



Kids Give is a grant project created to provide youth with an opportunity to learn about and meet community needs through the process of designing and implementing a service project. The goal of this project is to encourage altruism and philanthropy amongst youth by encouraging them to look beyond themselves and experiencing, first-hand, the benefits of giving their time and resources to make our community a better place. The value generated by a project will be matched by the Kids Give grant fund (up to \$500.)

Project Guidelines

Eligible applicants are schools, classrooms, school clubs, churches and community-based non-profit groups comprised of elementary through high school aged youth. Groups must have an adult mentor to support their project.

Projects should include a plan for how the youth participants will deepen their understanding and awareness of current priority needs in our community. (For example: guest speakers, research projects, field trips, etc.) See attached list of resources to access information about local community agencies.

Priority will be given to projects that creatively meet one of the following priority community needs: housing/shelter; food; clothing; medical; and literacy for low income individuals and families

Priority will be given to projects that invite and engage youth unaccustomed to participating in community service activities. The greater number of youth participants the better!

Projects should include a plan for how services and/or items will be delivered to the agency they are serving. It is recommended that participants have the opportunity to be informed of and/or witness directly the positive impact their contribution is having on the community.

Approved project participants agree to submit brief essays answering the following questions upon completion of the project:

- 1) How did this project change the community?

2) How were we, the participants, changed through participation in this project?

Approved project participants agree to allow their project story (including photos) to be promoted and/or celebrated publicly through media, e-mail, web pages and other means for the purpose of sharing good news and inspiring others towards acts of altruism and philanthropy.

Funding

Matching grants, up to \$500 each, will be awarded directly to the benefitting non-profit organization, rather than to the funding applicant. In some instances, a funding applicant may receive a direct grant to cover up-front costs. Please see the two examples below for clarification.

Here's a simple example of a potential matching grant project:

A group of students learn about Agency A and the way this agency provides food for low-income families. Students decide to hold a canned food drive to collect food for Agency A. The students set a goal to collect \$500 worth of food and apply for a grant to match the dollar amount of the food they collect. Upon completion of their project, the students have collected \$500 worth of food. Kids Give will contribute \$500 cash directly to Agency A, matching the value of youths' project. Thus, Agency A receives \$1000 worth of food and cash.

Here's a simple example of a potential matching grant project:

Agency A needs bunk beds to provide shelter for homeless individuals. A student group requests a Kids Give grant for \$300 to purchase materials necessary for this project. The students secure additional materials equal to the value of the Kids Give grant (\$300) to complete this project. Agency A receives bunk beds valued at \$600; \$300 from youth generated resources and \$300 from the Kids Give grant match.

****Projects requiring an initial capital expenditure for materials must submit a detailed budget and plan for managing the funds. Applicants must also provide an explanation as to how the value of the grant will be doubled for the benefit of the agency being served.**

For projects involving collection drives such as, food, coats, blankets, etc, the value of the items will be determined by Kids Give upon approval of the project (e.g. cans of food could be valued at \$1 each.)

Resources and Ideas

For information about local agencies and community service providers visit

www.unitedwaymesacounty.org

For postings on current agency needs visit the Kids Give Facebook page at

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Kids-Give/100000325106451>.

(You must be a Facebook member and request Kids Give as a friend.)

For downloadable copies of the Kids Give grant application visit the Kids Give page at

www.livewellkindness.com

For other ideas on how youth are making a difference visit:

<http://learningtogive.org>

www.livewellkindness.com

www.payitforwardfoundation.org

www.payitforwardmovement.org

<http://www.rachelschallenge.org>

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15, 2009.

Applicants will be notified of their approval no later than January 15, 2010.

PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1, 2010.

Kids Give Grant Application

Group/Organization Name: _____

Adult Mentor: _____ Phone: _____

Primary Project Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Anticipated # of youth participants: _____

Anticipated project value (before matching grant award): _____

If your project duplicates the efforts of another project applicant, are you willing to collaborate with another group? _____

Please submit a proposal, no more than three typed pages, which answers the following questions.

1. Briefly describe your project. Specifically, what will you do to give to the community? What community need will your project address? (Priority will be given to projects that address one of the identified priority community needs listed previously.)
2. How will your project encourage participation and create awareness in youth who may be unfamiliar or unaccustomed to giving and serving in the community?
3. How will participants learn more about the community needs you will be confronting?
4. What are your plans for delivering your final project to the community agency you will serve?
5. How will you ensure completion of the final project report in which youth participants respond to the following two questions: 1) How did this project change

the community? 2) How were we, the participants, changed through participation in this project?

If you are requesting grant funds in advance please include a detailed budget and plan for managing funds and an explanation as to how the value of the grant will be doubled through the process of completing this project.

All applications must be sent via mail. **Electronic submissions will not be accepted.** Send **3 copies** of completed application to:

**Western Colorado Community Foundation
Kids Give Project
P.O. Box 4334
Grand Junction, CO 81502**

Questions may be directed to spreadthecaring@gmail.com or the Kids Give Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/people/Kids-Give/100000325106451>. (You must be a Facebook member and request Kids Give as a friend.)

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