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**INATAI FOUNDATION
EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FUND
YOUTH & STUDENT ORGANIZING CATEGORY
APOYO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Funding focus alignment: In a few sentences, please describe how your work is aligned with the priorities of this funding category?

APOYO has been affiliated with Central Washington University since 1998. We offer internships and employment to students and recent graduates. This funding will enable us to expand our organizational capacity to engage youth in Latinx community empowerment as they develop their leadership skills through education, political participation and activism. Latinx community members, CWU student government leaders, MEChA leaders, high school student leaders, young CWU alumni working in Latinx community empowerment throughout the state and political science faculty will guide development of a curriculum and activities including engaging educational experiences, mentorships, job shadowing, and direct engagement with activist organizations, lobbyists and legislators. Understanding, pursuit and achievement of racial justice objectives will guide program development.

Goals: Please describe some of the goals you hope to achieve if you receive this funding.

- Offer engaging education on community empowerment, racial justice, political participation, activism and career development;
- Design activities to engage youth in pursuit and achievement of community empowerment and racial justice;
- Engage a diverse, multi-generational Leadership Committee to design curriculum, plan activities, recruit participants and establish connections with educators, alumni, activists, organizations and political leaders;
- Offer employment for professional development to a graduating CWU student as program coordinator and paid student internships;
- Provide alumni, activist and professional mentorships for college students and college student mentors for high school students;
- Pay honoraria for speakers and travel costs for alumni, activist and professional mentors;
- Pay costs of youth participation, including workshop and conference registration fees, travel, and lodging;
- Provide office space for program development and social space for meetings and events.