



GRANTS/INCENTIVES FOR EDUCATION TRAINING & SUPPORT

DESCRIPTION

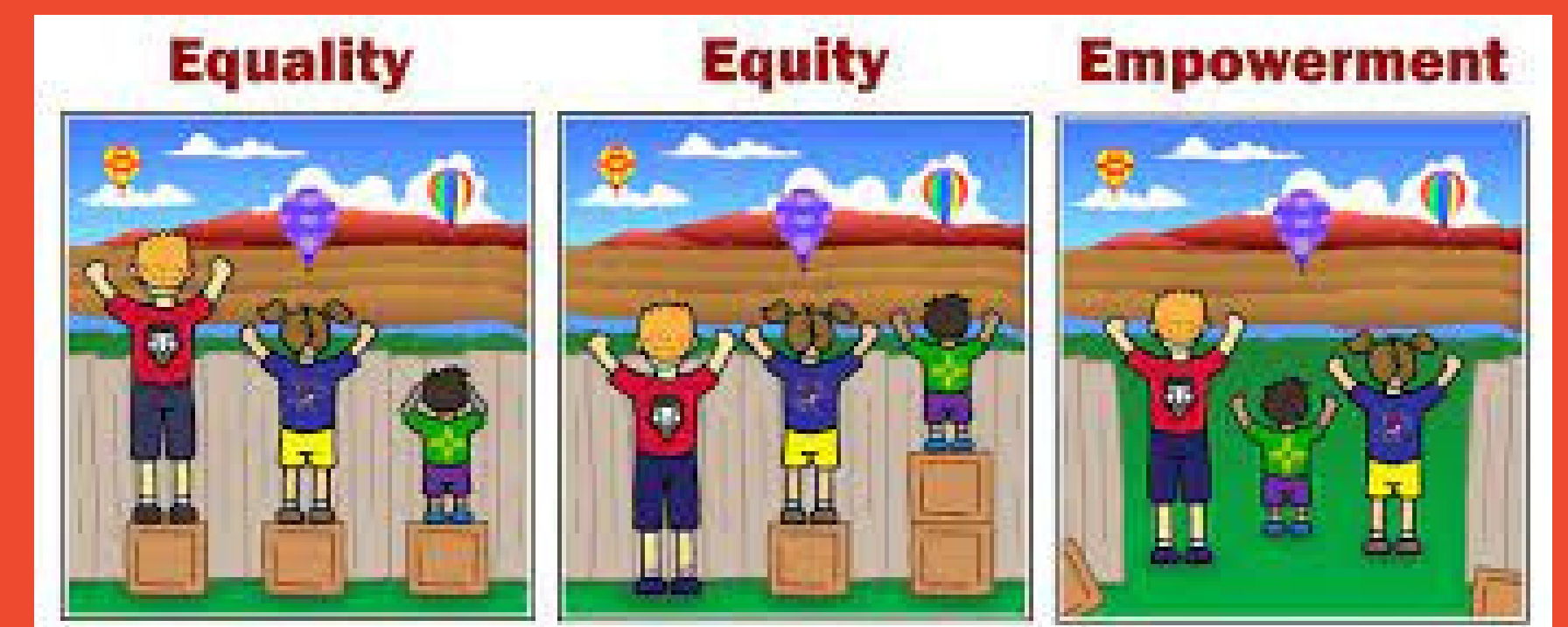
Provide grants and incentives to encourage access and participation of racially marginalized students in Evanston.

NEED

Many Evanston students struggle to meet education benchmarks and lack the resources to utilize existing services in Evanston.

COST

\$700,000



CO-SPONSORS

Youth Opportunity United (YOU), Northwestern University Digital Youth Network, District 65, and District 202.

OUTCOME

Racially marginalized 3rd through 8th-grade students can attend summer camps and after-school programming for free, or at reduced cost. High school students will be knowledgeable about resources in Evanston that will help guide their post-graduation plans.

SOLUTION

Provide grants for low to middle-income households to remove barriers to students' participation in camps and extra-curricular programming. Provide incentives through group outings, gift cards, college tours, and stipends to high school students so they are encouraged and empowered to utilize services offered in Evanston.

FEASIBILITY

Through partnership with existing community based organizations, and the facilitation through the City of Evanston, this proposal will be successful. Existing programming and resources will be utilized by students in grades 3 through 12.

IMPLEMENTATION

The City of Evanston will hire two contract staff members to serve as a liaison to do outreach to families and organizations, track the utilization of services by students, and disperse the grants and incentives to eligible racially marginalized students.

OUR RESEARCH

Many students stated they wanted to attend summer camp, but their families could not afford it, even with the 50% discount offered by the City. Older students lack the knowledge, motivation, and sense of belonging to utilize the resources available in Evanston. An incentive will motivate them to participate, and the information received will benefit them in the long run.

C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE

The Culture, Arts, Recreation, and Education committee is comprised by Evanston residents dedicated to the equity and empowerment of Evanston students.