



Service-Learning Project Grants Information: 2003-2004

The Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment in which youth and adults work together as equal partners in ways that result in responsible and positive community change. When community service and the experiential learning process (hands-on and learn-by-doing) are combined, the result is “service-learning”.

Service-Learning Projects help 4-H Members:

- Develop an awareness of their community’s assets, liabilities, needs and impact on their lives.
- To learn about and work with the systems within their community to bring about needed changes.
- Develop an appreciation for natural, man-made, human and cultural resources in their community and learn how to maintain, use and improve these resources.

Types of Projects

Projects should be sustainable and address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting youth and families in Santa Cruz County:

- Environment – such as air and water quality, appearance of neighborhoods and natural resources
- Economics – such as homelessness, poverty, healthcare and transportation
- Social– such as community history, diversity, cultural awareness and education

Eligibility

Each Santa Cruz County 4-H Club may submit one application for funding up to \$200.00 annually. Groups must consist of 4-H members ages 9 to 19, adult advisors, and others from the community. Financial support will be given to 4-H clubs to develop or enhance existing community service projects.

Application Process

Applications are accepted year-round and should consist of:

- Cover Page
- Sections 1 – 5 (described on the “Request for Proposals”)

Completed applications should be mailed to the Santa Cruz County 4-H Leaders Council. Once applications are received, project members will be contacted to make a brief presentation before the Leaders Council to outline their project and address questions.

Final Report

Upon completion of the project, clubs must write and present to the Santa Cruz County 4-H Leaders Council a final report evaluating the project, audience reached and knowledge gained. *Failure to submit this report will result in the group needing to refund the awarded grant.* Reports should be presented within a month of the completion of the project and not later than June 30, of the program year in which the project was funded.

Applications should be sent to, and questions addressed to:

Santa Cruz County Leaders Council
1432 Freedom Blvd
Watsonville, CA 95076

Service-Learning Project Grants

COVER PAGE

Club/Unit: _____

Name of Project: _____

Requested Amount: \$ _____

Name of Group Members *(add additional names on another page)*

	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Member <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Group Coordinator: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail: _____

Mailing Address:

I confirm the accuracy of the information provided. I understand I must provide a final report once the project is completed or refund the financial support.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Service-Learning Project Grants Request for Proposals

Directions

- Use sections 1 through 5 to outline your project. You may be creative and add additional information. The proposal should be no more than five pages.

1 – Project Overview

- Describe the community service project including resources, target audience, and success/anticipated success of the project.
- Express the need you are fulfilling in the community.

2 – Project Sustainability

- Describe your plan for sustaining the project.
- Express the additional need you hope to fulfill in the community.

3 – Document Project Specifics

- Outline the timeline for the project.
- Describe the nature of the project in terms of environmental, economic, or social.
- Outline the needed resources and where they will be obtained.
- Document the expected outcomes of service to the community.
- Document the expected outcomes of service to youth.

4 – Evaluation of the Project

- Describe how you will evaluate your project.

5 – Budget

- Provide a complete, detailed budget for your project. Indicate which items are already funded by other sources and which still need to be funded.

Service-Learning Projects – Final Report Details

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Please reflect on the project and address the following questions:

- Was the project successful? What would change if you did the project again?
- Was your experience what you expected? Describe.
- How has this project changed your group's attitude about their communities? Do they have a new perspective? What can a member of the group do individually, or as a group, to have more impact in this area?
- What is the future plan for this project?
- What additional needs does your community have?

Attach copies of any materials, newspaper articles, pictures, and flyers, which compliment the project. Attachments are limited to five pages.

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