

Barre Outreach & Drop-In Center

Prevention · Recovery

Connection · Belonging

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What Youth Are Experiencing

- Opioid use woven into daily life
- A shortage of safe, supportive places to simply be
- Escalating mental health struggles and unaddressed trauma
- Chronic isolation, boredom, and disconnection
- Transportation barriers that block access to care





What Youth Tell Us They Need

- A safe place to go every day
- Adults who show up and stay
- Friends to have fun with—people their own age who "get it"
- Something to do besides using
- Easy, judgment-free access to help when they're ready
- A place that feels like theirs

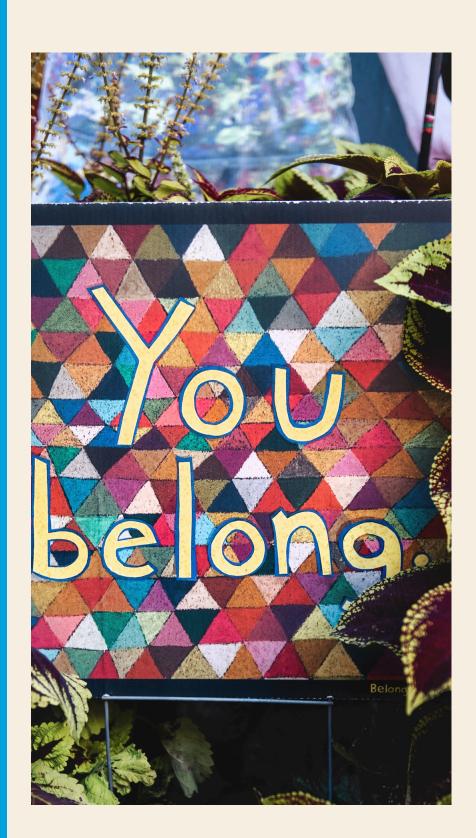
What Our Community Needs

- A frontline prevention strategy
- A safe, reliable space for young people in Barre
- Early, low-barrier supports
- A hub for connection, healing, and fun with friends
- A pathway to stronger families
- A bridge to treatment, recovery, and long-term stability
- An anchor institution in Barre that brings together community partners in support of our young people



Our Response: The Barre Outreach & Drop-In Teen Center

A low-barrier access point where youth can show up exactly as they are.



This is a belonging-based prevention environment, where connection itself becomes a protective factor.

Youth will have immediate stabilizing supports food, clothing, phone charging, and overdoseprevention tools—paired with early intervention and recovery services that are integrated into youth culture, not clinical spaces. And just as importantly, they will have opportunities for fun, creativity, and connection with friends—safe, meaningful activities that offer real alternatives to boredom, isolation, and substance use.

Why should the Opioid Settlement Committee support this project



It's aligned with core Opioid Settlement priorities

This project directly advances youth prevention, early intervention, harm reduction, crisis diversion, individual and family supports, and treatment access.

We're offering a powerful, upstream prevention strategy.

The Barre Teen Center will reach youth at the exact moment substance use begins to take root—providing consistency, trusted adults, and trauma-informed counseling that interrupts risk before it becomes addiction.

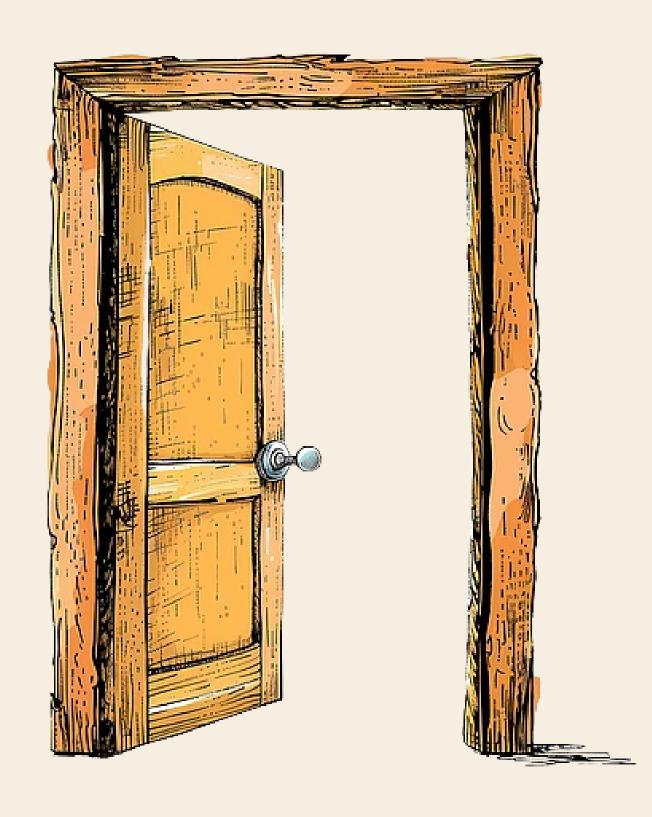
We're prioritizing a coordinated regional response.

The center strengthens Washington County's prevention network through partnerships with families, schools, clinicians, outreach counselors, and local law enforcement—ensuring no young person falls through the cracks.



Integrated Clinical & Transitional Support at the Teen Center

To ensure youth receive the right support at the right moment, Elevate Youth Services will co-locate key staff at the Barre Outreach & Drop-In Teen Center



Youth in Transition (YIT) Director

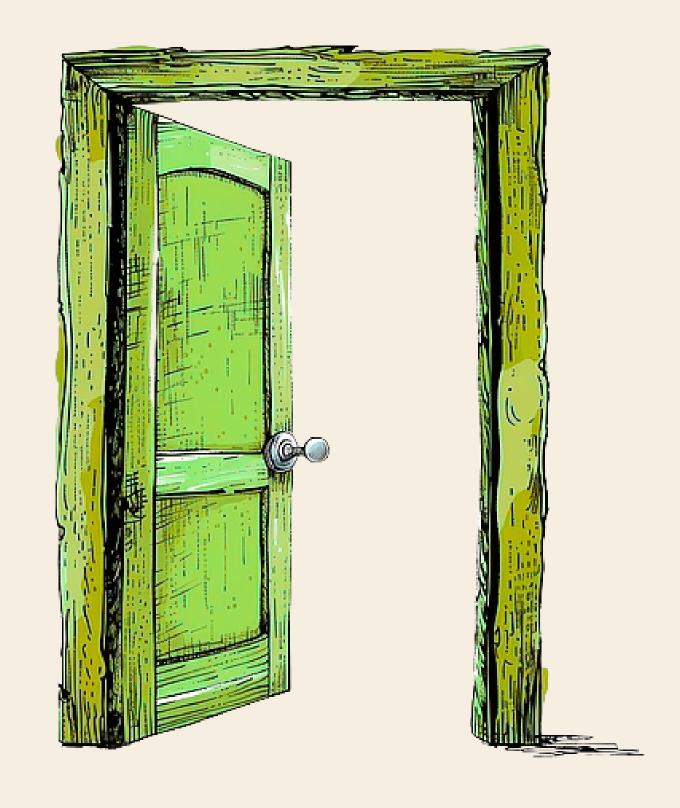
Healthy Youth Program (HYP) Substance Use Counselors





Outreach, Crisis Diversion, Family Counseling, and Community Safety Partnerships

Basement Teen Center in Montpelier



No Wrong Door



Expected Outcomes



Community Outcomes

- Fewer emergency interventions
- Safer downtown spaces
- Strengthened cross-agency collaboration
- More stable workforce development pipeline

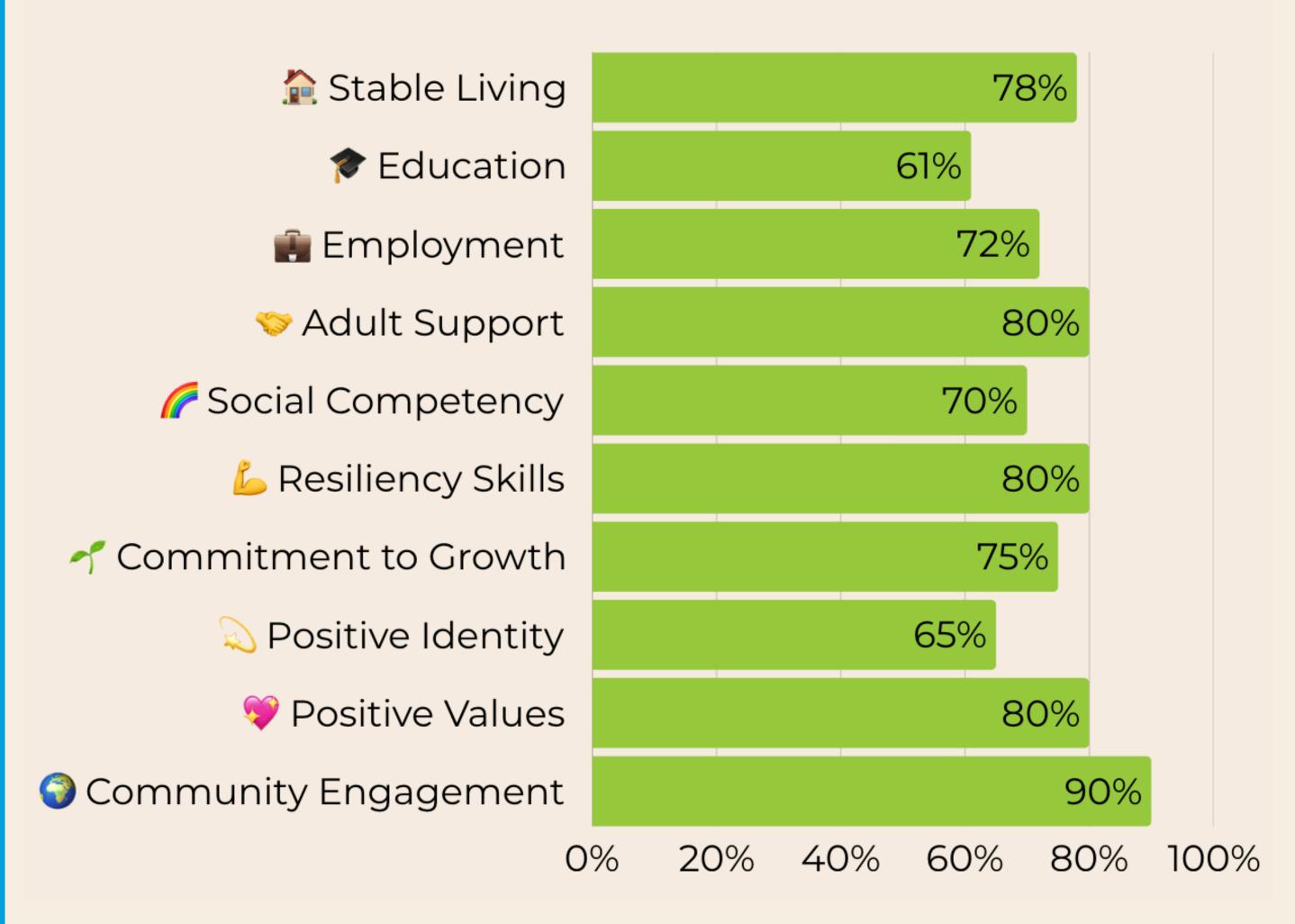
Youth Outcomes

- Reduced overdose risk
- Increased access to mental health and recovery services
- Reduced youth homelessness
- Increased connection, belonging, and protective factors
- Improved family stability
- Improved school and employment readiness
- Decreased interaction with law enforcement

Q1 FY26 Impact

After working with EYS, youth reported universal increases in core wellbeing indicators.

Total Youth
Served:
142



The Barre Teen Center is not just a program—it's a lifeline.

Funding this center is an investment in **safety, healing,** and hope—not just for young people, but for the future of Barre itself. Supporting the Barre Teen Center means choosing prevention and care over crisis, connection over isolation, and a stronger, healthier community for all.

Bottom Line

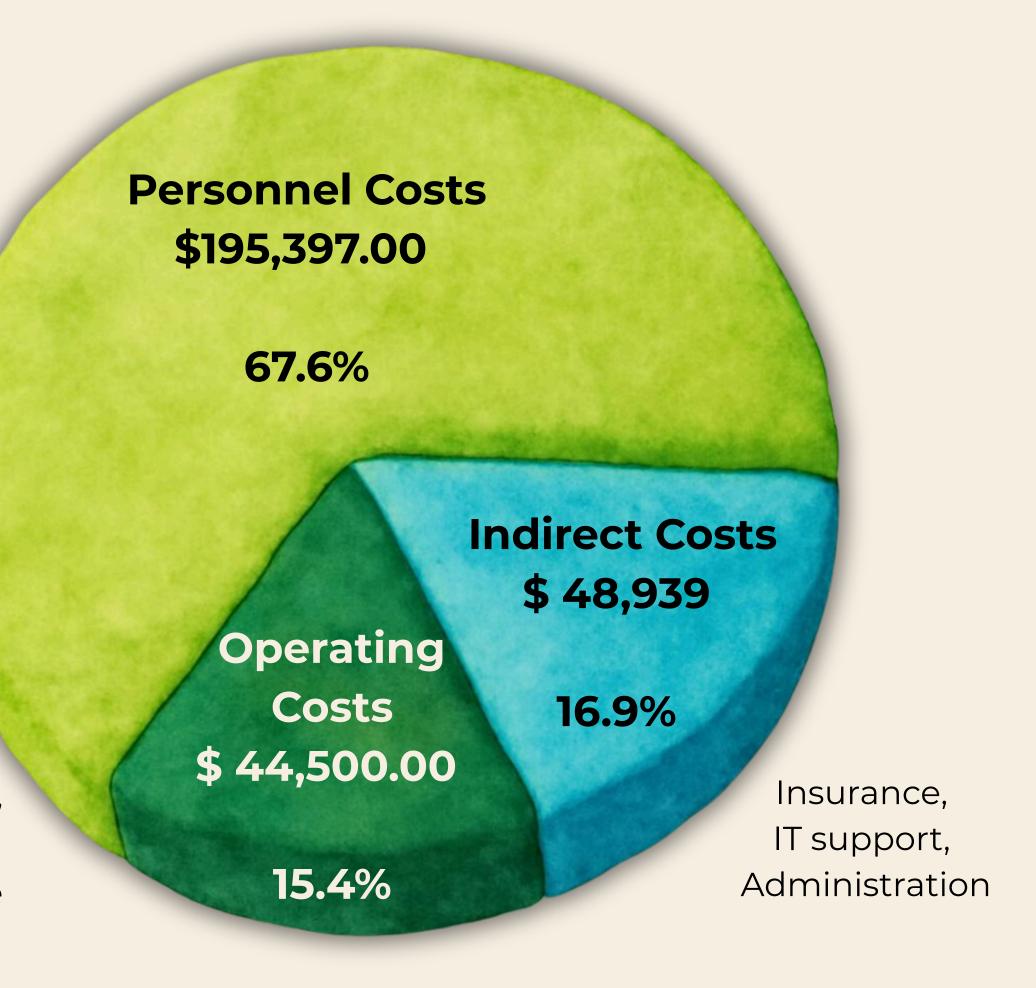
If we want to prevent the next generation of opioid use disorders and strengthen hope and opportunity for our entire community, this is our next right step.

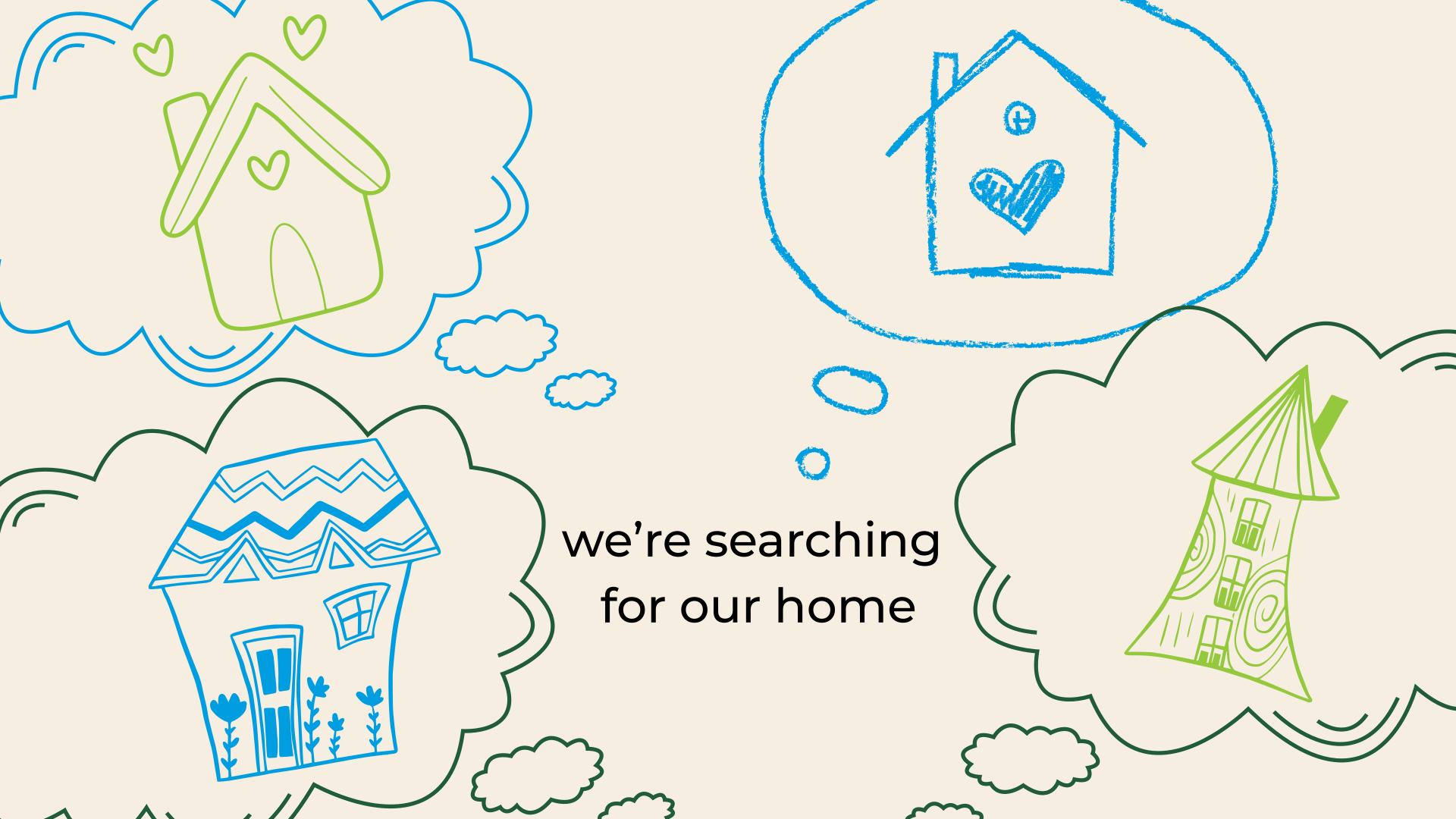
Total Request:

\$ 288,835.99

Program Director
Substance Use &
Mental Health Counselors
Youth Engagement Specialists
Peer Support

Safety supplies, overdose prevention, food, hygiene, clothing
Training: harm reduction, restorative practices, mental health





Thank you for your consideration.



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BUDGET FORM

Organization: Elevate Youth Services - Barre T	een Center Proposal	
	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PERSONNEL		
Salaries (list individually below)		
Program Director	1 FTE @ \$65,000	\$65,000
Youth Engagement Specialists (1.5 FTE)	\$25/hr × 37.5 hrs/wk × 52 wks × 1.5	\$73,125
Peer Counselor Stipends	6 youth @ \$500 × 2 terms	\$6,000
Prevention & Peer Recovery Group Facilitator	PT contracts	\$6,000
Healthy Youth Program Counselor	\$31/hr x 10hrs/week	\$16,120
Fringe Benefits (list individually below)		
Program Director Fringe	27%	17,550
Youth Engagement Specialists (1.5 FTE)	13%	,
Healthy Youth Program Counselor	13%	
Total Personnel Costs	13/0	\$195,397.00
NON -PERSONNEL/OPERATING		\$133,337.00
Advertising/Marketing	Youth outreach & promotion	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment (if allowable: computers, software,		\$ 2,000.00
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etc.)	Computers, software, tech	\$ 2,500.00
	prevention materials, safety	
Materials/Supplies	items, therapeutic supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Rent/Mortgage	Facility rent \$5,000/month (if not covered by City)	
Telephone (if a direct service cost)	Direct service phone & data	\$ 2,000.00
Training/Education	Trauma informed care, harm reduction, de-escalation, crisis counseling, peer training, substance use prevention, treatment & referral	\$ 4,000.00
G.	Local transportation for youth &	,
Travel	outreach	\$ 1,000.00
Utilities	Heat, electricity, water, waste (if not covered by City)	\$ 14,000.00
Other Direct Service Costs (list individually below)		
Food & Nutrition	Daily meals/snacks for youth	\$ 13,000.00
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Total New Development / Operation - Contra		
Total Non-Personnel/Operating Costs		\$ 44,500.00
Total Direct Costs		\$239,897.00
INDIRECT/ADMINISTRATIVE		

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Organization: Elevate Youth Services - Barre Teen Center Proposal			
	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	
Indirect Costs			
(does not self-calculate; 10% unless a different rate has been			
approved - Federal or State)	20.40%	\$	48,938.99
GRAND TOTAL		\$	288,835.99