

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, 2025.
- 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, 2025 and February 28, 2026. 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, 2026.*
- After each awardee submits their final report, due March 15, 2026, with photographs to the Ohio FFA Foundation, the remaining twenty percent of the grant money will be distributed.

Program Timeline

- May 15, 2025 Applications due to Ohio FFA Foundation
- May 31, 2025 Grant recipients will be notified
- June 15, 2025 Projects may begin
- June 15, 2025 Eighty percent of the approved grant money per grant will be distributed
- Feb. 28, 2026 Projects to be completed
- March 15, 2026 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:

Evergreen FFA - Thanksgiving Dinners

The Evergreen FFA Chapter hosted a canned food drive and purchased additional food items to supplement Thanksgiving dinners for community members in need.

Marysville FFA - Fuel for Farmers

Members of the Marysville FFA Chapter prepared farmer gift bags filled with supplies like sunscreen, hand wipes, lip balm, pens, and first aid kits. The chapter passed these bags out with hot meals to farmers during harvest. They also created “Watch Out for Farmer” signs that were placed throughout Marysville to encourage people to watch out for slow-moving vehicles and keep the roads safe for farmers.

Mowrystown FFA - Aggie’s Camp

Mowrystown FFA members hosted a 3-day camp where they taught 4th-6th grade students about agriculture and FFA through hands-on activities and tours of local agriculture businesses.

Piketon FFA - Pumpkins, Oh What a Superfood!

The Piketon FFA Chapter planted and cared for a one-acre pumpkin patch and learned about the benefits and uses of pumpkins. They hosted a Pumpkin Education Community Day and field trips for elementary students to share what they learned with others.

Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA - Farmer Recharge Program

Members of the Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA Chapter supported farmers in the community by providing them with necessary fire safety supplies and mental health resources. Farmers were provided with fire blankets, power charge banks, vouchers for fire extinguisher servicing, and informational materials about mental health.

Applications

Applications can be found at www.ohioffa.org/foundation and should be completed online by May 15, 2025.

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