



**Youth Arts: Unlocked**

[youth-arts-unlocked.org](http://youth-arts-unlocked.org)

**Focus Area: Arts & Culture**

**Year Founded:** 2011

**Mission:** Youth Arts: Unlocked (YAU) mission is to bring the arts to justice-involved youth in Flint and Genesee County and their work to the public.

**Summary of work:** Youth Arts: Unlocked has a goal of introducing artistic concepts and techniques as a means of connecting, expressing, learning and discovery. YAU offers workshops in the visual arts, spoken word, poetry, theatre, and yoga. Workshops take place inside the Genesee County Juvenile Justice Center and at the Learning Co-Op in Flint, MI. The artwork created in the workshops is brought to the public through exhibits and through books and videos on the website.

**Project name:** YAU Arts in Detention

**Project purpose:** This project will introduce artistic concepts and techniques as a means of connecting, expressing, learning and discovery.

**Details of Proposed Project:** YAU would expand programming to include Board-Certified music, dance and/or drama therapy interventions; adding Music and Dance Therapists to the work of our teaching artists, providing small group creative arts therapy in addition to the current workshops.

**Goals and Objectives:** This project will improve positive peer-to-peer interactions and youths' ability to identify de-escalation techniques for reducing frustration and anger as well as an improved sense of connectedness to self, family and the community. Assessments using the PSC-Y Youth Mental Health Assessment in addition to an Arts in Therapy Survey.

**Implementation Timeline:** 80 weeks of visual, performing and healing arts workshops

**Target population:** Justice-involved youth within Genesee County

**Number served:** ~300 justice-involved youth

**Budget:**

<b>Project Expense Description</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>Impact100 Genesee County Funds</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	\$68,800	\$68,800	8 Teaching Artists/Assistants
<b>Supplies</b>	\$4,000	\$1,000	
<b>Admin Costs</b>	\$14,500	\$14,500	% of Building + Gen Admin expenses 2 Personnel Time on Project
<b>Project Design &amp; Exhibition Fees</b>	\$7,400	\$2,200	2 years
<b>Evaluations</b>	\$2,000	\$500	Evaluations of Programming
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$96,700	\$87,000	

**If the project budget exceeds the grant amount, explain the additional sources of funding:**

- CONFIRMED: Genesee County Court Contract: \$22,000

**How will the project be sustained after the funds are used?**

Project will be sustained by reinforcing the structure of programming offered, securing reliable data showing benefits and increasing a lasting partnership with corrections partners.