyed this session and again advocated that they would like to work with her further to strengthen the group and the work that they do. This community partner has offered to facilitate a series of workshops for the students, tailored to their needs as youth and how to use their voice effectively. With a predominately white staff at Metro, and quite frankly across the district, we believe it is important to develop this relationship with Black Lives Matter New Haven and Ala Ochumare, who represents a movement that is led by and stands for people of color.

In addition to the training, we hope to more generally expand BLM@Metro to also function as an advisory/mentor group that connects our students to local members of the community. We are interested in inviting local artists, business owners, and others who are truly invested in the community, to share their experiences, their successes, and how students can get involved. For example, People Get Ready is a neighborhood "bookspace" in New Haven where the community can encounter, trade, talk about, and fall in love with books, especially books for children, youth, and "reluctant" readers and books that might not be as easily found elsewhere, such as books by

authors of color, Indigenous authors, LGBTQ+ authors, bi/multilingual authors, local authors, and poets of all kinds. It is our intention not only to purchase books from the store, but to also have the co-founders share about community building and engaging in dialogue about the issues that weigh on their hearts and minds. Other community partners we hope to work with include organizers with Black Lives Matter New Haven, local artists who work on community-focused projects like Issac Bloodworth and Kwadwo Adae, and other educators familiar with youth activism and organizing from Citywide Youth Coalition.

Over the next school year we plan for BLM@Metro to meet twice a month. One meeting each month will be dedicated to training, workshops, and other live speaker events, and the other will be for planning, organizing, and implementing school-wide or community activities. Some of these activities would include strengthening partnerships with student groups within the Metro community including SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism), GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance), MYJP (Metro Youth Justice Panel), and the Community Service Club, reaching out to student groups organizing around similar issues at other New Haven area schools and exploring possible collaborations, and planning a youth racial justice summit to bring all these groups together in the spring of 2022.

What is the timeframe of your project?: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2022

BLM@Metro Proposed Budget

Fiscal Sponsor Fee:	\$500
Educational Materials:	\$1,250
Meeting Supplies:	\$1,250
Community Partner Honorariums:	\$3,000
Faculty Advisor Stipend:	\$1,000
Community Partner Co-Advisor Stipend:	\$3,000
Total:	\$10,000