

# 2009 4-H FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## State-wide Grants

To encourage the improvement and expansion of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program.

- Approximately \$55,000 is allocated for state-wide 4-H Foundation grants.
- State-wide grant funds may be awarded to any individual or team if the proposal impacts the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program, however priority will be given to projects/programs that directly relate to the three National 4-H Mission Mandates: **Science, Engineering & Technology, Healthy Living, or Citizenship.**  
<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/missionmandates.aspx>
- Grants between \$1,000 and \$15,000 will be awarded.

## Priority Area Grants

To encourage continued growth and strengthening of programs, projects, and educational materials in Ohio's identified priority areas: clubs, camping, youth leadership, volunteerism, after-school programming, school enrichment and cloverbuds.

- A total of \$40,000 is available to fund proposals within the 4-H priority areas.
- Proposals for creative or innovative approaches to expanding and/or strengthening priority areas are encouraged.
- Resources created with Priority Area Grant funds must be made available for system-wide use and must be turned in with Impact report so they can be shared statewide. (i.e., teaching outline for a volunteer training program; lessons developed for an after-school program, etc.).
- Recipients of Priority Area Grants must participate in a session at the 2008 4-H in-service to discuss and share information about grant funded projects. (i.e., share purpose, goals, and what you expect to do).
- Priority Area Grants may be awarded to any individual or team whose proposal meets the above criteria; the grant application does not have to come from the Priority Team.
- Grants from \$2,500 - \$7,500 will be awarded.

**Lewis/Barnhart/Jenkins 4-H Endowment:** To support Ohio 4-H members with disabilities.

- Approximately \$300 will be distributed.
- Grant amounts will range from \$50 - \$300.
- These funds may be applied for in conjunction with the Wadlington Memorial Endowment funds.

**Wadlington Memorial Endowment:** To provide annual 4-H programs and activities for developmentally disabled youth.

- Approximately \$600 will be distributed.
- Grant amounts may range from \$50 to \$600.
- These funds may be applied for in conjunction with the Lewis/Barnhart/Jenkins 4-H Endowment funds.

**Cashman Family Endowment:** To support development of innovative ways to expand 4-H membership and to find more effective ways of attracting and retaining older youth in 4-H.

- Approximately \$4,500 will be distributed.
- Grant amounts may range from \$500 to \$4,500.

**Bea Cleveland Ohio 4-H Support Fund:** To support Ohio 4-H advisor training.

- Approximately \$3,600 will be distributed.
- Grant amounts may range from \$500 to \$3,600.

**Ebling Urban Extension 4-H Endowment:** To support 4-H Volunteer and County Extension Educators Leadership Training to expand and enhance the leadership skills of volunteers working with youth in Cuyahoga, Franklin and/or Hamilton Counties.

- Approximately \$4,200 will be distributed.
- Grant amounts may range from \$1,000 to \$4,200.

**Helt Family Endowment:** To support leadership development for high school age youth in 4-H Junior Leadership Clubs/Groups or to encourage 4-H teen leadership programs.

- Approximately \$6,500 will be distributed.
- Grant amounts may range from \$1,000 to \$6,500.
- These funds may be used to recognize teens using methods such as, but not limited to, a state achievement award, State 4-H Ambassadors, etc., and/or the teaching of leadership skills.

**Nationwide Volunteer Development Fund:** To support Ohio 4-H Volunteer Training programs.

- \$5,000 will be distributed
- Grant amounts may range from \$500 to \$5,000.
- A progress report or final evaluation will be required by September 1, 2009.

**Ulrich Fund:** To support the development of educational materials and training for 4-H members and volunteers in the subject matter area of animal projects.

- A \$500 grant will be distributed.

**Sauder Fund:** The Erie and Orlyss Sauder 4-H Career Development Endowment Fund was created in 1991 to help youth learn career opportunities, work ethics, and the life skills necessary for the world of work. Career development is just as important, if not more so, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In support of the Ohio 4-H Workforce Preparation Initiative, targeted investments in two focus areas will be made in 2009: Camp Counselor Work-Based Learning Programs and Local Workforce Preparation Programs

- Approximately \$45,000 will be distributed to support local projects in two focus areas.
  - Camp Counselor Work-Based Learning Programs – mini-grants of \$1,000 will be awarded to support programming that addresses the implementation of work-based learning philosophy and practices into a camp counselor program.
  - Workforce Preparation Programs – Grants of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded on a competitive bases to fund programs that emphasize workforce preparation principles and practices. Priority will be placed on work-based learning experiences.

## Sauder Funding, Expectations & Application Requirements

### **Camp Counselor Work-Based Learning Programs**

Mini-grants of \$1,000 will be awarded to support programming addressing the development of workforce development skills within Camp Counselor programs. Priority will be placed on proposals showing increased skill development of camp counselors in the area of workforce development skills. Applicants are encouraged to review information on work-based learning, skills for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and evaluation samples at <http://www.ohio4h.org/workforceprep/>.

- **Expectations & Funding** - Once the project has been completed per expectations below, and a final report and completion checklist submitted, the grant amount will be transferred into your county's account (to cover expenses incurred and be available for office use).
  - Each county program must conduct at least two group learning activities with the camp counselors that focus on workforce preparation skills.
  - You must complete the following for each of your camp counselors going through the program (found at <http://www.ohio4h.org/workforceprep/>):
    - **Performance Appraisal** (to be completed by teens and supervisors at the conclusion of the work-based learning program)
    - **Teen Self-Assessment** (to be completed by teens at the conclusion of the work-based learning program)

(Evaluations will be input into a Zoomerang Survey by you and verified by the 4-H Foundation before dollars are released)

- Representative participation of your camp counselors who participated in the work-based learning program in the Ohio State Fair Workforce Preparation Day (minimum 3 participants). For details on this event visit: <http://www.ohio4h.org/workforceprep/>
  - Reporting will include an overview of programming conducted, numbers reached, and an overview of evaluation results from the performance appraisals and teen self-assessments for your program. Sites will be expected to enter these efforts in the 4-H Blue Ribbon Database and 2009 Unified Reporting System.
- **Support** - A working group from the Workforce Preparation Team (Niki Nestor McNeely, 4-H Camping Specialist; Nate Arnett, Director Adventure Central and team) will provide support for training and program planning. Some support for suggested lessons on including reflection and transferring camp counselor experiences onto a resume will be provided .

### **Workforce Preparation Programs**

Grants of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded on a competitive basis to fund workforce preparation programs. All workforce preparation programs that focus on awareness and career exploration and/or skill development will be considered, however priority will be placed on high impact work-based learning projects (the third component in the [Ohio 4-H Workforce Preparation Overview](#)) that clearly **enhance and/or expand existing programs, or add new opportunities for youth to be involved in work-based learning experiences**. Applicants are encouraged to review information on work-based learning, skills for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and evaluation samples at <http://www.ohio4h.org/workforceprep/>.

- **Expectations & Funding** – Funding will be available beginning January 1, 2009. Expenses will be reimbursed upon receipt of final impact report, including expense documentation.
  - For work-based learning programs you must complete the following for each teen (found at <http://www.ohio4h.org/workforceprep/>):

- **Performance Appraisal (pdf)** (to be completed by teens and supervisors at the conclusion of the work-based learning program)
- **Teen Self-Assessment (pdf)** (to be completed by teens at the conclusion of the work-based learning program)  
(Evaluations will be input into a Zoomerang Survey by you and verified by the 4-H Foundation before dollars are released)
- Reporting will include an overview of programming conducted, numbers reached, and evaluation results. Sites will be expected to enter these efforts in the 4-H Blue Ribbon Database and 2009 Unified Reporting System.
- **Support** – A working group from the Workforce Preparation Team will provide support for program planning. Applicants will be expected to work cooperatively with other successful applicants and/or the 4-H Workforce Preparation Team to develop evaluation plans (Anticipated in February, 2009) for implementation as part of programming. Some additional support may be provided for evaluation.

*\*\*Amounts available in each endowment fund will vary each year.\*\**