

**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM 5.4**

**ITEM:** **ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR A YOUTH SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDATION:** **Youth Advisory Commission to Consider Establishing a Subcommittee for the 2026-2027 Youth Service Grant Program**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) established a Youth Service Grant program in Fall of 2024 to foster a deeper sense of community engagement among the youth of Lathrop through community service projects. The initiative was created to empower young individuals to propose and execute well-structured projects while aiming to promote leadership, creativity, and collaboration by encouraging youth participation in addressing local needs within the community. The YAC established criteria, qualifications, application forms, application process, and an interview process.

**BACKGROUND:**

A Youth Service Grant program was established in fall of 2024 to foster a deeper sense of community engagement among the youth of Lathrop through community service projects. Criteria, qualifications, application forms, application process, and interview process have previously been established. Because of the success of the program and the benefit to the community, YAC is interested in continuing the program every other year, for the 2026-2027 school year. In order for the program to continue YAC needs to establish a subcommittee that will be responsible for creating a timeline, securing a sponsor, reviewing the current application and process and making any edits to the process as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the YAC establish a subcommittee for a Youth Service Grant Program.

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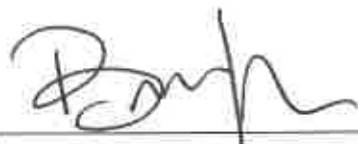
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with establishing a subcommittee for a Youth Service Grant Program at this time. The YAC maintains a designated account for program related funds. Should the Subcommittee identify future expenses associated with the Youth Service Grant Program, those expenses will be presented to the YAC for consideration and approval through a separate action item.

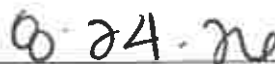
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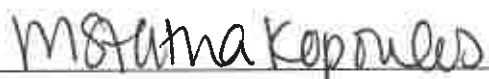
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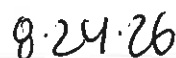
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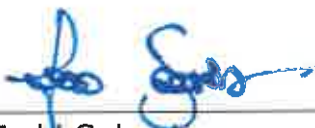
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