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Social Innovation Fund Young Adult Program Award will enable F·E·G·S to help out of school, unemployed youth find internships leading to employment opportunities.

F·E·G·S Awarded Social Innovation Fund Grant



Internship Program Offers Young Adults Employment Opportunities and Economic Independence

F·E·G·S Health and Human Services System was selected by the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity to receive one of the three Social Innovation Fund Young Adult Program awards in New York City. The Social Innovation Fund is a new public-private initiative announced by the White House in 2009 and administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Grant Addresses Major Issues with Proven Solutions

This new grant is designed to address major social issues by growing high-impact organizations delivering proven solutions. The federal grant was awarded to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and the Center for Economic Opportunity, in partnership with other cities, to support the replication of five innovative programs. Additional support for the New York City Young Adult Program is being provided by Bloomberg Philanthropies, Open Society Foundations, and other partners. The Young Adult Program is being implemented in New York City by F·E·G·S, Kingsborough Community College, and Henry Street Settlement.



Ask the Experts

If you have a question about our Education and Youth Services, or if you would like to support a program or initiatives, contact:
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The four year grant will enable F·E·G·S's Education and Youth Services Division (EYS) to replicate its highly successful Young Adult Internship Program in the Fordham section of the Bronx. The Young Adult Program is an education-conditioned internship program for disconnected youth age 18-24 who lack a high school diploma or GED. The program integrates comprehensive educational activities, on-going case management support and paid work internships in order to promote long-term economic and employment opportunities for young people. ■

Each year, through a portfolio of some 45 program initiatives, F·E·G·S' Education and Youth Services Division assists approximately 4,500 young people to graduate from high school, obtain a GED, enter college and prepare for and obtain employment. Integral to much of this work is our CareerFirst[®] model which recognizes that, in addition to academic and employment support, at-risk youth need significant social support as they face myriad challenges in their families and/or communities. Our approach celebrates and builds on the natural strengths and resilience of young people, as well as the strengths of their families and communities. The CareerFirst[®] model is supported by an automated and fully integrated case management and data collection system which tracks participant progress along a continuum of program activities.