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Connected Youth Initiative: Social Innovation Funding

This initiative and funding opportunity is made possible through:

- Social Innovation Fund (SIF) grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to Nebraska Children
- Matching grant support from:
 - The Sherwood Foundation
 - William and Ruth Scott
 - Local Match



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General Information and Key Dates (Pending final approval from CNCS)

- RFP is available on the Nebraska Children website <http://www.nebraskachildren.org/connectedyouth.html>
- LOI Submission Deadline Extended to **5:00 p.m. CST on November 20, 2015**
- Full proposals now due through our online application process by **5:00 p.m. CST on January 22, 2015**



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"By God, gentlemen, I believe we've found it—the Fountain of Funding!"

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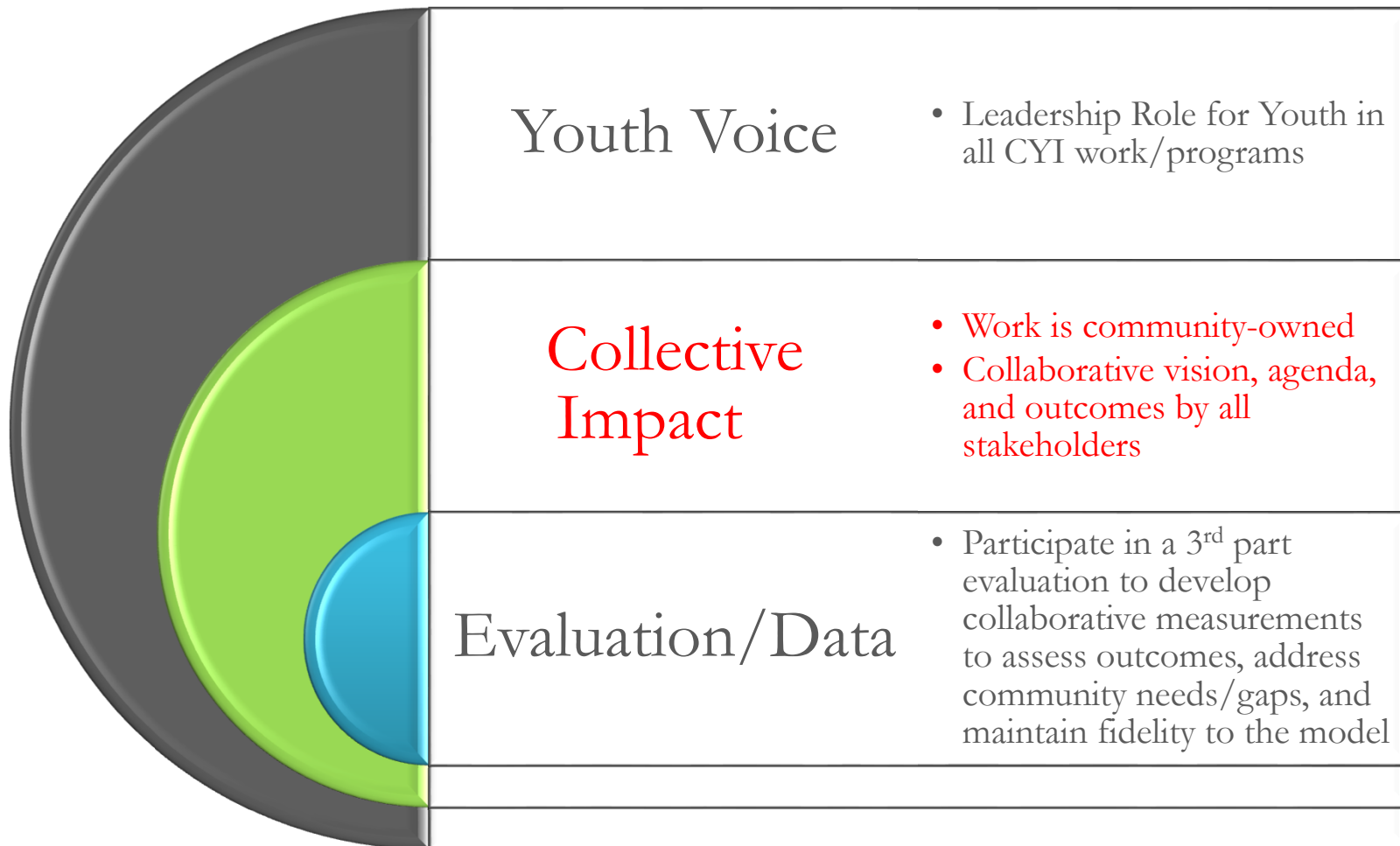


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Core Principles Connected Youth Initiatives



Connected Youth Initiatives role and responsibilities

The Connected Youth Initiative (CYI) will:

- **Partner with local communities to secure additional funding (local match) and create sustainability for collective impact work in each community**
- Provide oversight and quality insurance for the Federal SIF dollars for 7-10 sub-grantees of CYI
- Offer technical assistance and support with such programs as Youth Leadership, Nebraska Youth Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), Central Access or referral systems, and other Connected Youth Initiative services
- Maintain and Manage a consistent statewide system of support across all sub-grantees to ensure fidelity to the CYI model
- Develop in partnership with local communities, 3rd party evaluator, CYI, and CNCS to develop an evaluation approach in order to validate the CYI model
- Develop and access advanced trainings and best practice models
- Work to integrate all state level policy makers and departments in order to remove barriers to local community work, develop and align further services and supports, and work to create long term sustainability options for local communities.

Funding a System:



Traditional funding:

Funding is designed to address particular project, population, or social problem. Grants are provided by a single funder and have specific accountability measures.

Connected Youth Initiatives:

Funding is both private and public. Provides flexibility and only requires specific components to maintain the model. How these components are integrated into the local communities is decided by a collective impact approach and shared decision making – complementary to other community funds.



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Braided Funding



Braided funding refers to the weaving together of state, federal and private funding streams, and the development of funding strategies, to support an integrated and sustainable system.



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Why Braided Funding?

- Braided funding involves multiple funding streams utilized to pay for all of the services needed with careful accounting of how every dollar from each stream is spent.
- The term braiding is used because multiple funding streams are initially separate, brought together to pay for more than any one stream can support, and then carefully pulled back apart to report to funders on how the money was spent.



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Why Braided Funding?

- Braided funding is often the only option. Most federal funding streams require careful tracking of staff time, with requirements for allocation of personnel hours and other expenses to specific federal streams.
- Consequently, when multiple funding streams are paying for a single program or system, the system will need to be carefully designed to allow for sufficient reporting to ensure each funding stream is only paying for activities eligible under that stream.

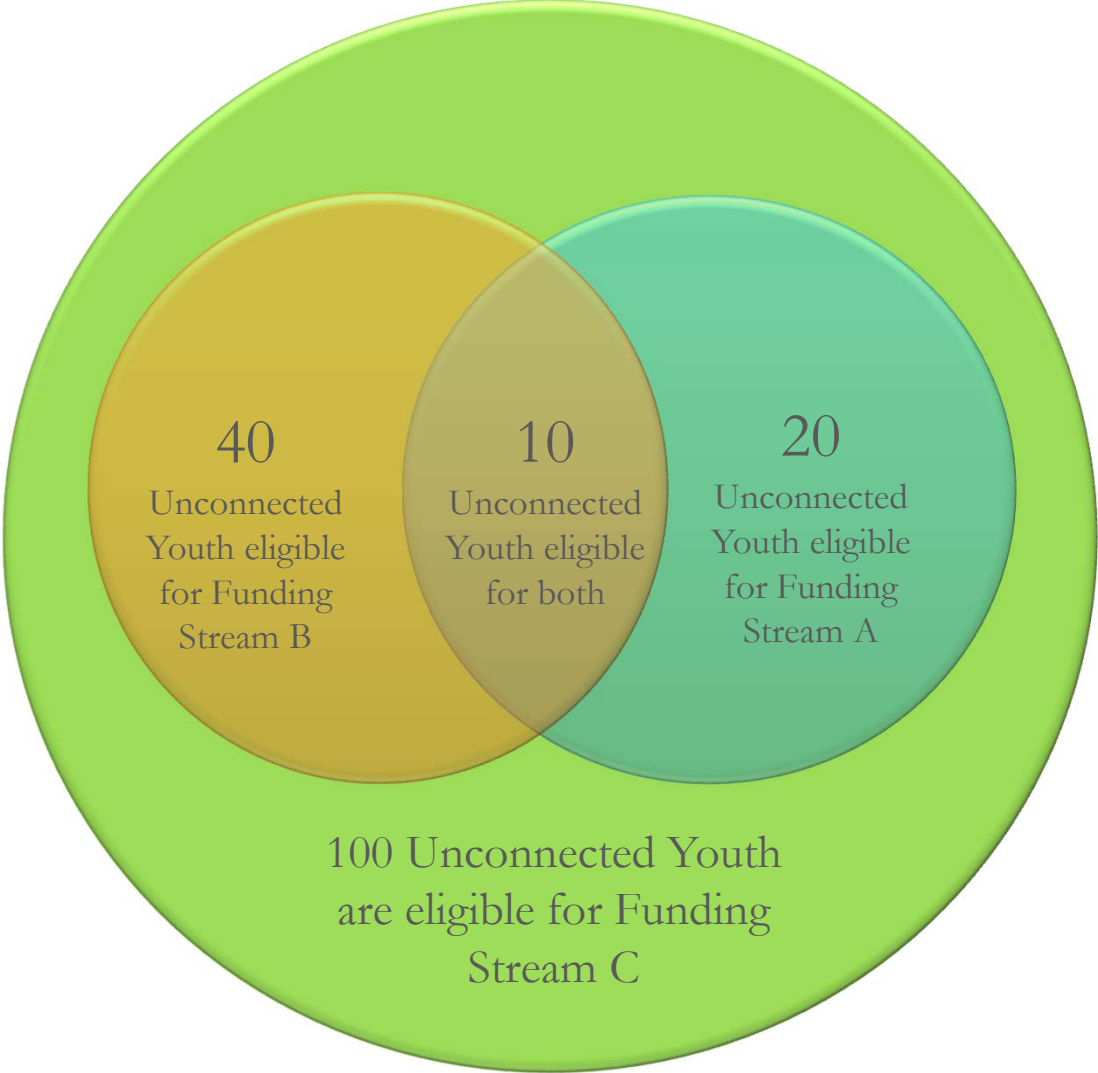
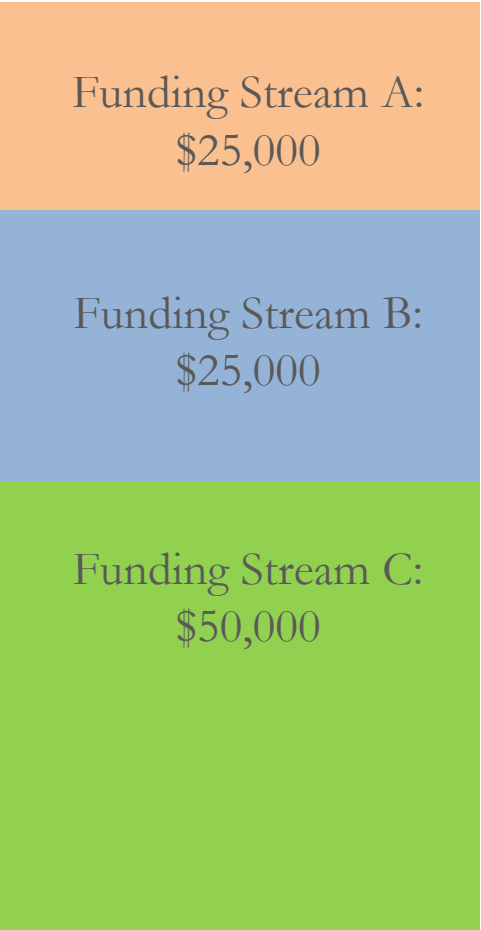


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Braided Funding Example



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In this scenario, as is generally true with blended funding, all of the funders benefit by having more eligible youth served than their funding stream alone can support.

With a case rate of \$1,000 per unconnected youth served:

- Funding Stream A is paying for 25 youth to be served, but 30 youth eligible for the funding stream will receive services.
- Funding Stream B is paying for 25 youth to be served, but 50 youth who are eligible for the funding stream will receive services.
- Funding Stream C is paying for 50 youth to be served, but 100 youth who are eligible for the funding stream will receive services.



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Match Requirements

- The grantee must provide a 1:1 cash match that is, at a minimum, equal to 100% of the grant funds you are requesting from Nebraska Children
- The project budget must reflect total costs inclusive of both the grant award and the required 1:1 match



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Match Requirements

- In general, half of each item of cost will be reimbursed
- The match must qualify under federal requirements
- In-kind match (i.e., goods or services that you do not pay for) is not acceptable under the terms of this grant.



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Match Requirements

- Match cannot be previously-obligated funding that is redirected for purposes of meeting the match requirement.
- Match funds do not need to be “in-hand” at the time of application or award



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Match Requirements

- Grantee has entire grant year to obtain and expend match funds
- Proposal must include plan for how grantee expects to obtain the required 1:1 match



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Where to Find Matching Funds

- Must be non-federal
- Juvenile Justice/Crime Commission Funds
- State tobacco funds/Public health departments
- Substance abuse prevention
- Youth leadership work
- Local schools/community colleges



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Where to Find Matching Funds

- Local business/economic development community
- Local Foundations/Nebraska Community Foundation Affiliated Funds
- Nebraska Children is working to provide challenge grants for grantees from several sources



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Questions

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