

FOUNDATION GIVES \$80,000 TO PROJECT

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The Columbus Foundation announced gifts totaling \$345,000 yesterday to six organizations to promote the development of youth, but only \$80,000 of it is going to a proposed program for which Mayor Dana G. Rinehart was expecting \$200,000.

Rinehart announced plans last month for an \$800,000 community outreach program to curb youth violence, and said the foundation would chip in one- quarter of that.

The six programs focus on increasing recreation and employment opportunities for young people and curbing substance abuse and juvenile delinquency.

"All these things fit together," James I. Luck, foundation president, said. "We're not counting on the outreach issue to be a savior. Outreach was only one of many suggestions by the Metropolitan Human Services Commission task force who studied it for a year."

The \$80,000 grant is the only one that does not name a recipient, because it has not yet been decided what agency will direct the proposed outreach program, Luck said.

Controversy has brewed over who will run it.

The controversy began when Rinehart announced, prematurely, in his State of the City speech that a cooperative effort was afoot by the city, the schools and community agencies to pay \$800,000 for a program that the city's Human Service Department would run.

He said the plan was for the Columbus Foundation, the United Way of Franklin County and the city to contribute \$200,000 each and the schools and Franklin County Children Services would contribute \$100,000 each in 1986.

None of the agencies had committed the money.

Then City Council President Jerry Hammond said the mayor's plan conflicted with a proposal by the MHSC task force for a \$321,000 run by the city's Department of Recreation and Parks.

To that end, the department applied to the Columbus Foundation in December for a \$177,000 grant.

"We all agree about the concept," Luck said. "The details need refinement. We expect resolution as to how it's to be administered within two weeks."

The foundation spread its money for youth development among:

Boys Clubs of Columbus, which will receive \$100,000 toward a \$1 million renovation of the Gift Street center that serves 1,000 children.

Action for Children, which will receive \$45,000 to develop before- and after-school care programs for school-age children who would otherwise be left alone at home.

Central Ohio Friends of Kids Helping Kids, which will receive \$60,000 for a long-term adolescent alcohol and drug treatment program to help a minimum of 60 youths and their families during the first year.

Columbus Urban League, which will receive \$40,000 for year-round support of the Business Jobs for Youth Program, in which more than 740 youths found summer jobs in 1985.

Project Passage, Inc., which will receive \$20,000 for a juvenile delinquency prevention project for two Columbus Public Schools.

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