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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Rose Wang  
**Cc:** Ken Pennoyer; Allen Buansi; Donna Bell; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Nancy Oates; Pam Hemminger; Rachel Schaevitz; Toney Thompson; Town Council; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Roger Stancil; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver  
**Subject:** email...RE: Chapel Hill Youth Council Budget Request

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

If your email is related to a development application or a particular issue being addressed by the Council, your comments will be made part of the record. If applicable, we encourage you to attend any public meetings related to the items addressed in your email.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Rose Wang [mailto:rosewang01@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Chapel Hill Youth Council Budget Request

**May 16, 2018**

**Mayor and Council Members,**

We would like to begin by thanking you for all that you do for the youth of the Town of Chapel Hill.

We are the Chapel Hill Youth Council. We work to amplify teen voices in town issues and matters, and reach out to teens on their opinions. We would like to ask for your support by designating \$3,000 in next year's budget for Chapel Hill Youth Council to organize and promote more youth programs in the town.

As a college town, there are many rich programs for college students. Chapel Hill also provides wonderful programmings for young children and senior citizens, but teenagers are often left out or grouped in with adults. We don't have a facility like the Seymour Senior Center or library programs that are often focused towards younger children. Teen programs that facilitate the learning, collaboration, and growth of teens will not only benefit the town by promoting future engagement, but allow teens to learn the skills that will be required of them.

Currently, there is \$0 designated funding for Chapel Hill Youth Council. Many of the nonprofits who serve younger children are given much more via the block-grant process. For example, Kidzu receives around \$10,000 per year. Throughout the existence of Chapel Hill Youth Council, our lack of funding has limited our ability to create events and projects that would draw teenagers to become engaged with the town.

With the \$3,000 we are requesting, Chapel Hill Youth Council will facilitate bringing the teen perspective to the American Legion Project by hosting hearings and open-mics for all teens. We will host a Youth Council booth at FestiFall asking teens about their opinions on "The Chapel Hill That I Want to See." We will organize high school clubs and volunteers to paint murals and beautify our Teen Center. We will host Halloween haunted houses, and bake cookies for the Ronald McDonald House during the Holiday Season.

We will also collaborate with other teen-run organizations around the town. An example is One Song Productions, an entirely student-run theatre organization, that puts on four shows a year along with monthly open-mics held at the Teen Center. Additional funding could provide these open-mics with the proper equipment and the outreach capabilities needed to increase attendance to these events. Other teen-run organizations include Youth Against Rape Culture and Chapel Hill Carrboro Students Against Gun Violence. Both of these organizations work to amplify teen's political voices on all levels of government, organizing protests and walkouts, campaigning, speaking at town council meetings, fighting for the causes that they care about, and enacting real change. If Chapel Hill Youth Council was given funding, we could be an exceptional resource to these organizations and by doing so, assist teenagers in becoming involved and active community members.

Chapel Hill prides itself in creating "a place for everyone," and facilitating "community prosperity and engagement." We believe that funding teen opportunities and programs would allow for these important values and themes to be obtained and experienced by all of the teens in our town. Chapel Hill Youth Council is dedicated to create and facilitate amazing youth programs, and we have the potential to achieve these goals with the necessary funding. Please make teen programs and opportunities a priority in the 2018-2019 budget year.

Again, thank you for all that you do for the youth in our town, and we look forward to your support.

**Sincerely,**

**Chapel Hill Youth Council**