

Our Grants column provides valuable information on the CIRCLE grant application process. An up-to-the-minute list of funded proposals on youth civic engagement, their authors, and supported institutions is also included.

CIRCLE ANNOUNCES YOUTH-LED RESEARCH GRANTS

CIRCLE is happy to announce the winners of our youth-led community research grant competition sponsored by the Cricket Island Foundation. We received nearly 300 project proposals from teams doing amazing work around the country. While we wish we could fund many more projects, we are proud to support the youth-led teams below:

Austin Voices for Education & Youth, Austin, TX

What changes do youth in Austin want for their high schools and how can they make their priorities heard during the reform process?

Cabrini Connections, Chicago, IL

What do residents and former residents of Cabrini Green think about the demolition and gentrification of the Greens?

Community IMPACT! Nashville, TN

What supports actually exist and what supports are needed to help students in our low-income community get to college?

Covenant House, New Orleans, LA

What are the experiences of homeless youth with police in New Orleans?

East Point Youth Action Team, Fulton County, GA

What disparities and inequalities exist between schools in the Northern and Southern regions of Fulton County, GA?

Summer Enrichment Program, Greencastle, IN

What is the extent of hunger among children in our community during summer?

Teen Leadership Inst. at the Penn Center, St. Helena Island, SC

How many African Americans on the island have lost land in recent years and what are the stories behind their landloss?

TINCAN, Spokane, WA

Why have some teens chosen to have babies and how did their lives change once they did?

Youth Dreamers, Baltimore, MD

How does the community perceive youth in Baltimore and why might they oppose a youth center in their community?

Youth Resiliency Project of PROP, Portland, Maine

Does being poor, an immigrant, and/or young relate to job opportunities, and what skills are needed to get good jobs in Portland?

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women only grew by six points and for young married men by four points. And, for the first time since 1992, single men turned out more than married women. Among 18-24 year olds:

- 51% of single young women voted in 2004, up from 39% in 2000
- 45% of single young men voted in 2004, up from 34% in 2000
- 44% of married young women voted in 2004, up from 38% in 2000
- 38% of married young men voted in 2004, up from 34% in 2000

"The huge growth in the number of young voters going to the polls was a hallmark of the 2004 elections," said CIRCLE Director William A. Galston. "But taking a closer look, there are very telling and

wide gaps within the overall positive trend. While the conventional wisdom used to be that married young people were more likely to vote than singles, we see that the opposite is now true, and the divide is significant."

In calculating their turnout figures, CIRCLE researchers switched from their previous method of excluding non-responders on the voting question of the survey from the final tallies and instead decided to count them as non-voters. This aligns CIRCLE's method with the turnout calculations performed by the Census Bureau among the U.S. citizen population.

For more information on youth voting, please visit http://www.civicyouth.org/research/areas/pol_partic.htm ■