



Grant Tank... like Shark Tank, but BETTER!
Program Guidelines
Youth Advisory Council
Four County Community Foundation



Who are we and what do we do? The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is an advisory committee for the W.K. Kellogg Youth Funds of Four County Community Foundation. We are made up of area junior high and high school students from Almont, Armada, Capac, Dryden, Imlay City, Oxford, and Romeo who recommend the granting of income from our endowed Youth Fund. Additionally, our members are involved in volunteer activities throughout the year.

What is the Grant Tank Program? To introduce our fellow students to the concept of a community foundation and its work, YAC invites you to participate in its **2021-2022 GRANT TANK** program. We are offering grants up to \$3000 for **student-written** grant requests that fit the criteria of YAC YOUTH GRANTS.

What can be funded? Projects we are most likely to approve will encourage young people to be involved in improving themselves, their community, or their school. When we receive a grant request we use evaluation guidelines to determine if the grant fits within our granting objective. The three main questions that we must be able to answer yes to are as follows:

1. Is this project a service to others?
2. Do the people who will benefit from this project need help?
3. Does this project address youth needs?

How this is done depends on the needs and creativity of the school or class, but students must be involved in planning the project and writing the grant. Projects can focus on the classroom, the school, or the community.

Who can apply? Any PK-12 student group with assistance from an adult may apply for a grant. The grant can be for a classroom, a school, a club, or an extra-curricular activity. **All applications and accompanying videos must be written, directed, and submitted by students** and co-signed by the teacher or adult advisor and the building principal.

For students in preschool through third grade, teachers can either help students write the application or write it for them during class discussion of a proposed idea. Grantees will be asked to share their experiences with a brief project summary, including photos, at the end of the activity.

How, when, where? A 1-2 minute video and a copy of the completed application form must be received at the Foundation Office by the quarterly grant deadlines (**October 1, 2021, January 1, April 1, and July 1, 2022**). All proposals will be reviewed by the Youth Advisory Council for recommendations to the Four County Community Foundation Board of Trustees.

VIDEO INFORMATION: Along with the application, please submit a 1-2 minute video focused on evidence of the problem you are trying to solve. Describe your proposed solution and explain why you think your solution will help others. BE CREATIVE!

Please email all videos and applications to kdickens@4ccf.org and email COPY program@4ccf.org

A Note to Teachers, Principals, Club Leaders:

To introduce this grant opportunity to your students, we encourage you to explain and use the terms listed below.

Community Foundation: an organization that saves money given as gifts to the community. The gifts are never spent. They are ***endowed***. They are like a savings account. Gifts of money are put in the bank and invested. Only the income earned from those investments is spent. That money is used for the good of the community. It can be given only to qualified non-profit organizations that serve the community.

Non-profit organization: schools, local governments, charity organizations, and other groups may qualify as non-profit organizations.

Grant: the award money given by the community foundation to qualified groups who will use it to serve the community.

Grant proposal: the form (application) that qualified groups use to ask for the grant money for a special project that will benefit the community.

Budget: a plan for balancing revenue (money and other resources) and expenses for a particular purpose. All grant proposals ask for a budget. A fillable excel budget form is available on the grants webpage.

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DEADLINES:

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