



In partnership with YouthBank International,

Youthprise is bringing one of the most promising youth philanthropy models to the U.S. Starting with eight pilot sites in 2015, Youthprise is building a statewide network of youth-led grantmaking entities in Minnesota. Together, we are co-creating a US-based approach for replication statewide and beyond.

A YouthBank is a youth-led grantmaking organization, or program within a host organization, that channels money into projects that will improve the quality of life of local communities. It is also a process and way of working with young

grantmakers that encourages and trains them as they develop essential life skills as well as increase their employability. Local YouthBanks are run by young people for young people wherever they are. YouthBank is unique in that it puts money directly into the hands of young people who decide on how it will be spent. YouthBank grantmaking committees set themes, create application procedures and criteria, undertake publicity work, interview young people, write reports to assist decision making and engage in the follow up work to learn from what has or has not worked.

As a **HUB** for the US-based YouthBank sites, Youthprise:

Aligns local youth philanthropy initiatives with a proven international model used in 218 countries

Creates a learning community with YouthBank sites and links them to an international network

Provides training, financial incentives, resources, and tools to expand promising practices

YouthBank is a youth-centered philanthropy model where young people between the ages of 14-25 establish local grant making committees that are supported by host organizations.

YouthBank works to support, challenge, strengthen and develop youth leaders. YouthBank fosters healthy vibrant and inclusive communities. It promotes youth voice and shared leadership and builds young people's self-esteem. Ultimately participating in YouthBank empowers young people and helps them develop essential life skills. To assist the young people in developing the skills, insights and knowledge to undertake this work, Youthprise—in partnership with YouthBank International—has developed a series of trainings backed

up by ongoing technical assistance and support. Participation in the YouthBank international network can:

increase young people's global fluency and connect them with youth from across the globe;

improve young people's financial literacy, especially for those youth who have been marginalized; and

help young people see themselves as donors as well as philanthropists.