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Mr. Holden Karnofsky
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Dear Mr. Karnofsky:

I am writing to introduce you to the work of the YMCA of Greater New York and to apply for a grant of \$25,000 from The Clear Fund, in Round 1 under Cause 4.

The YMCA of Greater New York is a community service organization that promotes positive values through programs that build spirit, mind and body, welcoming all people, with a focus on youth. YMCA programs serve 175,000 young people each year, keeping them focused on educational achievement and life skills and providing them with a safe haven to build competence and confidence.

In Round 1, the YMCA has chosen to highlight its *Teens Take the City (TTC)* program. *TTC* is one of our newer programs and it exemplifies the Y's 155-year commitment to helping youth improve academically and socially by building their self-esteem, instilling commitment to community and providing strong relationships with positive adults. *TTC* is unique in that it prepares high school students to play an active role in the American democratic process through both civics education and service-learning activities.

Everyone at the YMCA of Greater New York takes great pride in the *Teens Take the City* program, as we feel certain that the program will have an important and lasting impact on the young people who participate in it. We hope that you will find *Teens Take the City* an excellent representation of the wide range of work we do with youth here at the Y.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions about *Teens Take the City* or any of the programs of the YMCA of Greater New York.

Sincerely,

Jack Lund
President and CEO

Enclosures