



Eastern District Innovative Grant Program

Calendar Year 2009
Application Form

Completed application form should not exceed (3) pages, using a minimum font size of Arial 11 point, retain form formatting, and no less than 1-inch margins. Submit completed application electronically to karen.smiley@ces.uwex.edu, and fax signature page (if electronic signature not available), by **April 7, 2009**.

Project must be completed by December 31, 2009, unless prior approval received for extended timeline.

1. **Project Title:** Outreach Coordinator – AmeriCorps Position
2. **Funding Requested:** \$ 3,000
3. **Project Lead/Grant Applicant (Name & County):** Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Sheboygan County
 - a) **Project Collaborator(s) (if applicable)** Jose Aurajo, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, Partners for Community Development, Inc

4. **Signature:** _____
Grant Applicant/Lead

5. **Project Description**

This request for financial support will assist the Sheboygan County 4-H Program to provide quality after-school program coordination through the Partners for Community Development (PCD) AmeriCorps Program (a separate program than the AmeriCorps members provided through the 4-H Youth Development Program Area). Through a strong partnership with PCD the Sheboygan County 4-H Program has been offered a full-time AmeriCorps member to provide Outreach Coordination to the 4-H Community Club Program and the 4-H Afterschool program. AmeriCorps members have similar missions and goals as the 4-H program such as promoting leadership development, citizenship and personal growth.

Each AmeriCorps program is funded primarily through the State AmeriCorps program with federal funding support filtered through the state. Each program has a responsibility to raise 27% (or \$6,000/ FT member) of the members costs as Supporting funding. Partners for Community Development, Inc have requested the Sheboygan County 4-H Program to share this responsibility. It is my estimate that through various grant funding I have already received, I can contribute approximately \$3,000. This leaves approximately \$3,000 that is still needed to make this position possible to us.

The Outreach Program Coordinator (AmeriCorps Member) will work with several outreach efforts of the 4-H Youth Development Program including 4-H Afterschool at Sheridan Elementary School and Farnsworth Middle School, Urban Community Club Development, promoting to and integrating urban and underserved youth within the traditional community club programs.

Their responsibilities will include:

- To recruit and support youth and adult leaders from local high schools, colleges, businesses and professional organizations.

- To assist in the facilitation of training and support for leaders and staff; teaching strategies of how to build citizenship, leadership and life skills within youth
- To utilize professional partnerships when guiding youth with personal, school and life decisions.
- To provide a link between 4-H Afterschool and the 4-H Community Clubs by providing leadership to developing urban 4-H clubs
- To assist developing urban 4-H Clubs in the establishment of guidelines, goals and planning as well as overall enrollment and club charter process.
- To adapt 4-H curriculum and activities to best meet the needs and interests of the populations being served
- To guide youth leaders in their leadership skill development through outreach programming

The program objectives to be achieved through this position include:

- To increase leadership, citizenship and life skills within youth participants of 4-H Afterschool and other outreach programming.
- To retain 90% of youth participants within the programs for one full school-year.
- To increase 4-H membership of traditionally underserved youth populations within the 4-H program
- To demonstrate a positive youth development approach to afterschool programming
- To train new and experienced adult volunteers in the adaptations that will sustain involvement of underserved populations within the 4-H program.

These objectives and the program impact will be shared through district meetings, state program area conferences, and locally to key stakeholders via the annual County Board Reception and our local Extension Committee Meeting.

The AmeriCorps member will participate in a performance review every six months. AmeriCorps program objectives will be reported quarterly throughout the AmeriCorps year, September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

6. Detailed budget breakdown (specifying the amount and purpose of funds requested from District Resource Management funds, and clarifying the source and amounts from other funds):

Total Supporting Funds for 1 Full-Time AmeriCorps Position = \$6,000

- Eastern District One Time Management Funds = \$3,000
- 4-H Afterschool Training Program Grant (Met Life) = \$660
- Plymouth/Sheboygan United Way Funds = \$1,500
- AmeriCorps Program Fundraising Efforts = \$400
- Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Funds = 440

7. If you have received Resource Management funds, in the past, include the following information for all funded projects (if you have a number of past projects, this can be a separate (4th) page):

Funds were recently received for the Small Engines; Big Lessons Project. This is also an outreach project of the 4-H program and Partners for Community Development, Inc. This new request will have a greater impact through the capacity it will build through time and resources contributed to all outreach programs.