



# Mini-Grant Application

*“YOUth Can!”*

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***YOUth Can!***  
**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](mailto: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  
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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

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Youth Contact Person:  Wade Obermier

Age:  17 Email:  lisaobermier@yahoo.com

### 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 type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club        | <input type="checkbox"/> Business              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |                                    |

Which pool of funding are you applying for:

- Disability Inclusion Youth Service       Youth Service

Community Served:  York, NE

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics):  age 10-50 Demographics-people with intellectual and physical disabilities

Expected Number of Volunteers:  20-25

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers:  8-10

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

I would like to build a shed at a Region V foundation owned group home. This shed will protect and store valuable specialized bicycles for people who could not experience riding a regular bicycle. Region V has one such bicycle and has individuals who are interested in helping purchase other bikes, but not without a storage facility. I would like to assist them by building a storage shed.



**4. Project Location (Complete Address):** 203 Iowa Ave  
York, NE 68467

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

**If yes, please describe:** Youth volunteers have no experience in constructing a shed. However, I have contacted professionals who are knowledgeable and have agreed to consult on the project, as well as to be available on sight to help mentor me and other team leaders. I will be presenting a report to Region V Services about our experience.

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

Region V Services supports people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Many use wheel chairs or cannot ride bicycles alone. Specialized bicycles can be purchased but are costly and shelter in necessary to prolong their lifespan. So a storage shed in needed.

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

**If yes, please explain:**

I will ask my friends, scout troop 174, my fellow FFA members, and people supported by Region V Services if they would like to help.

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

This new shed will allow Region V and others to purchase specialized bicycles so people with disabilities can have the same opportunities to experience bike riding. This will help integrate the community.

**9. Day(s) completing service:**  April 23  April 24  April 25  Other: \_To be determined if not completed\_\_\_\_\_

**10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project:**

I will ask scout troop 174, fellow FFA members, my friends, and people who receive services from Region V.

**11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles:**

I plan to be project supervisor and oversee the construction. I will divide tasks and appoint youth leaders and have adult supervision and mentors on site.



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

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:  
 I will need one shed kit, a first aid kit, tools, protective eye wear, clothes, etc., food and beverages

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?  
 Volunteers can be drive or be dropped off at the worksite. I will arrange an adult to provide transportation if necessary. (Meals will be provided on site.)

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours:  
 I will have a tracking sheet with time in and time out.

17. What will the end result of your project be:  
 The end result will be a nice, safe place for bicycles to be stored.

18. How will you know your project was a success:  
 We will consider this project a success if we can build a place that will store specialized bicycles safely.

**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
Shed Kit	\$400.00	\$625.00	Donations to the Region V Foundation	\$1025.00
<i>Sub-Total</i>				\$1025.00

*Travel (mileage, food costs):*

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Food	\$100.00	\$100.00	Donations from businesses and people in community	\$200.00
Mileage	\$0	\$0	Volunteer Adult Driver	\$0
<i>Sub-Total</i>				\$200.00



**Other:**

ITEM	REQUEST	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
Food Preparation			Community Volunteers	\$0
Labor			Scout troop 174 and FFA Members	\$0
Labor			Community Volunteers	\$0
Labor			Region V Services and People Served	\$0
<i>Sub-Total</i>				Priceless

<b>Total:</b>	<b>500</b>			<b>\$1225.00</b>
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**2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the requested funds are necessary for the success of this project.**

The Service Nebraska YOUth can grant is needed to purchase the larger shed kit. I currently only have \$600.00 appropriated for this project. With your extra \$500.00 we could build a larger shed to protect the bicycles that will be used by the 72 people that Region V Services serves. Thank your consideration for this worthy project.