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**GARY, INDIANA ONE OF 16 CITIES TO PARTICIPATE  
THE WHITE HOUSE SUMMER OPPORTUNITY PROJECT**

**Gary, Indiana**-The City of Gary is one of 16 cities selected to participate in the White House Summer Opportunity Project announced this week. The Project is designed to provide programs for youth over the summer that will keep youth engaged in positive activities and that will decrease negative interactions and outcomes.

The White House announcement named Gary as one of the 16 Summer Impact Hubs that will receive a federal summer ambassador from Washington, DC and an array of support from federal agencies that will expose the city to opportunities to enhance summer youth programs and improve summer job opportunities in Gary.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said, "This is great news for our community. We are consistently looking for opportunities to offer more programs and jobs for our youth during the summer months when students are often sitting idle. This partnership will allow inroads into every federal resource available for summer jobs and summer enrichment for our youth." The Mayor thanked all involved in this effort toward this Summer Opportunity designation.

The national partnership will also support the city's ongoing initiatives already in place to present alternatives, prepare youth for the workplace, reduce youth violence and will assist in providing more exposure to local innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities.

For more information regarding the Summer Opportunity Project and Summer Impact Hubs Click here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/05/16/fact-sheet-white-house-and-department-labor-announce-21-million-summer>