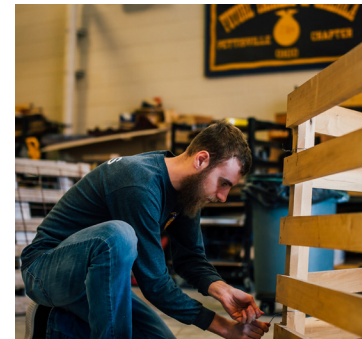


Chapter Success Grants

Chapter Success Grant Overview

The Chapter Success Grant program is made possible by Heritage Cooperative, the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Trillium Farms. Grants are designed to help chapters finance worthy community development projects. The projects should help local communities thrive and should inspire continuous improvement.



General Guidelines and Information

- The grants will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per chapter; multiple grant opportunities are available.
- Grant applications should be written for one specific project.
- FFA Chapters will submit applications to the Ohio FFA Foundation for consideration by May 15, 2024.
- A committee of judges will review the proposals and award grants to worthy chapter activities.
- It is expected that grant recipients will send a thank you letter to the appropriate sponsor.
- The actual project should be conducted between June 15, 2024 and February 28, 2025. If projects are not completed by this time, the Ohio FFA Foundation has the right not to distribute the remaining twenty percent of the approved grant money. *If a project is not completed, the unused funds need to be returned to the Ohio FFA Foundation with the final report stating why the project was not completed by March 15, 2025.*
- After each awardee submits their final report, due March 15, 2025, with photographs to the Ohio FFA Foundation, the remaining twenty percent of the grant money will be distributed.

Program Timeline

- May 15, 2024 Applications due to Ohio FFA Foundation
- May 31, 2024 Grants recipients will be notified
- June 15, 2024 Projects may begin
- June 15, 2024 Eighty percent of the approved grant money per grant will be distributed
- Feb. 28, 2025 Projects to be completed
- March 15, 2025 Final reports due and remaining funds distributed

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Program Criteria

Grant applications are generally considered for projects that fulfill the following criteria:

- The project benefits rural residents or low-income farmers.
- The project will have a long-term impact on the community either economically or through an improved quality of life.
- The project is in collaboration with a substantial agency (e.g., The Ohio State University Extension), a governmental entity (e.g., school districts, city council, county commissioners), or long-standing organization (e.g., United Way, Grange, Farm Bureau).
- The project goes beyond legally required activities or functions that are a routine expectation of an organization, agency, or governmental body such as county fair maintenance, highways, school landscaping, shop equipment, or handicap access improvements on public property.



Sample Projects from Past Grant Recipients:

A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point FFA - Pork in the Pantry

The A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point FFA Chapter partnered with OSU Meat Lab staff to fabricate pork carcasses to donate to the school's food pantry.

Allen East FFA - Growing Gardens Growing Minds

Allen East FFA taught students about growing vegetables and the canning process. At the end of the project, all Allen East fourth graders were given a jar of salsa that they made and a tomato plant to continue growing at home.

Clyde FFA - Hydroponic Gardening and Greenhouse Management

Clyde FFA built raised bed gardens and is developing hydroponic setups for students to learn about food production. Along with this, they built a compost area to create awareness about food waste and sustainability in food production.

Marysville FFA - Fighting Hunger: Monarch Market

The Marysville FFA Chapter officer team facilitated a hunger banquet to motivate FFA members to be involved in fighting hunger in the local community. Members then renovated a space to serve as the Monarch Market food pantry and collected pantry donations.

Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA - Grow With Us

Members of the Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA Chapter held an Ag Day event for elementary students to learn about agriculture and also provided teachers with curriculum and supplies to teach about food origin, preparation, and consumption in their own classrooms.



Applications

Applications can be found at www.ohioffa.org/foundation and should be completed online by May 15, 2024.

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