

# 2009 Wisconsin Energy Foundation 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 and We Energies, through the Wisconsin Energy Foundation

## Who can apply?

Any Wisconsin 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 seek 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.

*Funding that goes directly to another organization as a charitable contribution is not available.*

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

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

- Acknowledge the support of the 4-H Foundation and of We Energies in the publicity for your community service project. Let people know that they've helped you!
- Submit a final report to your county 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, 2009. Include photos and any press releases with your report, please!

## Calendar:

Applications postmarked to the Wisconsin 4-H office.....January 30, 2009  
(*Your application MUST be signed by your county 4-H Educator/Agent before submission to the 4-H office*)

Notifications sent out..... March, 2009

## 2009 We Energy Community Service Grant Application

Title of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How many youth will participate? \_\_\_\_\_ Age range: \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults will participate? \_\_\_\_\_

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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. What is the timeline for your project from start to finish?

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 raised?

11. What are your total expected expenses?

12. How will you publicize your project?

12. How will the youth share 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 Educator/Agent *before* January 30, 2009.**

4-H Educator/Agent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this application to:  
Sue Pleskac, 4-H Volunteer Leadership Specialist  
C/O Marcia Jespersen  
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Madison, WI 53703-1195

**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING: ALL  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE  
POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 30, 2009**