

Kansas 4-H Foundation Funding Policy

In general, the availability of Foundation funds is the result of obtaining either donor designated or restricted and undesignated contributions.

While the Foundation attempts to obtain restricted gifts from donors willing to support specific programs or activities, it also continually solicits unrestricted donations in order to allow it to fund 4-H needs in a flexible and effective manner.

The Foundation accepts the responsibility of its fiduciary role in representing the private sector and its financial support that enhances the Kansas 4-H program. The Foundation makes every effort to maximize the benefits of these contributions as it grants funds for 4-H programs.

The following information provides some clarification of the Foundation effort to provide funding support for the 4-H program.

Funding Considerations

1. General Foundation funding is directed to three broad classifications of activity:
 - a. Ongoing, established Foundation projects
 - b. Incentives and awards for 4-H participation
 - c. Growth and enhancement grants with potential for statewide benefits to 4-H programs
2. Annual grants are considered appropriate for establishing pilot projects, new and innovative program directions that increase leader recruitment and training and grow the 4-H program in quality and quantity as well as increase membership. Funding for salaries, direct labor reimbursement, staff travel and meals, postage and printing of established support materials or equipment for administrative or localized (county/district/or area) service is not considered appropriate.
3. All annual prioritized proposals must include a one-page, easily understood, project summary, complete line item budget and source of additional funds. Matching funds should come from new donors sources and not from Extension Councils, 4-H Councils, 4-H Ambassadors, 4-H Junior Leaders, etc. County 4-H Foundation matching funds should include the name of the donor or donors that provide new funds to the County 4-H Foundation for the proposed project. Participation or registration fees may not be used as a source of matching funds. Availability and degree of additional or alternative support may be considered by the Foundation in consideration of funding proposals.
4. All proposals should include an evaluation plan to quantify the success of the project, and the written report (annually or following the project completion if less

than one year) should include the results of the evaluation plan. In addition to numbers served, evaluations should include success stories, challenges encountered and lessons learned.

5. Funding requests are considered as prioritized and requested by the Kansas State office for 4-H Youth work in Cooperative Extension.

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Exception to the Kansas 4-H Foundation's Funding Policy

*Private support for the growth and enhancement grants designed to reach underserved populations may be eligible for direct salary reimbursement and other salary related expenses **on a trial basis during the 2013-15 years**, if a memorandum detailing the project's:*

- *Objectives*
- *Implementation plan*
- *Budget*
- *Long-term sustainability plan*
- *Evaluation plan*

is approved by the State 4-H Leader, Kansas 4-H Foundation President and Private Sector Funders.

Funding for salary and salary related expenses will not exceed more than 50% of the annual grant distribution for this program.

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