



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: Mike Hornacek

Email: mhornacek@togetheromaha.org Phone: 402.345.8047x210

Organization (legal applicant name): Together, Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha

Address: 1616 Cass St. Omaha, NE 68102

Youth Contact Person: Lisa Mills

Age: _____ Email: lmills@togetheromaha.org

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: Together, Inc. serves all those in need in Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie County.

Description of Youth Population (ages, demographics): Together, Inc. serves families with children of all ages.

Expected Number of Volunteers: 30

Number of Youth (age 5-25) anticipated out of expected volunteers: 30

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

We are planning to do a teen paint project on April 24th to paint the west side of the building. This project is to prep the building for a mural that will commemorate the 35th anniversary of Together, Inc. and the devastating tornado that brought about our creation.

This project helps to bring attention to our continued growth and our good work in the community over the past 35 years.

We are planning to get youth involved by having 30 youth volunteers participate in painting the building and prepping it for the mural. We enjoy having youth involved because it educates them on the needs of the community and gives them the opportunity to connect with other youth



that are making a difference. This connection breeds a lifelong willingness to give back to the community and raises awareness of our Mission: “Bringing Together our community to assist those in need with Hope, Dignity and Compassion.”

4. Project Location (Complete Address): 1616 Cass St. Omaha, NE 68102

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

If yes, please describe: The youth involved will learn skills it takes to paint their own home and teach be able to help others as adults.

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:

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

This project will bring more awareness of Together, Inc.’s Mission to the youth of Omaha. It will also educate them on the poverty issues facing their own community and encourage them to volunteer and share their talents and skills with those in need and make a difference. After their experience, we hope that they will talk about our mission to others and continue to volunteer throughout their lifetime and encourage their friends and families to do the same.

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

10. How will you recruit volunteers for this project:

Through collaboration with Lisa Maupin at United Methodist Ministries.

11. How will you involve youth in leadership roles:

Each youth will be in charge of a section of the building and its completion with the help of another volunteer.



12. How many youth are involved in the planning of this service project: none

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:
 Paint, tape, power washer and soap, brushes, rollers, paint trays, liners, and tarps.

15. What is the plan for participant and volunteer transportation to the project location?
 The volunteers will have their own transportation to Together, Inc.

16. How will you track numbers of volunteers and volunteer service hours:
 We will have a sign in sheet that tracks who was here and how many hours they worked.

17. What will the end result of your project be:
 We will have a clean, newly painted wall, which will be the canvas for our mural to commemorate Together, Inc.'s 35 year anniversary.

18. How will you know your project was a success:
 Success from this project is more than just a painted wall. We hope that when these students spend time at Together, Inc., they walk away with a greater understanding of poverty issues in their community and how they can contribute to solving these issues by volunteering their time and talents to our organization and others in Omaha.

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 liner 15 | \$50 | | | \$50 |
| Tape 5 | \$30 | | | \$30 |
| Rooler/brush kit | \$300 | | | \$300 |
| 5 gal paint 3 | \$120 | | | \$120 |
| <i>Sub-Total</i> | | | | \$500 |

Travel (mileage, food costs):

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

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

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

These funds are necessary for this project because of the supplies involved and the amount of volunteers. In order for each volunteer to actively participate, having the right amount of tools and supplies is critical. We will also be better prepared for a project of this scale to run smoothly, leaving enough time to complete the project in full.