

Estuary Youth Council Program

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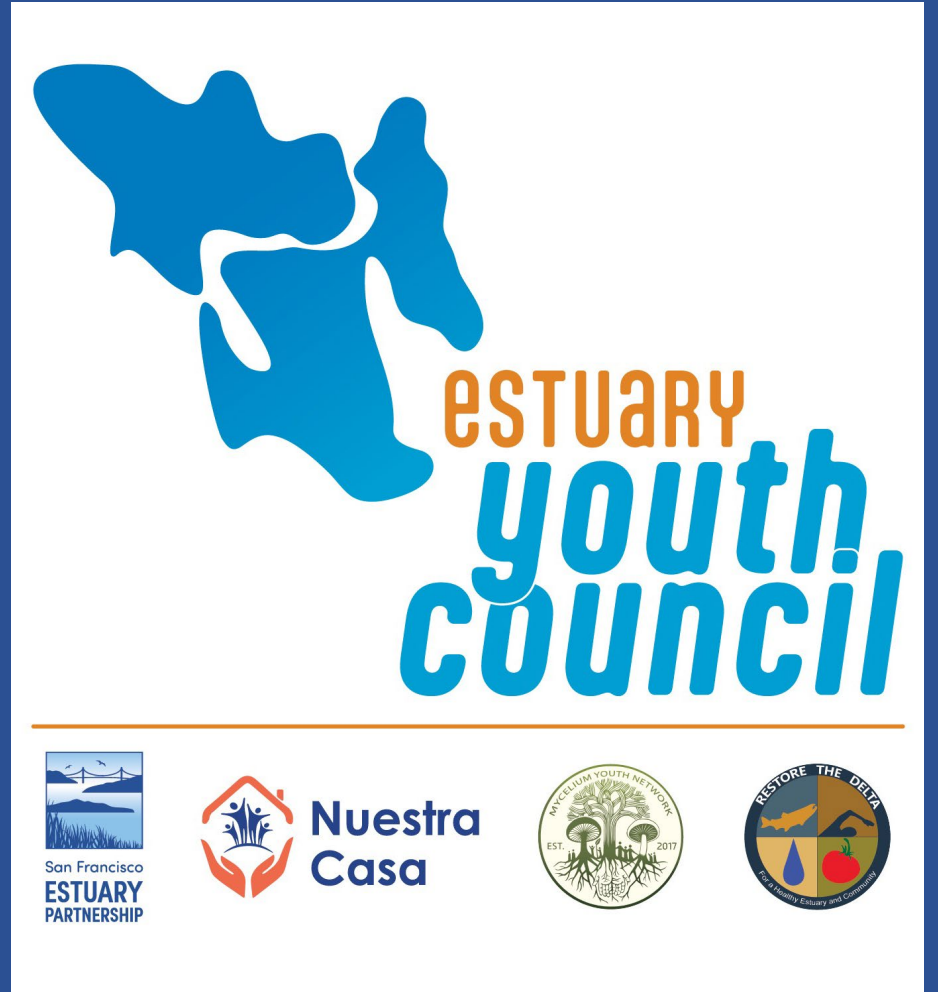


Partnership in Action

Mission & Structure

The Estuary Youth Council (EYC) program empowers and supports youth from marginalized communities in the San Francisco Estuary to become influential leaders in the planning, management, and decision-making of the San Francisco Estuary.

- SFEP
- CBO Advisory Committee: Mycelium Youth Network, Nuestra Casa, & Restore the Delta



Design: Miguel Osorio

Funding

- Honey Hive, from Friends of the Estuary
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- SFEP Local Funds
- MTC



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Program Activities

- 2025/2026 program years will run from June through December
 - Experiential learning: monthly in-person field trips to sites in the Estuary
 - Youth development: original capstone projects, small group mentorship
 - Professional development: career exploration, skill-building, and more
- Capstone presentations



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Cohort Selection Process

- Call for applications (now complete)
- Program team (SFEP & CBOs) reviewing applications (late April/early May)
- CBO partners conduct interviews and make recommendations to SFEP (mid-May)
- Final cohort selection (late May)



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Pilot Cohort Alumni Spotlights

- Alumni have already gone on to do amazing things:
 - Advisory committee for the SF Bay Restoration Authority
 - Received Next Generation Delta Stewardship Award
 - Ann Fitzgerald Flemer College Mentee, Climate Water Advocates interns, climate organizers, and other youth leadership fellowships



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Staff Recommendation

- Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mycelium Youth Network for \$146,601 to implement the Estuary Youth Council Program



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