

Small Grant Guidelines & Deadlines

Purpose

The goal of this granting opportunity is to fund worthy youth development programs or projects that young people want, that adults are ready to support, and represent an investment of time and energy together. Suggestions for such programs could be focused on (but not limited to): training of youth and adults, expanding 4-H to youth and adults, and promoting diversity.

Eligibility

Programs aimed at youth and/or adults who work with youth are eligible. Applications are accepted once a year and funds are distributed on or around April 1. Average grant awards are usually between \$200 and \$2,000.

Priorities in Determining Funding

Criteria and evidence of the following will help determine funding.

1. Meeting a majority of the eight “essential needs of youth” that will lead to development of life skills.**
2. Showing that youth initiated and that youth and adults are going to work together to make it happen;
3. Committing one or more other groups or agencies in the community to help with time, money and supplies;
4. Leading to long-term impact in support of “Growing Green,” not just one shot programs;
5. Reaching out to new and diverse youth and adult audiences;
6. Showing unique, creative and innovative programs that are not just repeats of prior efforts.

**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 discover self; 5) Youth develop quality relationships with peers and adults; 6) 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.

Funding Timeline:

Dec 1-Feb 1	Applications Accepted
April 1	Funds available

Proposal Process

Please submit the application form by the February 1 deadline to:

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Minneapolis MN 55455
Phone: 612/624-7971
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