

Community Service Grants

A project providing seed money for 4-H Youth to implement local community service activities.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Who can apply?

Any 4-H club or group of 4-H clubs can apply for a grant. We encourage 4-H members to fill out this application themselves, or in partnership with an adult.

What kinds of projects can get support?

The 4-H Community Service Grant program is looking to support 4-H clubs' community service projects that...

- Are determined and led by youth, with support from adults;
- Have a lasting, positive impact on the community; and,
- Involve organizations and individuals outside of 4-H as partners.

How do we apply?

1. Identify a project that will benefit or improve your community.
2. Determine what you will need in terms of money and other resources to do your project.
3. Fill out the enclosed application and submit it to your county's 4-H Youth Development agent.

You can ask for \$50 - \$500 from the 4-H Community Service Grant program. However, the grant *cannot* cover the entire cost of a project. Your club will have to supplement the grant with club funds, ask for in-kind donations, hold a fundraiser, or look to other sources to get everything you need for your project.

The new citizenship curriculum, Public Adventures, can help groups plan and carry out their community work. Request a copy from your 4-H Youth Development Staff.

What is expected of us if we are awarded a grant?

- Acknowledge the support of the 4-H Foundation in the publicity for your community service project. Let people know that they've helped you!
- Members, leaders, and community partners will complete an on-line service-learning evaluation form on the State 4-H Program Area Web-site.
- Submit a progress report and a final report to your 4-H Youth Development agent and the 4-H Foundation, explaining how you've used the money and what you've accomplished, by September 1, 2006.

Calendar:

Applications due to 4-H State Office..... February 1, 2006
Notifications sent out..... March 1, 2006
Grant checks sent out..... March, 2006

Community Service Grant Application

Title of the project:

4-H Club(s):

County:

Youth contact person:

Address:

Age:

Telephone:

Adult advisor:

Address:

Telephone:

How many youth will participate:

Age range:

How many adults will participate:

You may answer these questions on another sheet of paper. Please be brief.

1. Please describe your project.

2. Where did the idea for this project begin? Who came up with the idea?

3. What roles will youth play in planning, organizing and implementing the project?

4. How will the project benefit your community?

5. What will the participants learn as a result of doing this project?

6. How will other groups or individuals be involved in the planning and implementation of your project?

7. When do you plan to start and finish your project?

8. How will you know if your project is successful?

9. How much money are you requesting from the 4-H Community Service Grant program? How will this money be used?

10. What other sources of funding are you going to have? How will this money be used?

11. How will you publicize your project?

12. How will the youth reflect on what they did, what they saw, and what they learned with the other members, leaders and community partners?

Thanks for applying! Please submit this form to your county's 4-H Youth Development agent before February 1, 2006.

Agent's signature: _____

Please forward this application to:

Pat Harrington, 428 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703-1195