



2021 Grant Application: Child- and Youth-led Service Project

Purpose:

This grant provides funding and training on how programs can help children and youth identify and use their gifts to serve and lead by developing a service project designed, led and implemented by children or youth to positively impact their community.

Funding Criteria:

- Your program must be operated by a church or organization in the Urban Alliance network, have completed a Program Commitment Form and be in good standing (i.e. participate in a learning community, submit monthly data and follow the program development opportunity policies).
- Your program may apply to receive a mini-grant of up to \$500.00 to support a child or youth-led service project that meets a need in the local community.
- In order to qualify to receive grant funding, each program is expected to present a new service project each time they apply.
- Funding may be used to purchase supplies needed to carry out the service project, including but not limited to, food, items to be distributed, equipment rentals and printed materials. Churches and organizations that participate in World Vision's Essential Supplies Program (ESP) are also encouraged to supplement their project with items made available through the ESP.
- The 2021 "Promoting Youth Leadership" training will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 5:30-7:00pm, and is a prerequisite for this grant opportunity.
- Those engaging in this opportunity should use the following service project development steps to help facilitate their project planning.

Service Project Development Steps:

- A) *Identify a Need:* The first step in this process is for adult leaders to facilitate a child and/or youth group discussion about community needs. At the end of the discussion, the group should select the need they would like to address through their project. In addition, they should consider who is most impacted by this need and what have they expressed would be helpful for meeting this need.
- B) *Brainstorm:* The second step is for adult leaders to facilitate a session during which children and/or youth brainstorm possible ways to meet the need. By the end of this step, children and/or youth will select one strategy for meeting the need.
- C) *Develop a Project:* Through facilitated discussions, children and/or youth will develop a specific plan describing in detail what they will do to address the community need. This plan should account for all of the steps involved in implementing the project and include all project activities, needed supplies and a timeline.

- D) *Grant Application:* Once steps A-C are completed, an adult leader may complete the grant application by answering the questions listed below about the service project.

Grant Questions:

Question 1: Community Needs

- A) What needs does your program help people address?
- B) How does your program help people address these needs?

Question 2: Logistics

- A) What community need or issue will be addressed through this service project?
- B) What is one statistic about this community need or issue?
- C) What do you plan to do, in partnership with children and/or youth, to address the identified need? (Please provide a 1-3 paragraph summary)
- D) What steps will you take to carry out the service project? Provide an associated timeline.
- E) How do you expect this service project to better meet the needs in the community described in your response to question #2A?

Question 3: Adult-Children/Youth Partnership (Recruitment and Participation)

- A) How did you carry out the “Service Project Development” steps in partnership with children and/or youth?
- B) How will children and/or youth take a leadership role in implementing the service project?

Question 4: Children and Youth Outcomes

- A) How will participating in the child- and youth-led service project better meet the needs described in your response to question #1A?
- B) How will you determine if participation in the child- and youth-led service project helped children and/or youth better meet their needs?
- C) Are you willing to meet with Urban Alliance staff to share about your experiences implementing your child- and youth service project?

Question 5: Budget

- A) What will you purchase with grant funding? Please provide an itemized budget for your requested funding using the table below. Rows may be added as needed.

Item (Quantity)	Expenses	Grant Request
1. <i>Example: class curriculum</i>	\$ 1500.00	\$ 500.00
2.	\$	\$
3.	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$

- B) How will the purchases made be used to support your child- and youth-led service project? Briefly describe how you will use the items and/or why they are needed.

Contact Information:

Church/Organization Name: _____

Program Name: _____

Name and Title of Senior Leader: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Information for Person Completing This Application:

Name: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Rev. _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Information for Additional Person Completing This Application (if applicable):

Name: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Rev. _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Submission: ____/____/_____

Application Process: Please send completed applications to Urban Alliance’s Grant Review Team.

By email: initiatives@urbanalliance.com

By standard mail: Urban Alliance, attn: Grant Review Team, 62 Village Street, East Hartford, CT 06108

Application Deadlines: Grant applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

All Urban Alliance grant applications may be accessed online at, urbanalliance.com/grants.

