

# 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.
- ✓ **Youth** are communicating, designing, and carrying out 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.
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 **January 1, 2022**. The Submission window will close **March 15, 2022**. Grant notification as well as Grant funds will be sent April 1, 2022.