

## GRANT GUIDELINES & FUNDING CRITERIA

### PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

The Kansas 4-H Foundation Innovation Fund was created to stimulate new, innovative, growth-oriented initiatives that have the potential to be scaled for regional or statewide participation. Experimentation is encouraged with goals and outcomes required, but failure is accepted as part of the learning process.

### AREAS OF INTEREST

The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting grants which fund the following priorities:

- New Families Initiatives
- Partnerships Designed to Create New 4-H Projects Areas
- Enhance Community and Cultural Competence
- College and Industry Partnerships
- Career and Workforce Readiness and Relevance
- Recruitment and Retainment of Older 4-H'ers
- Volunteers and/or Alumni Engagement

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Application must be approved and signed from county/district, area or state 4-H office personnel. Requests from local Extension units must be signed by the Extension Board Chair.
- Must align with Youth Develop Program Focus Team standards.
- Volunteers and club members are encouraged to apply in coordination with their respective county/district, area or state contacts.
- All grants requests must adhere to the approved Kansas 4-H Foundation Funding Policy.
- Must serve a public purpose
- Provide evidence of the ability to carry out the program
- Identify community/partnership support
- Explain potential impact on the community
- Demonstrate plan for viability and long-term sustainability

### APPLICATION PROCESS

See the state 4-H website for current application form and deadlines.

### GRANT REVIEW PROCESS AND REQUESTS

The grant range is \$5,000 minimum. (\$2,500 may be considered for 2019) Multi-year/multi-unit grants are encouraged. Grant awards are made according to the order established by the prioritization committee, or the availability of an interested donor for the specific project. Grant awards are not always made for the full amount requested. Time sensitive requests may be brought to the Foundation by the State 4-H Leader.