

## Ohio 4-H Foundation Grant Impact Report

Title of Grant: Strike Up the 4-H Band in Huron County

Applicant Name & Title: Bonnie Malone, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Unit Reporting: Huron County

Amount Funded: \$1,500

Amount Used: \$1,550

Grant Funds Remaining: \$0

Calendar Year of Grant: 2008

Type of Grant (please mark all that apply):

State Grant

Cashman Grant

Cleveland Grant

Helt Family Grant

Sauder Grant

Ulrich Grant

Priority Area Grant

Lewis/Barnhart/Jenkins Grant

Ebling Urban Extension Grant

Nationwide Volunteer Development Grant

Wadlington Grant

**Please use as much space as needed to answer the following requests for information.**

Please give an overview of your project. Assume the reader knows nothing about the program.

The Huron County 4-H Band is in its second year of existence. The band struggled last year to borrow music and have enough music to perform without breaking copyright laws. This grant provided the band the means to purchase their own music. This will help the band remain a viable part of Huron County 4-H for years to come. Plans are to continue the band next year with improvements, based on member evaluations.

Please list the objectives of the project and evaluate the measurable objectives achieved. Explain how you measured those objectives.

Objectives of the program:

- Promote 4-H.
- Allow youth the opportunity to belong to a musical organization outside of their school district.
- Allow youth to join with others of similar interests in a welcoming environment.
- Help members continue to improve their instrumental skills.
- Provide a venue for 4-H alumni to remain involved with the 4-H program.

The band is called the Huron County 4-H Band. All recruitment materials, advertisements, uniforms, etc. all promote 4-H because the band is an outreach of the program.

Fourteen youth from across the county joined the band. The band also accepted alumni members for the first time and had three alumni join.

Describe the population(s) or target audience(s) served. List how many individuals benefited or were impacted by this program.

The band consisted of 14 4-H youth and 3 4-H alumni, plus the volunteer band director.

The band performed at Relay for Life in June. Around 500 people were at Relay for Life when the band performed. They also performed daily during the Huron County Fair. They held seven performances, on different days, at different times and in different locations. Audiences at the fair varied from 15 to 100 spectators.

Which of the 8 critical elements were realized in the program and how was this accomplished?

Positive relationship with a caring adult: The band director, a volunteer 4-H advisor, and the alumni members established positive relationships with all of the youth members.

A welcoming environment: Practices were designed to be fun, as well as productive. Time was always available for the members to socialize prior to and after practice.

Mastery and competency: Mastering the musical selections and learning to blend together a small band were important aspects of music learned by the band members. The band members improved their musical competency by practicing throughout the summer.

Value and practice service for others: There was no financial incentive for members to join the band. Band participation is totally voluntary and offered as a service to the community.

Emotionally and physically safe environment: Practices and performances were conducted in safe environments. Every effort was made to provide an emotionally safe environment as well.

Self-determination: Members made the decision to join the band and had the opportunity to help pick out music for the band to play.

Engagement in learning: The band involves being engaged in learning, whether it is learning new music, learning to follow a different band director, learning to play with different people, playing to different crowds, etc.

See one's self as an active participant in the future: The band provides a musical outlet for 4-H members and allows them to see the band director and alumni members remaining involved in 4-H while pursuing other vocations.

Provide a **detailed** budget and actual expenditures. Original receipts or copies are not necessary, but be sure that your expenditures are detailed with specific dollar amounts.

Rettig Music, Inc.	music for 20 musical selections	\$ 796.20
Rettig Music, Inc	music for 23 musical selections	<u>754.32</u>
	TOTAL COST	\$1550.52

If this is a continuing program, please describe future plans/program objectives.

The music purchased by the grant will allow the band to vary their selections from year to year. The band director and organizer both plan to continue the 4-H band program for years to come.

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Grant Recipient Signature

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