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COMMUNITY PRIDE
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR 4-H CLUBS



4-H members and volunteer leaders build a strong spirit of cooperation and the ability to work together to solve problems through the 4-H project club experience. As young people gain confidence in their abilities to make decisions in their club, they begin to enlarge their sphere of influence by identifying learning opportunities within the community. At first this may take the form of fund raising activities which can benefit specific club goals and projects. Being of service to the community is also an important aspect of club goal setting and decision making. 4-H Volunteer leaders play a key role in helping club members identify projects and activities that can contribute to the health and well-being of groups and individuals within the community.

Ideas on how to plan a service project and sources of funding are available through 4-H Community Pride. Community Pride offers leader and member project literature, special money grants to supplement local funds for projects requiring money, and state awards and recognition for club accomplishments. Community Pride is a learning activity which can fit any project club as part of the on-going program.

The Community Pride grants program offers 4-H clubs seed money for those projects needing partial financial assistance. The grants can range from \$25.00 to \$500.00, depending upon the size of the project. A project needing funding assistance should also look for local sources of financial support in combination with money from a Community Pride grant.

Projects which are approved for grants might receive all or part of the requested amount. Community Pride grants cannot be used to meet the normal needs of 4-H programs. Funds for these grants are provided by Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., R. M. Wade Foundation, Readers' Digest Foundation, and other interested groups and individuals.

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TO PARTICIPATE:

1. *Develop the ideas for a project proposal and fill out an Oregon 4-H Club Foundation application for Financial Support, C-6744, available in your county Extension office.*
2. *Submit the C-6744 form to your county Extension office to be reviewed and forwarded to Oregon State University for further review.*
3. *Applications can be submitted at any time. Notification of project application selections will be made a month or two after they are submitted.*
4. *If you receive a grant, a final report on the project will be due when the project is finished, or a progress report every six months until it is completed. (The reports should include photographs, news clippings, and graphs and charts which show your progress and the level of community involvement. We would like to encourage you to develop a slide series describing your project and those participating in it.)*

SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING AN APPLICATION
FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Purpose of Application

The application is a proposal summarizing your 4-H group's statement of need, plan and budget.

Items to Consider Before Writing the Application

1. Have a good idea of what community needs you are planning to work with. Include background information on who will be involved, why the project is important to the community and the 4-H'ers. Describe this in the application section on Summary of Program.
2. Set your objectives and goals. What do you expect to accomplish as a result of your efforts?
3. Plan how your group will implement the project, including a time schedule, resources needed and who will be involved. Describe this in the Methods Section of the application.

Refer to Section IV, pages 10 and 11 of Community Pride: An Oregon Activity 4-H 0214L (1978) for more information.

4. Describe how you plan to evaluate your accomplishments based upon the degree with which the goals and objectives were met. Also describe the methods you plan to use for project reporting and follow-up.
5. Prepare your budget itemizing anticipate expenses, income amount requested and anticipated local source of funding.

How to Write the Application

1. Follow the guidelines and format of the Oregon 4-H Club Foundation Application for Financial Support, form #C-6744. (This form is available from your county Extension office.) Make sure you indicate that you are applying for Community Pride Grant funds by writing Community Pride Grant in the upper right hand corner of the first page.
2. Keep the Summary of the Program clear and concise. This is the most important part. It tells what you are going to do and how you plan to do it. Use underlining to highlight key points.
3. Make it readable.
4. Make certain plans for implementing project are clear and concise whowing a logical sequence of tasks.
5. Check to make sure all information requested is provided and the math, grammar and spelling are correct.