**The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Hutchinson Community Foundation announces the availability of grant funds to support projects benefiting Reno County youth.**

**Please read the following guidelines prior to beginning an application.**

* Proposals must come from organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) and serve Reno County. Special purpose units of government (such as schools and churches) may apply for support of innovative projects. Grant proposals from individuals or non-qualifying organizations will not be considered.
* Grant requests up to $1,000 will be considered. Grant awards typically range from $250 to $1,000 and average $750. Annual awards total $5,000. The Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC) may choose to partially fund an applicant’s request.
* YPC wishes to fund projects which (one or more):
	+ Are created and/or directed by youth with appropriate organizational supervision.
	+ Promote the healthy development of children and youth.
	+ Introduce children and youth to the fine arts or support their participation in the arts.
	+ Provide opportunities for youth to give back to the community through meaningful service.
	+ Build positive relationships between youth and adults.
	+ Have a realistic budget and solid plan.
* A signed statement of support from a youth (brief - one to three sentences) is required.
* Applications are due Friday, January 19, 2024.
* Applications will be reviewed by YPC members in February, and applicants will be notified of decisions in late February.
* Grants will be awarded in a special ceremony on Sunday, March 3, 2024. Please mark your calendar now to save the date.

Contact program officer Sarah Blake at Sarah@HutchCF.org or 620.663.5293 for assistance.