Town of Hanover Request for Funding for Social Service Agencies for the FY 2020 Budget Year
(July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Name of Organization Requesting Funding: **Youth-In-Action**

Organization’s Fiscal Year: **July 1 - June 30**

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I prefer that you use the following methods to contact me: **E-Mail**

- Attach a prospectus of the organization outlining its mission, the specific programs provided, and who is served. **See below.**

- Attach a copy of the most recent audited financial statements of the organization. If audited financial statements are not available, attach unaudited financial statements with an explanation of why audited statements are not available.

**Youth-in-Action does not have an audited financial statement.**

- The specific amount of funding requested from the Town of Hanover is: **$15,000.**

- Describe how these funds will be used (attach statement if additional space is required):

  The funds we are requesting will be used to support the part time Director’s salary, insurance coverage for all events, and a computer for the organization. Many of the events that YIA undertakes have associated costs: food, craft supplies, tools. Funds received from the Town of Hanover would also help cover these expenses.

- Does the organization receive funding from other municipalities? **YES**

  *If yes, list the other Towns or Cities providing funding and the amount of funding provided:*

  In FY 17, FY 18 and FY 19 the Town of Norwich provided $3000 to Youth in Action.
Does the organization provide services to Hanover residents? YES
If yes, please provide information in the table below on the number of Hanover residents relative to the total number of clients served. This information should be made available for each category of services or programs provided to Hanover residents. If the size of the table below is not adequate, please provide an attachment with this information.
If you are unable to provide this information, please (a) attach a statement detailing why this information is not available; and (b) provide a statement on how your organization directly benefits the citizens of the Town of Hanover.

We see our impact on the community as two-fold. First, Hanover residents benefits from the work our student volunteers do throughout the year. Second, our student volunteers lives are enriched in myriad beneficial ways including improved interpersonal skills, budget/materials planning, and learning about other people’s lives in the Upper Valley.

By providing civic engagement opportunities, Youth-in-Action strives to remind students of the importance of being connected to our community. We select students from each grade who have shown a commitment to service to serve on the Student Leadership Committee. This committee of eight students are given fundraising, program development, and recruitment responsibilities. We strive to nurture these compassionate leaders with the hope they carry that commitment to making the world a better place throughout their life. Two of our current and many past Board members were Youth-in-Action members at Hanover High School decades ago. They credit this early exposure to community service to their life-long commitment to civic engagement. We feel we are providing a unique service to the Town of Hanover.

For your application to be considered complete, please respond fully to the following questions:

Does the level of funding you are requesting from the Town of Hanover relate to the actual services provided to the residents of Hanover? If so, please describe how you arrive at the amount of funding you are requesting from the Town of Hanover. (Attach statement if additional space is required):
We offer the 743 Hanover High School students a variety of service opportunities throughout the year, such as working on our region’s trails, numerous Hanover Parks and Rec events, making crafts at CHaD, playing cards with visitors to the Senior Center, stacking the Town of Norwich’s free wood for low income residents, yard work at the Dismas House, celebrations at the Maynard House, trail work with Hanover Conservancy, cooking frequent meals at David’s House, the Listen Center, and the Upper Valley Haven, coaching elementary rec sports, organizing two Red Cross blood drives each year, and more. Our hope is that with the exposure to the breadth of opportunities to help out in the community, students will find their niche and make community service a part of their lifestyle that they will carry into adulthood. The vast number of these students are teens from the Town of Hanover. Hanover High School students are not required to complete any community service hours to graduate. It feels meaningful that Youth-in-Action students participated in 94 projects in the Upper Valley last year! Our events are open to all students, families, and HHS staff to participate. We strive responsive to Hanover’s needs and serve when we are asked for assistance. We hope you will agree that our request of $15,000 is in line with the services Youth-in-Action provides.

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Is the level of funding relative to the level of service provided to Hanover residents commensurate with the level of funding and level of service provided to other communities? If not, why not? (Attach statement if additional space is required):

Youth-In-Action has gratefully received municipal funds from the Town of Hanover and the Town of Norwich. Additionally as our budget has grown we have sought grant funding along with our much appreciated individual donations. Of our student participants the majority are Hanover residents. YIA projects are driven by student interest as well as community need. Hanover High School has generously allocated office space to YIA, making Hanover the hub of our organization. While of our projects and events are held throughout the Upper Valley, we feel that given the ratio of volunteers and events centered in Hanover, that our level of funding from the Town of Hanover in relation to other communities is commensurate.

What would be the impact to Hanover residents if the services provided by your organization were not available? (Attach statement if additional space is required):
Many of the events and projects Youth-in-Action is involved with are regular partnerships. Additionally we often receive emails that explain the need of their organization and say “we heard you can help”. We appreciate knowing that Youth-in-Action teens are seen as reliable, hard-working, and contributing members of the community. The feedback we receive is that YIA volunteers show up with a smile and ready to be put to work. We feel that there would be an adverse impact to residents of Hanover if Youth-In-Action’s services were not available. Without Youth-In-Action the Town of Hanover would possibly have to increase staff at the recreation level to provide more programming for adolescents. There would be a loss of safe, organized and dependable volunteers to do projects with our youth, senior citizens and help with community events. Many non-profit agencies and the residents of Hanover benefit from having a resource to recruit volunteers and some would have more difficulty running events and providing services to Hanover and the Upper Valley. We are always open to discussing more ways that Youth-In-Action can serve the Town of Hanover. We appreciate this community as our homebase and look forward to continued partnership.

For your organization’s funding request to be considered, complete applications must be received no later than Noon on Friday, December 13, 2019. Applications should be mailed or delivered to:

Town Manager’s Office  
Social Service Funding  
Request 41 South Main  
Street P.O. Box 483  
Hanover, NH 03755

or BY e-mail to:  
kerry.osgood@hanovernh.org

The Town Manager’s Office can be reached at 603/643-0701.
Youth-In-Action Hanover

Mission Statement: "Providing local high school students with a diverse set of opportunities to engage in community service, with the ultimate goal of equipping them with the skills and motivation to improve the lives of others, their environment and themselves."

Goals:

- To serve our communities
- To create a spirit of cooperation and a strong relationship between the school and surrounding communities
- To include adults in the community as active participants and role models in community involvement
- To develop service projects that meet real needs with the Upper Valley
- To provide the atmosphere for good social interaction between peers and non-peers
- To plant the seeds for future involvement in community service and participation
- To provide a pool of willing and energetic youth volunteers for community programs and projects
- To work in partnership with school and community programs
- To give young people a way to stretch and grow and learn and discover their capacity to care about others.

Membership: Membership is open to high school age young people who are interested in serving the community. Membership is also open to adult volunteers who are interested in working in partnership with the young people.

Organizations Supported and Community Events: CHaD Child Life Program, David’s House, Hanover Rec’s 4th of July, Hanover Rec’s Fall Fest, Hanover Rec’s Pond Party, The Family Place, Listen Community Services, The Upper Valley Haven, Haven, High Horses, COVER, Alzheimers’ Walk, Special Needs Support Center, Hanover Senior Center, Snow Corps, Ray School’s Tikes on Trikes, Dismas House, Maynard’s House, Kids in Motion, Red Cross Blood Bank, Habitat For Humanity, Howe Library, Relay For Life, Senior/Teen Brunch, Elves Workshop, Gingerbread Festival, Norwich Wood Bee, Sustainable Hanover, Hanover Rec’s Turkey Trot 10K, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, and more!

Since 1983, YIA has provided meaningful community service opportunities for high-school aged
young people at Hanover High School. Our organization has continued to grow over the decades. In 1994 Youth-In-Action added a paid director to its already dedicated and active Board of Directors. Our hope is that both membership and active participation in the strengthening of the Hanover community will increase and the community itself will continue to look to Youth-In-Action as a valuable resource.

YIA projects are driven by student interest as well as community need. In addition to the projects YIA creates, our volunteers are valuable assets to other Upper Valley organizations. **YIA volunteer efforts fall into four categories:**

1. Youth-In-Action sponsored events and projects
2. Assistance to local organizations, institutions, schools and charities
3. Support for local residents
4. Community building events in both Hanover and Norwich