



Mini-Grant Application

“YOUth Can!”

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Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant Application:

Thank you for your interest

What: ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, is making funding available to organizations, schools, programs and institutions to develop, coordinate and implement small projects that will engage Nebraska youths in service to their local communities in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. Applications should address this year's theme: "YOUth Can!" Our goal is to include as many youth as possible and help them build a strong service and service-learning foundation. Details on Global Youth Service Day can be found here: <http://gysd.org/>

Your application should support Nebraska youth in local one-day or continuous service projects with a service-learning component. Please submit a full application (attached), including a detailed proposed budget and project description. The complete application should not be longer than five (5) pages.

There are two pools of funding available – one for efforts benefiting any Nebraska youth and the other specifically focused on engaging youth with disabilities. Please state which pool of funds you are applying for within your application. ***The mini-grant awards for both pools will be capped at \$500.00.***

Deadline: To apply for a ServeNebraska Global Youth Service Day mini-grant, please complete and return the attached application form no later than **Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm CST** to Greg Donovan at greg.donovan@nebraska.gov . If email submission is not an option, hard copies by fax [402-471-6249] or delivery/mail to:

Greg Donovan
ServeNebraska
6th Floor/State Capitol Building
PO Box 98927
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Selection Criteria: Projects may be chosen based on the following criteria: number of engaged youth volunteers; cost-effectiveness; location; and proposed impact. Preference will be given to projects with multiple funding sources; projects that engage and/or serve individuals with disabilities, particularly children; projects that occur in central - and/or western - Nebraska; and projects that have a cost-per-youth ratio of \$1.00 per 1 youth or better. Applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds (cash and/or In-kind). Please provide information in the budget portion of the application about intended match resources. ServeNebraska reserves the right to award partial funding based on the applicants proposed budget and project description.

Allowable use of funds: Funds are limited and meant to be used for direct programming needs. Allowable uses of funds are project materials, transportation for participants, food, beverages and other necessary refreshments, venue or material rentals. Funds may not be used to cover personnel costs.

Reporting: If you are chosen for a mini-grant award you will be required to provide service data, including the number of youth engaged, number of service beneficiaries, and items created as applicable. Additionally, you will be required to submit a one-page project summary narrative at the conclusion of the Global Youth Service Day activity.



2010 Global Youth Service Day Mini Grant Application

1. Contact Information

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Youth Contact Person: Riley Sheets

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2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Alcohol, tobacco, drug free | |

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Which pool of funding are you applying for:

- Disability Inclusion Youth Service Youth Service

Community Served: Burwell, NE (Garfield County)

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics): **There are 375 youth under the age of 19-12% live in poverty; 32% qualify for free/reduced meals. Many of these youth live on farms and ranches and have distances to drive to get to school and to get together with other youth. Too often “pasture parties” with beer, are the norm. Many are active in sports but there are significant numbers who are not and need outside activities. Our youth are great and we want to see that they are provided with several alcohol-free activities and changes to learn to “give-back”, which will help them with life- long lessons.**

Expected Number of Volunteers: 99

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: 54



3. Please describe your Youth Service Day Project plan and how it is applicable to the “YOUth Can!” theme:

This service day project will be youth driven, youth planned, youth executed by the Youth Advisory Board which meets to reduce alcohol and tobacco use. They will be working with their sponsor and adults in several directions but they will be taking the leadership roles.

The youth want to volunteer to help renovate the local “Rodeo Theater” by painting, cleaning, and planning a “Grand Re-Opening” with the local owners. They will be active in the promotion; involving the local school speech and drama classes for articles and speeches on “What do you remember about the Rodeo Theater, opened in 1937?” as well as the Burwell Economic Development Board, Burwell Tribune, KNLV radio and local Chamber of Commerce for publicity. They will involve the local museum and artifacts to use to decorate theater, including Movie-star signed playbills and antique tickets as well as clothing from 1937 to be used on the opening day.

The youth plan to show, in conjunction with the theater owners, the movie “Blind Side”. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) will donate \$100 from their GLWCC account for a drawing of 20 youth movie tickets (drawings). GLW Children’s Council (GLWCC) will offer \$90 for 15 free movie tickets for the elderly of our community – GLWCC will provide transportation to the theater. \$300 of the Youth Serve Grant funding will be used to offer ½ price movie tickets for the first 100 movie goers. (tickets - \$6/each – ½ price \$3/each = total of \$300) . \$55 of the grant funding will be used to offer free popcorn for the first 100 attendees – (popcorn(\$10), oil(\$32) and sacks(\$10).

Five area coaches, trained by John Underwood, at the “Life of an Athlete” in Lake Placid, New York, will speak from the stage, before the movie, on local norms and the affects of alcohol on our youth.

Before the re-opening, the Youth Advisory Board will help clean and paint the walls of the movie theater. They will also stencil old movie reels on the walls. They will use \$120 of the grant funds for paint (6 gallons @\$20) and \$25 for rollers, brushes, etc. The youth will also clean the green spaces located in front of the theater as well as on the rest of the street before the re-opening.

These youth have planned a community event, for the community and by the community. GLWCC actively promotes the 40 Developmental Assets for youth that help them to thrive and survive and will teach them how to develop positive character traits and leadership skills, instill a heightened sense of personal responsibility and community involvement, and raise the level of commitment to education and public service. This grant opportunity will offer our youth a chance to design and partially fund this project to improve their community and help others. In doing so, they will be helping themselves to become better citizens. Every student will understand the character, leadership and service count for a great deal, and the entire community can be proud of them!



4. Project Location (Complete Address): 171 S 8th Avenue, Burwell, Ne 68823

5. Does your project include a Service-Learning approach: Yes No

If yes, please describe: Based on the 40 Developmental Assets and building blocks, the youth will work with GLWCC to become caring and responsible. A copy of the 40 Developmental Assets is attached.

6. If your project includes youth with disabilities or focuses on serving those with disabilities, describe how:

There are 2 youth, with disabilities, involved in the Youth Advisory Board and they will join the other youth in this community service project.

7. Does your project plan to engage youth not normally asked to serve: Yes No

If yes, please explain: Several members of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) are not active in sports, which the “in” activity in Burwell. The YAB grows each year and the youth find acceptance here, for those in sports and those who are not. They are a fun, cohesive and together board; promoting alcohol free activities and community service. Everyone gets to have a part and leadership roles are shared.

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community:

Our community is the only one in our county, our town the only town. We are isolated because of distances and metropolitan areas that offer activities for our youth are not within easy driving distances. The movie theater has been closed for several months and has a history of being a busy alcohol free activity. The youth are anxious to help renovate the theater so it can re-open, not only for our youth but to the elderly and the rest of our community and surrounding communities, as there are no other theaters in Loup or Wheeler counties. This is also considered a youth driven community project involving many different aspects and community members.

9. Day(s) completing service: April 23 April 24 April 25 Other: _____



10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project:

The YAB will be in contact with all the entities mentioned above and will secure their participation and volunteer hours.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles:

The youth will chair the following Committies and act as the leaders:

- 1. Planning & Promotion 2. Painting 3. Cleaning 4. Green Spaces 5. Bake Sale**

12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: 60-95

13. Is this project a collaboration with another service day: Yes No

If yes, which one(s) and with whom: Annual Youth Serve Burwell Day

14. What supplies or resources will be necessary to complete this project:

Paint, brushes, rollers, popcorn, oil, popcorn sacks, matching funds for tickets and volunteer hours.

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?

Volunteers from the GLWCC will provide transportation for the elderly from the Burwell Plaza and low income housing to the theater for the "Grand Re-Opening".

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours:

The YAB Leader will keep track of the youth and their hours. These service hours are used when determining awards and trips for the YAB.

17. What will the end result of your project be:

The Rodeo Theater will be renovated and re-opened.

18. How will you know your project was a success:

The youth will feel great about their participation and will be thinking ahead to next year for their service project. Their volunteerism will be a life lesson that will follow them into their adult years. The youth will garner respect from the community as they participate in community enhancement efforts. The community will also be very proud of their accomplishments and will want to work with the youth in the future.



Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Paint	\$120	\$180	Theater owners, donations	\$ 300
Brushes, rollers	\$25	\$200	Theater owners, YAB, donations	\$ 225
Lag Screws –seats		\$50	Theater owners	\$ 25
Flooring		\$2,500	Theater owners	\$2,500
Popcorn	\$10			\$ 10
Oil	\$35			\$ 35
Popcorn sacks	\$10			\$ 10
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$200	\$2,930		\$3,105

Travel (mileage, food costs):

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Travel		\$25	GLWCC	\$ 25
<i>Sub-Total</i>		\$25		\$ 25

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
½ price tickets	\$300			\$ 300
Free youth tickets		\$100	Youth Advisory Board	\$ 100
Free elderly tickets		\$ 90	GLWCC	\$ 90
Volunteer Hours – 60 youth		\$4,200(60 youth x \$7 x 10 hrs. each.	YAB, Sponsor, GLWCC, other volunteers	\$4,200
<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$300	\$4390		\$4,690

Total:	\$500	\$7345		\$7,820
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.

Before the re-opening, the YAB will help paint and stencil old movie reels on the walls of the theater. Paint \$120 (6 gallons @\$20) and \$25 for rollers, brushes, etc. Free popcorn will be offered to the first 100 attendees. The popcorn will cost \$10, oil (\$32) and sacks (\$10) will also be necessary. We will also offer 1/2 price movie tickets for the first 100 movie goers. Regular movie tickets are \$6/each. 1/2 price tickets \$3/each = total of \$300.

A match is included in the grant for the following: The movie theater owners are donating \$2500 for new flooring, \$50 for lag screws for the theatre seats and \$180 for paint. \$200 for brushes, rollers and other necessary painting equipment are being donated by the theater owners, YAB and other community businesses. The GLWCC will donate \$25 for transportation for the elderly to the movie. \$100 is being donated for youth movie tickets by the YAB and \$90 for elderly tickets by GLWCC. The YAB, YAB Leader, GLWCC and community members will volunteer their time to help with our project (\$4200).