



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
Lincoln, NE 68509-8927

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

Contact Name: Adrienne Lemmer

Email: IrvingRec.ac@lincoln.ne.gov **Phone:** (402)441-7954 (work) or (402)540-8516 (cell)

Organization (legal applicant name): **Irving Recreation Center**

Address: 2010 Van Dorn Lincoln, NE 68502

Youth Contact Person: Emma Craig

Age:13 **Email:** Edancergirl@gmail.com

2. Project Details

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

Faith-based

Non-profit

Government Education

Club

Business

Other: _____

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

Disability Inclusion Youth Service

Youth Service

Community Served: Youth within the Lincoln community.

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics): Mid-level Nebraska youth ages 11-14. This grant would affect as many as 120 youth during the after-school program and during our summer day camp program. This project will begin on April 23 in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day.

Expected Number of Volunteers: Two.

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: Ten students every session and one session is held each week.

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

The cooking club at Irving Recreation Center is dedicated to motivating youth to create healthy lifestyles for themselves. In turn, many of the projects we've worked on have focused on learning cooking skills, sanitary practices and safety in the kitchen. In addition, using this grant, we plan to focus our attention towards multicultural foods as well as cultural encounters. The youth involved in this project will prepare dishes for others in the recreation center, thus promoting an atmosphere of service while creating a healthy lifestyle through nutrition.



4. Project Location (Complete Address):

Irving Recreation Center
2010 Van Dorn
Lincoln, NE 68502

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

If yes, please describe: Youth will prepare dishes for other youth within the recreation center.

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

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

If yes, please explain: All of the students that attend the recreation center have the opportunity to join cooking club, many of whom don't normally serve.

8. How will your project meet the needs of your community: This project will allow youth to understand different cultures that reside within the Lincoln community. This also enables youth to impact people within their community by promoting healthy lifestyles through nutrition and multicultural exploration.

9. Day(s) completing service: April 23 April 24 April 25 Other: Every Friday from April-July, occurring for ten weeks.

10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project:

We will recruit college students majoring in nutrition and health sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles:

Youth will research different recipes regarding other cultures to prepare within the cooking club. They will also help recruit and motivate other youth to join the club.

12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: 5

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

If yes, which one(s) and with whom:

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

Ingredients for cost-effective recipes, room availability, cookbooks, and specialized utensils.

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

Not applicable as students will already be in attendance at Irving Recreation Center.



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

We will record attendance as usual with this project and report the information in the AmeriCorps monthly reports.

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

Our goal is to motivate youth to become involved in service learning through nutrition and culture. Involvement in the activities of this project will provide this involvement, expanding on the minds and creativity of youth.

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

We will use AmeriCorps post surveys to measure the success of the project.

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 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Ingredients for recipes | \$125 | \$125 | Irving Recreation Center | \$250 |
| Room Use | \$0 | \$200 | Irving Recreation Center | \$200 |
| Cookbooks | \$30 | \$30 | Irving Recreation Center | \$60 |
| Specialized Utensils | \$30 | \$30 | Irving Recreation Center | \$60 |
| <i>Sub-Total</i> | \$185 | \$385 | | \$560 |

Travel (mileage, food costs):

| ITEM | REQUEST | OTHER FUNDS | SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS | TOTAL COST |
|------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| \$0 | | | | |
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| <i>Sub-Total</i> | \$0 | | | |

Other:

| ITEM | REQUEST | OTHER FUNDS | SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS | TOTAL COST |
|------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| \$0 | | | | |
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| <i>Sub-Total</i> | \$0 | | | |

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| Total: | \$50-500 | | | |
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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.

These funds will help us to provide ingredients used in cooking club. With these ingredients, youth will prepare unique dishes that explore different cultures as well as learn about nutrition. Although we have some funding from Irving Recreation Center, it would be most beneficial to receive additional funding so that youth may be impacted strongly. Connecting service learning, culture and nutrition in advocating a healthy lifestyle is extremely important to the growth of youth and the community, and specific funding essential to this project.