Be part of the Best Babies Zone Mini-Grant Advisory Group!

YOU can play an EXCITING ROLE in selecting projects in YOUR neighborhood!

This could be YOU!

The Mini-Grant Advisory Group (MAG) is a team of eight community members from East Oakland. This is an exciting opportunity to choose important community-identified projects to be implemented in your neighborhood (Castlemont-MacArthur to Olive/Birch, and 82nd to 94th)! You will get to choose among projects submitted by community members and local organizations.

Do you want a role in choosing projects in your neighborhood that will address SAFETY & VIOLENCE, build COMMUNITY connections, improve EDUCATION, and drive ECONOMIC growth?

Why should you be a member of the Mini-Grant Advisory Group?

- Play a key role in awarding money for neighborhood based projects
- Work in a group to be trained to review proposals
- Make the final decision on grant winners

What does it take to be Mini-Grant Advisory Group Member?

- Passion about the Castlemont neighborhood and East Oakland
- Being a voice for community strengths and challenges
- Being comfortable speaking, reading, and understanding English

To Join the Mini-Grant Advisory Group

1. Fill out and submit Application by Thursday, March 27th
2. Commit to the group and process – requiring about one (2 hour) meeting per month, April-July 2014, including a half day review session

Food, Gift Cards, and Childcare Provided

The Mini-Grant Advisory Group is a part of the Best Babies Zone (BBZ), a project of the Alameda County Public Health Department. We are committed to supporting a strong and healthy neighborhood, building on the strengths in the community to address real challenges.

Turn over for application →
### Application

4. Race/Ethnicity: ___________________  5. Address: _____________________________________________
5. Phone number: ____________________________  6. Email address: ______________________________________

7. Best way to contact me is:   Phone (call) ☐ Phone (text) ☐ Email ☐

8. We are hoping to recruit a few Advisors who **ALSO** speak **Spanish** (you don’t HAVE to speak Spanish to become an Advisor). Are you comfortable speaking and understanding Spanish?  Yes ☐ No ☐

9. How did you learn about the Mini-Grant Advisor opportunity? ________________________________

10. Check everything that you have skill or experience with! Please write in other skills you want us to know about where it says “Other.”

| Working with others to get something done | Organizing and keeping things on track | Knowing what is going on in my neighborhood |
| Understanding the needs of my neighbors/friends | Speaking in front of large groups | Bringing people together and getting them excited |

Other: ____________________________________________

11. Why do you want to be in the Mini-Grant Advisory Group?

12. Can you give about **2 hours** per month from **May - July 2014**?  Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure ☐

   If checked “Not sure,” please explain why: ____________________________________________

13. Please list one personal or professional reference that we may contact to learn more about you:

   Name: __________________________ Phone #: __________________ Relationship: ____________________

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**Mail, submit at Youth UpRising front desk, or submit online**

**Applications Accepted Until April 31st**

**Mail:** Leah Tarran/ 2595 International Blvd./ Oakland, CA 94601
**Online:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBZMAG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBZMAG)

**Thank you for completing the application! Applicants will be Chosen Until Program Reaches Capacity**

If you have any questions, please contact: Leah Tarran: ltarran@brighter-beginnings.org; 510-393-8750