

Submitter: Roxana Grant
On Behalf Of: Winston Teen Center
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB531

Our Teen Center was the recipient of funds that made our summer program a total success. With the funds allocated to us we were able to provide an outreach program like no other.

Our rural area is so economically depressed, many families have a hard time making ends meet. They often can't afford to feed, and clothe their children.

With the funds provided, our summer program managed to assist in providing meals, summer activities, shoes and school supplies to over 75 families. The students we reached were between the ages of 12 and 18 years old.

When we reopened the doors in January of 2022 after being closed since August of 2021, the Community had lost a very important part of the after school program time for teens. Funds we received aided in new furnishings, outreach to schools. Making funds available for the use of outreach programs, to get teens into areas they would not be able to access if they did not have this funding is priceless.

Please, vote in favor of this bill, so we may continue to assist teens in navigating this path of life, by providing assistance financially to the different communities, and programs throughout the great state of Oregon.