

Interfaith Youth Core

(Chicago, IL)

*General Support***Total Award: \$100,000 over 14 months**

For general support of the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) to create vibrant networks of religiously diverse young people that foster inter-religious understanding through the sharing of common values and application of these values in social action and service projects. IFYC will hone its programs, develop high quality training, test and refine their national expansion plan, and build organizational infrastructure that can support and sustain its plan for dramatic growth. Through its Chicago Action Program, IFYC will conduct ongoing outreach and educational workshops, recruit and engage young people in city-wide interfaith youth service days, and recruit and train young interfaith leaders through the Chicago Youth Council. Through its National Program, IFYC will lead the National Day of Interfaith Youth Service to be held in multiple cities across the country and organize the 3rd National Conference on Interfaith Youth Work. IFYC will also solidify its educational programs and training modules, recruit and train group facilitators, interns, and volunteers, and maintain the existing Faith-based Schools Partnership. IFYC will publish and disseminate a series of articles on interfaith youth work, expose potential leaders to this work, and catalyze effective interfaith youth work projects throughout the country. Lastly, as IFYC prepares for further expansion, it will work to build its organizational infrastructure by developing its board, cultivating funders, garnering local and national support, and completing a three-year strategic plan.

Program Contribution Breakdown:**\$100,000** Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice Program: *Goal I, Objective 4*