



Delaware County 4-H Community Service Grant

"I pledge my hands to larger service for my club, my community, my country, and my world!"

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Service is a major component of 4-H. Did you know that April is 4-H National Service Month?

We encourage youth to brainstorm, select, and plan an initiative to give back in their community throughout the year. These initiatives don't always require funding, but sometimes a little funding is needed to make the project a reality or extend the project impact just a bit further. Through this program, independent member youth or clubs are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$100 toward a community service initiative that they would like to complete.

In addition to benefitting the communities in which the project is completed, this program is a perfect opportunity for youth to be introduced to the process of goal-setting, budgeting, grant-writing, reporting, and more! These mini-grants will give 4-H members, leaders, and parents the opportunity to learn by doing and hopefully inspire others to take a more active role in their communities through service projects.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

To apply for funding, youth must be active/enrolled in Delaware County 4-H and working in collaboration with an active/enrolled 4-H Club Leader or Volunteer. Community service projects are defined as work completed to benefit others/community without compensation for services performed.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The number of awards given will depend on funding availability in the CCE Delaware 4-H Program budget and may vary year to year.

4-H'ers are...



**more likely to
give back to their
communities**

DEADLINE(S)

Please submit completed applications by February 1, 2026.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the determination by February 15, 2026.

Final reports on funded projects will be due by September 30, 2026.

HOW TO APPLY

Incomplete applications will not be considered for grant awards.

Complete and submit both of the following forms:

1. Grant Application Form
2. Project Budget Form

SUBMISSION

Completed application packets may be submitted via email to Delco4-H@cornell.edu, dropped off at the main office, or mailed to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County
Attn: Corrine Tompkins
34570 State Hwy 10, Suite 2
Hamden, NY 13782



QUESTIONS:

Please reach out to Corrine at crb222@cornell.edu or call (607) 865-6531 with any questions.

PROJECT BUDGET FORM

EXPENSES *(Money/Resources you will need to spend to complete the project)*

A. Estimated expenses for total project

AMOUNT

1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES \$ _____	

REVENUE *(Money that you will raise or get donated toward the project)*

B. Type/amount of funding expected from other sources.

AMOUNT

(This could come from your treasury, fundraising, etc. Please see 4-H fundraising guidelines, if applicable.)

1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
TOTAL OTHER FUNDING \$ _____	

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS *(Donations toward the project)*

C. List the value of materials or time that will be donated.

AMOUNT

(Your time and effort are valuable!)

1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
TOTAL VALUE OF IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS \$ _____	

GRANT REQUEST (\$100 maximum)

The gap between what you have and what you need to complete the project

D. FUNDING REQUESTED FROM THIS GRANT	\$ _____
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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Youth Project Coordinator: _____

4-H Club (if Applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

If awarded, name of group/person check should be made payable to: _____

STATISTICAL / PROJECTED IMPACT INFORMATION

1. Number of people expected to benefit from project _____
2. Number of 4-H youth participants expected to be involved _____
3. Age range of 4-H youth participants expected to be involved _____
4. Number of 4-H leaders/volunteer participants expected to be involved _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Community Service Project Title: _____
2. When will this project take place? _____
3. What do you plan to do? Describe your project: *(Attach additional pages, if necessary.)*

4. Why is this project important to youth and other individuals in your community; and how will they benefit? *(Attach additional pages, if necessary.)*

5. What are your goals/expectations for the project? (*Attach additional pages, if necessary.*)
6. How will you determine if you have met these goals and been successful?
7. Sharing your project can inspire others to do more in their communities. Describe how you will publicize what you are doing/have done?

REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

In the event that funding is awarded toward this project, a final report to the 4-H Office will be required by September 30, 2026. This report will include:

- Pictures of youth in action completing the community service project
- A quote from someone who benefitted from the project (*encouraged, not required*)
- A written narrative of how the project went (challenges, successes, etc.)
- Final budget summary form

SIGNATURES

A youth must sign this application as the contact person indicating authorship/responsibility for the project. Grant proposals must also be signed by an active/approved 4-H club leader or volunteer who will oversee implementation of the project and stewardship of awarded funds.

I/we have reviewed and understand the eligibility requirements, funding allowance, deadlines, reporting expectations, and goals of the Delaware County 4-H Community Service Grant Program and hereby submit this application for funding consideration.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Youth in 4-H Club

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Adult 4-H Leader