Statewide Opportunity Grants Overview

PURPOSE
The Minnesota 4-H Foundation’s Statewide Opportunity Grants give UMN Extension Center for Youth Development staff an opportunity to focus on capacity building and program enhancement projects, with priority to those directly related to Minnesota 4-H’s strategic plan.

ELIGIBILITY
Any and all state and regional level Minnesota 4-H faculty and staff members are eligible to submit applications for this grant program. Projects must impact 5+ counties to qualify.

FUNDING PRIORITIES
Proposals that meet the following criteria are typically prioritized by the selection committee.

1. Prioritizes reaching out to new and diverse youth and adult audiences
2. Project results and/or learning could be applied to entire region or state
3. Project evaluation includes quantitative and qualitative results
4. Soundly grounded in research and youth development best practices
5. Demonstrate strong evidence of how private funding will leverage other resources
6. Meet a majority of the eight “essential needs of youth”*
7. Learning by doing program model that partners youth with caring staff and adult volunteers
8. Project lead and necessary faculty/staff are knowledgeable, able and available

*The 8 essential needs of youth are to: 1) feel physically and emotionally safe; 2) experience belonging and ownership; 3) develop self-worth; 4) discover self; 5) develop quality relationships with peers and adults; 6) discuss conflicting values and form their own; 7) feel the pride and accountability that comes with mastery; and 8) expand their capacity to enjoy life and know that success is possible.

FUNDING TIMELINE

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PROPOSAL PROCESS
Applications postmarked after April 15th may not be considered. Please submit applications to:

Minnesota 4-H Foundation
Statewide Opportunity Grants
9 Coffey Hall • 1420 Eckles Ave. • St. Paul, MN 55108

QUESTIONS
Please direct questions about Statewide Opportunity Grants to Wan Tansatit at the Minnesota 4-H Foundation (612-624-7971 / wtansati@umn.edu).

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