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#### Charity Group Distributes Record Amount

The Marin Charitable Association distributed a record \$155,000 to 57 local youth non-profits in a ceremony Wednesday at the Novato Youth Center.

The 45-year-old association, which raises money for youth programs, is operated by volunteers and collects money through fundraising events, grants from businesses and foundations and private donations, said Barbara Cancilla, association president.

She said 62 groups in Marin applied for funds. Some charities are turned down because they don't meet the association's requirement that they support only youth programs, Cancilla said.

"We always try to give a little bit to everyone," she said.

The grants committee, headed by volunteer Theresa Tomasello, evaluated applicants through interviews, personal visits to the agencies and meetings before presenting recommendations to the board of directors and general membership for final approval.

In 2005, 55 groups split \$140,000 from the association.

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