

To: House Government Operations Committee
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Re: Vermont State Youth Council Funding Request

Thank you again for taking the time for the Vermont State Youth Council members to share their recommendations on February 11, 2026.

I'm providing additional information about the budget request. The total cost for the Vermont State Youth Council is \$140,000 for FY27. This is a conservative budget that does not fully reflect the staff time Vermont Afterschool dedicates to the Council, but it is sufficient for FY27.

The budget of \$140,000 includes:

- \$37,200 in stipends for Youth Council members to attend meetings twice a month (1 full council meeting and 1 subcommittee meeting), as well as the Executive Committee meetings (6 members once per month)
- \$1,000 in mileage reimbursement for Council members (1 in-person meeting per year, and any in-person meetings with the Legislature or Governor)
- \$200 in supplies
- \$500 in mileage reimbursement for Vermont Afterschool staff to attend in-person meetings with the Council members
- \$1,500 for training education for the Council and Vermont Afterschool staff
- \$81,732 for Vermont Afterschool staff time (less than 1.0 FTE) across multiple positions to support and coordinate logistics, attend all Council and Committee meetings, communicate with individual Council members, conduct an annual recruitment process for Council members, serve as a liaison for the Council, create and share e-newsletters/social media, maintain the VSYC website, process payments for the Council, etc.
- \$17,868 for 15% indirect to cover Vermont Afterschool's rent, utilities, bookkeeping, accounting fees, etc.

These numbers are slightly different from the \$47,000 for youth stipends, meeting venues, and mileage quoted in the attached flyer, but are more accurate because the flyer was created earlier this fall.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Nicole