



## **“Blue Group United We Dream Congress Funding Proposal”**

### **Proposed Motion: To approve \$5,600 from FXXRES to fund the United We Dream Congress**

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#### **Background & Context**

This upcoming October, United We Dream, the largest immigrant youth-led community in the country, will be hosting their 10th annual United We Dream 2018 Congress in Miami, Florida. With our current climate, even traveling has become a barrier for undocumented youth. WWU Blue Group attended the United We Dream 2016 Congress in Houston, Texas. This conference opened up spaces where we could talk about nontraditional undocumented stories that we don't hear about often, such as Black undocumented students. This community has allowed us to grow our leadership and organizational skills. It further allows us to network, share resources, and have a sense of belonging especially with the current administration and political climate.

#### **Summary of Proposal**

*Transfer \$5600 from FXXRES to fund the United We Dream Congress on October 5-7, 2018.*

#### **Fiscal Impacts**

Approved \$3,000 from Steering.

Approved Viking Founder- wanting to raise about \$5,500 for lodging (\$1,500), ground transportation (\$500), registration (\$175 per student, includes food-totals out to \$3,500).

#### **Alternative Solutions**

We've been fundraising on vendors row, ESC Night Market, Fowrider Show, & we have been asking our respective departments/colleges to contribute to this trip.

#### **Rationale**

Our Blue Group members are very diverse and hold several leadership roles on campus. Through our experiences and support from this university, we have been privileged to participate in higher education. Nonetheless, being an undocumented student at a higher education institution is taxing in ways we could have never imagined. We continue to fight for resources and rights denied to undocumented people alongside Blue Group. It is for this reason that we respectfully request your financial support to sponsor 20 participating WWU Blue Group members. Your \$5,600 contribution would help cover the remaining cost of airplane tickets for students.