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?** To access the application, click the following link:

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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.

1. 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

1. 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 as well as Grant funds will be sent June 1, 2021.

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| **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 or No |

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| **Other Project Youth Members** | | | |
| *Name* | *Email* | *Phone Number* | *4-Her* |
|  |  |  | Y or N |
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| **Application Questions** |
| **Project Description** |
| 1. Give a brief detailed description of the nature of your project proposal. (250 Words) |
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| **Work Behind Proposal** |
| 1. Outline or describe the process your 4-H group went through to determine the concerns, needs, or problems existing in your community. (250 Words) |
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| 1. Briefly describe in detail how your project will directly affect this community concern, need, or problem. (250 Words) |
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| 1. Explain the short term and long term impact your project will have on your community. (250 Words) |
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| 1. What are your goals to be achieved by carrying out this project? |
| * 1. For 4-H members completing the project. (250 Words)                  * 1. 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?) |
| 1. How will 4-H youth lead and be involved in the planning, conducting, and evaluating the project. (250 Words) |
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| 1. 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) |
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| 1. Briefly describe what service to others means to you? (250 Words) |
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| **Budget** |
| 1. Budget Proposal. |
| 1. **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. 2. **Funding**: Provide possible funding sources you may be able to obtain within your community. (i.e. donations from local businesses, fundraising, private donations) |
| **Post-Service** |
| 1. How will you celebrate the completion of the project? |
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| Please list the 4-H entity name of who the check should be written to and a mailing address: |
| Name:  Address: |

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| **Signatures** | |
| Lead Youth Member | |
| Printed Name |  |
| Signature |  |
| Lead Adult | |
| Printed Name |  |
| Signature |  |
| County Educator | |
| Printed Name |  |
| Signature |  |

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| Add any additional information you would like to share: |
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