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CITY OF VALLEJO ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF COLLEGE BOUND VALLEJO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

VALLEJO, CA – City of Vallejo announces the launch of College Bound Vallejo, a project approved and funded through Participatory Budgeting (PB) and supported by a partnership between the City of Vallejo, the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) and Willie B. Adkins, a VCUSD program.

The cycle one PB voter-supported project was approved by the [City Council](#) on November 12, 2013. The program, dubbed College Bound Vallejo, will award scholarships to Vallejo students after completing community service. City staff have worked closely with the VCUSD and Willie B. Adkins to complete the scholarship application and develop a fair review process.

The program will award up to 75 students \$2,000 per year for two years. Students must provide proof of enrollment in a 2- or 4- year institution within 75 miles of Vallejo, and funds will be disbursed directly to the institution. Any student living in Vallejo who will receive their high school diploma, GED, or Certificate of Completion by August may apply.

The mission of College Bound Vallejo is to not only provide financial support to Vallejo students pursuing higher education, but to encourage students to serve their community. As such, each recipient will be required to complete 150 hours of community service within Vallejo during the course of their scholarship term. The City will also contract with the VCUSD to help manage scholarship recipients, and offer enrichments services, resources and support.

Applications for College Bound Vallejo, which can be accessed [online](#) and may be submitted [here](#), are due by May 1, 2014.

The launch of College Bound Vallejo marks the seventh project that City staff have made great strides towards implementation. Cycle one project updates can be accessed [here](#) and are updated regularly. The announcement comes just two and half months after the City of Vallejo hired three Administrative Analyst I staff to manage the second cycle of PB and implement cycle one projects.

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