

# Indiana 4-H Foundation

## Funds available for Youth-Led Community Service Projects

Indiana 4-H Foundation Youth Engaged Service (YES) Grant offers funding for community service projects that are designed and carried out by young people in Indiana.

**What?** Grant awards up to \$1,000 are available for projects that:

- ✓ Put the ideas and energies of young people to work to address critical community needs.
- ✓ Are designed and carried out by youth with adults serving as advisors.
- ✓ Have a realistic budget and a solid plan.
- ✓ Have a variety of clearly defined activities and responsibilities for young people and adults.
- ✓ Create a wide range of positive impact on the community at large.
- ✓ Directly benefit the community and not just the organization sponsoring the youth group.

Examples include but are not limited to serving a community group or organization, starting a community garden, organizing events with a local nursing home, and/or initiatives which address inequality issues within your community.

**Who?** Any individual 4-H youth, group of 4-H youth, or 4-H entity (combined with any partnering organizations) is welcome to apply. Service projects must be led by a project leader who is affiliated with 4-H, but the YES Grant Committee encourages the help of anyone willing to make a difference (regardless of 4-H affiliation). Team up with your friends to make an impact on the community!

**Note:** Group Composition must be made up of at least two youths (one being the 4-H affiliated project manager) and two adult sponsors. County Educators may act as adult sponsors.

**How?** Access the application at [www.in4h.org/grants](http://www.in4h.org/grants)

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## Indiana 4-H Foundation Youth Engaged Service (YES) Grant Qualification

1. Indiana 4-H Foundation YES grants may be used for the direct operation of the project, transportation, and recognition of the project participants. Recognition of the participants cannot exceed 25% of the grant award.
2. Should the applying group/organization be working in conjunction with an additional organization (separate from any 4-H entity), that organization must be a not-for-profit and be able to show proof of not-for-profit status or be affiliated with a not-for-profit organization that can receive monies for the group. **(Public schools are not required to show proof of not-for-profit status.)**
3. To qualify for funding:
  - Project must address a community need, while reflecting and maintaining youth/community partnerships.
  - Project must be planned and implemented by an individual youth or youth group. Youth are the driving force behind the planning, fundraising and execution of said project.
  - Provide detailed budgets outlining exact allocations of grant funds.
  - Projects offer opportunities for serving, working, and developing life skills.
4. The grant money may be used for:
  - Supplies and materials the youth will use in their project
  - Expenses involved in youth planning meetings
  - Transportation to project sites
  - Training directly related to the service project
  - Relevant project marketing
  - Volunteer recognition
5. The grant money **may not** be used for the following:
  - Staff salaries or youth wages
  - Major equipment purchases
  - Field trips outside Indiana
  - Religious instruction or conduction of worship services
  - Fundraising or direct donations to other organizations
  - Political endorsement or in combination with political party activities

Note: Grant selection will be made by Indiana 4-H Foundation YES Grant Committee. Grants will be selected based on the following rubric.

The YES Grant submission process will open **March 15, 2021**. The submission window will close **May 15, 2021**. Grant notification and funds will be sent June 1, 2021.

## Indiana 4-H Foundation Youth Engaged Service Grant Application

Name of Group/Project Title:

Date of Application:

Amount Requested:

### 4-H Youth Lead Contact

Name			
Email Address			
Address			
City		State	
Zip Code		County	
Grade in School		Age	
Phone Number		Years in 4-H	

### 4-H Adult Lead Contact

Name			
Email Address			
Address			
City		State	
Zip Code		County	
Phone Number		4-H Volunteer	Yes    No

### Other Project Youth Members

<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>4-Her</i>
			Yes    No

## Application Questions

### Project Description

1. Give a brief detailed description of the nature of your project proposal. (250 Words)

### Work Behind Proposal

2. Outline or describe the process your 4-H group went through to determine the concerns, needs, or problems existing in your community. (250 Words)

3. Briefly describe in detail how your project will directly affect this community concern, need, or problem. (250 Words)

4. Explain the short term and long term impact your project will have on your community. (250 Words)

5. What are your goals to be achieved by carrying out this project?

a. For 4-H members completing the project. (250 Words)

b. For the Community (250 Words)

(How many members of the community will benefit from the project? What are some tangible/economic ways your community will be improved? How will this strengthen your community?)

6. How will 4-H youth lead and be involved in the planning, conducting, and evaluating the project. (250 Words)

7. Describe the timeline for completion of the project. Include steps to be taken and timetable of activity. Please indicate if work has been done previously. (No Word Limit)

8. Briefly describe what service to others means to you? (250 Words)

### **Budget**

9. Budget Proposal.

- a. **Costs:** Please attach [the preformatted budget](#) that will include: material costs, item description and provider, operational costs – supplies, materials, service, etc., Transportation Cost – if needed.
- b. **Funding:** Provide possible funding sources you may be able to obtain within your community. (i.e. donations from local businesses, fundraising, private donations)

Please list the 4-H entity name of who the check should be written to and a mailing address:

Name:

Address:

**Post-Service**

10. How will you celebrate the completion of the project?

**Signatures**

Lead Youth Member

Printed Name	
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Signature	
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Lead Adult

Printed Name	
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Signature	
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County Educator

Printed Name	
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Signature	
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Add any additional information you would like to share:

**Next Steps:**

- 1. Download and print your completed application.
- 2. Have your adult lead and county educator sign above.
- 3. Scan in the completed application and email as an attachment to [in4hfoundationyesgrant@gmail.com](mailto:in4hfoundationyesgrant@gmail.com)



