GRANTS

*Our **Grants** column provides information on the CIRCLE grant application process. An up-to-the-minute list of funded proposals on youth civic engagement, their authors, and supported institutions is also included.*

APPLY FOR CIRCLE FUNDING: THREE NEW RFPs ANNOUNCED

CIRCLE is pleased to announce three new grant competitions for research on the civic engagement of young Americans. The three RFPs and application guidelines can be found at **www.civicyouth.org/grants**. Please note that the deadline for submitting mandatory letters of inquiry is **September 19, 2003**. Anyone interested in applying for CIRCLE funding should visit our Web site, as our granting policies have changed.

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WHAT CIRCLE SUPPORTS

CIRCLE funds research, not practice. However, all CIRCLE-funded research should have implications for specified categories of practitioners such as legislators, candidates, teachers, educational administrators, youth-serving organizations, journalists, professional associations, or nonprofits that work to encourage youth voting and political participation.

PROPOSALS FUNDED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2003 AND JUNE 2003

1. **"Giving Back to the Community: African American Inner City Teens and Civic Engagement"**
   Michelle Charles, Communications Consulting

2. **"Best Practices in Nonpartisan Youth Voter Mobilization"**
   Carolyn Darrow, Youth Vote Coalition

3. **"Making the Link: Religious Communities, Religious Identity and Civic Engagement Among Young People"**
   Anna Greenberg, Reboot

4. **"America's Digital Generation: Youth, ICTs and the Impact on Civil Society"**
   Paul G. Harwood, University of North Florida

5. **"Generations, Agendas, and Participation"**
   Merrill Shanks, Douglas Strand, Henry Brady, and Edward Carmines, Survey Research Center, University of California, Berkeley

6. **"Throwing a Better Party: Mobilizing Institutions and the Youth Vote"**
   Daniel M. Shea, Allegheny College

7. **"Powerful Spaces: Urban Youth, Community Organizations and Democratic Action"**
   Jennifer O'Donoghue, Stanford University, *Doctoral Candidate*

8. **"A Conceptual Framework for Civic Education Reform"**
   Heather M. Voke, Georgetown University

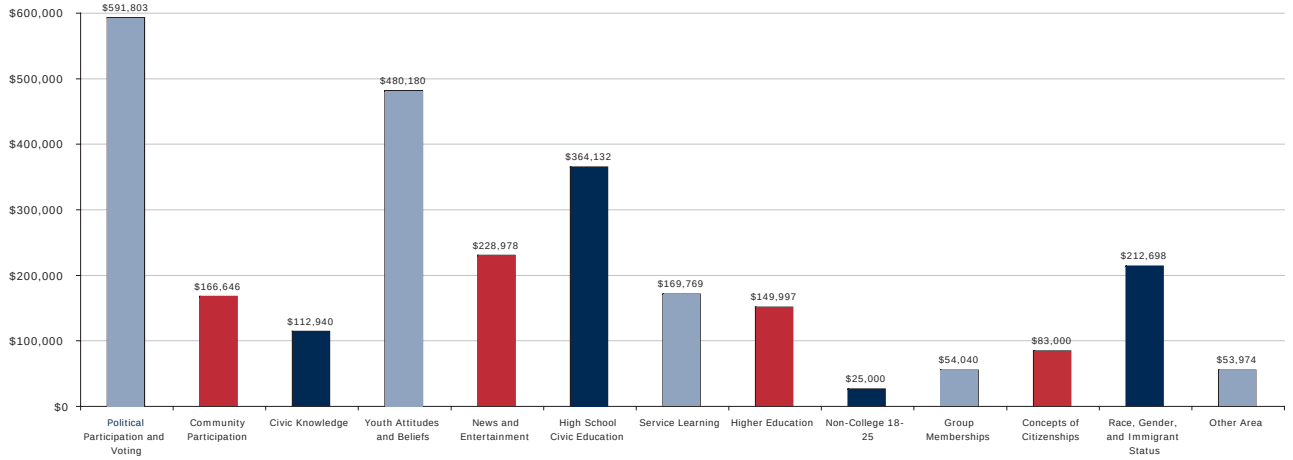
9. **"Gender and Civic Engagement: Secondary Analysis of Survey Data"**
   Deborah L. Walsh and Krista Jenkins, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Center for American Women and Politics

PAST RESEARCH GRANTS

During its first two years, CIRCLE funded research on a variety of topics. Following are graphs showing the amount of funding allocated to each topic as well as the number of grants awarded by topic.

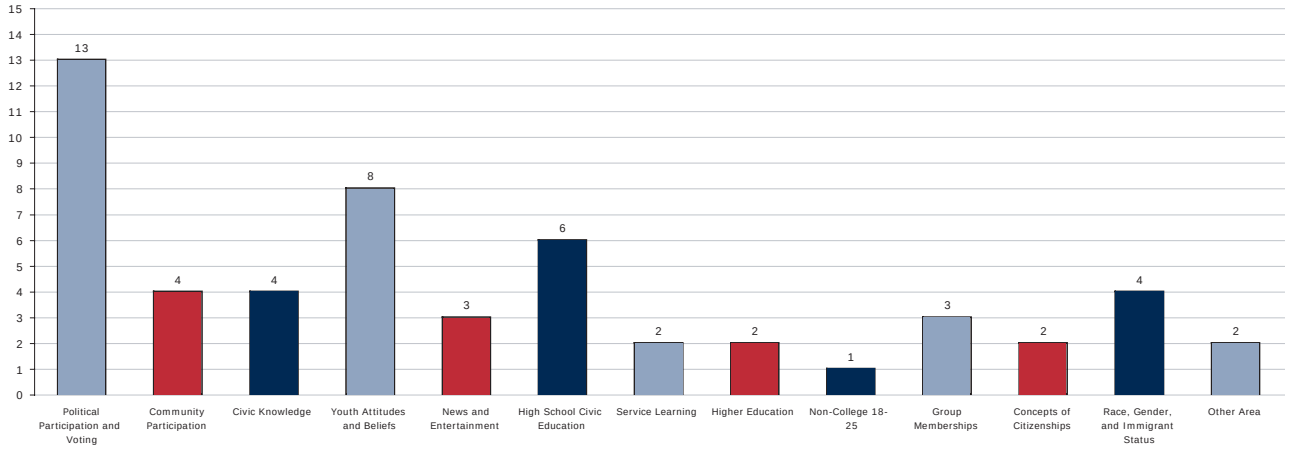
GRAPHS 1 AND 2

Graph 1: Funding Levels For CIRCLE Proposals, Through Summer 2003



Source: CIRCLE Funded Projects through Summer 2003.

Graph 2: Number of Funded Proposals, Through Summer 2003



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Graph 1 and 2 Notes: Most CIRCLE grants can be categorized under one of the headings listed above. However, some grants are cross-cutting and therefore are listed under multiple categories.