



Minnesota 4-H Foundation Statewide Opportunity (Center) Grants Guidelines for FY '09-'10 Funding

PURPOSE:

The Minnesota 4-H Foundation Statewide Opportunity Grants gives Area, Regional and State level staff an opportunity to fund worthy youth development programs that young people want, that adults are ready to support and where *one-time* funding will make a difference.

ELIGIBILITY:

The following are eligible to submit requests by April 18th:

- Center for 4-H & Community Youth Development Staff
- Regional Extension Educators
- Area Program Leaders

If you received funds in FY '09-10 you must complete an evaluation form by June 1, 2009 in order to be eligible for next years funding. Funding request for 09-10 may be for continuation of your current project.

CURRENT FUNDS AVAILABLE:

Funds are available through endowments held by the 4-H Foundation and in special cases by other funding sources. See page 1 & 2 of application for a detailed listing of endowment sources.

SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE:

- March 15 – Grant Opportunities announced
- April 13 – Area, Regional and Center Grant applications due
- May 1 – Deadline for Center Director review and preliminary endorsement
- May and June – 4-H Foundation Distribution Committee review and Board approval
- July 1 – Recipients are notified and grant money is available for programs

PRIORITIES IN DETERMINING FUNDING:

1. Increasing the number of youth involved in 4-H (Grow Green) while developing youth competencies and meeting most of the eight essential needs of youth**
2. Strong evidence of how private funding will leverage other resources.
3. Requests should have application to the entire state or region.
4. “Learning by doing” youth programs that involve caring staff, adults and youth.
5. Programs that allow monitoring and measuring reportable results.
6. Programs that reach out to new and diverse youth and adult audiences.
7. Programs soundly grounded in research and youth development principles.
8. Faculty and/or leaders that are knowledgeable, able and available to lead.

**The 8 essential needs of youth are: 1) Youth feel physically and emotionally safe; 2) Youth experience belonging and ownership; 3) Youth develop self-worth; 4) Youth discuss conflicting values and form their own; 7) Youth feel the pride and accountability that comes with mastery; and 8) Youth expand their capacity to enjoy life and know that success is possible.

Please submit application form by April 18, 2009 to Marlene Eskelson, Executive Administrative Specialist, Minnesota 4-H Foundation; 612-624-7971; email: eskel007@umn.edu.