



ENGAGING YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANTS Application<sup>©</sup>

Fall Deadline: September 18, 2020

Spring Deadline: January 22, 2021

***EVSC applicants must send application to Kim McWilliams for initial approval.***

Return completed application:

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## What are MAD Grants?

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE (MAD) GRANTS** allow young people to identify community needs and problems and come up with service projects to help. The most important part of the Make a Difference Grant is that it is a service project that allows young people to give back in tangible ways. It is important that the young people are seeing the people and places they serve from the beginning to the end of their project.

## What does it mean to have a MAD service project?

Dropping off a bag of clothes at a clothing center is a donation.

Volunteering to sort clothes, price them, etc is service.

Buying blankets for homeless is a donation.

Sewing or tying blankets for homeless is service.

For example, a group that collects donations for a homeless shelter versus the group going there to prepare, serve and the clean up after the meal. An example of donation versus service/volunteering. We ask that groups keep the service/volunteer component at the forefront of their mind when developing their ideas.

## Who qualifies for a MAD Grant?

You qualify for a grant if you are a school, church, club, nonprofit or individual student that has backing from a registered 501(c)3 organization. The youth who write, plan, and implement the service project should be in grades K-12.

## What are the Grant details?

- Grant awards range from \$100- \$750.
- All grant project ideas must originate from the youth and their interests.
- Youth must be at the center of the planning, preparation, and the implementation of the service project.
- Projects must address a real community need and provide a service to others in the community through the youth involved volunteer efforts.
- The grant projects must take place during the school year. Projects that run the summer are not eligible for funding.

## What is not covered under MAD funding?

It is important to note that there are items that do not fall under the MAD funding guidelines.

No fees can be paid for salaries or wages or any kind, fees of any kind (speaker, registration, camp, etc), no capital items (electronics, equipment, pots, pans, etc), overhead costs, rental costs, t-shirts, gift cards, and direct donations to other organizations.

This is not an exhaustive list due to the nature of the Make a Difference Grant Program. Please reach out to us if you have questions about budget costs.

# Important Dates

- Grant applications must be received by Friday, September 18, 2020, for fall applicants or by Friday, January 22, 2021, for spring applicants.
- All grant paperwork must be turned in by Friday, May 14, 2021
- Hall of Fame Celebration that is attended by grant recipients is Thursday, April 29, 2021

## How do I/WE apply for a MAD Grant?

### STEP 1: RESEARCH & PLANNING

- Brainstorm with your youth to determine a need in your community.
- Develop a service project that meets that need.

### STEP TWO: COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

- Be specific and give as much detail as possible to complete each question.
- Youth Resources believes that the youth deserve to be recognized for their hard work! You will notice in the budget section of the application that 5% of each grant must be used towards youth recognition.
- Please contact Jessica Fehrenbacher at (812) 421-0030 or [jessica@youth-resources.org](mailto:jessica@youth-resources.org) with questions or for grant-writing assistance.

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## What's Next?

- **EVSC applicants** should submit their original Make A Difference Grant application **AND** one copy of the application via school mail by September 18, 2020, or January 22, 2021, to:  
EVSC Center for Family, School & Community Partnership  
c/o Kim McWilliams Jr.  
123 Main St.  
Evansville, IN 47708
- **All other applicants** should submit their original Make A Difference Grant application **AND** one copy of the application by September 18, 2020, or January 22, 2021, to:  
Youth Resources  
c/o Jessica Fehrenbacher  
P.O. Box 3635  
Evansville, IN 47735

## GRANT ATTACHMENTS

- Verification of organization's not-for-profit status
- List of main director(s) and officer(s)
- Brief history and description of the group
- Original MAD Grant application plus two additional copies

## REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

ORGANIZATION/GROUP NAME		ADULT ADVISOR NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
WORK PHONE	( )	CELL PHONE	( )
E-MAIL ADDRESS			
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE NAME		YOUTH REP AGE	

## PROJECT DETAILS

On a separate sheet, type or print your answers to the following:

- A. Describe the project in detail.
- B. How will it help the community? What community problem/need is the project addressing?
- C. When will the project begin and end? Where will the project take place? Please submit a tentative schedule of activities.
- D. Who will benefit from this project?
- E. How have youth been involved in planning this project? How will youth be involved in the actual project?
- F. How will the youth reflect/evaluate the project?
- G. If this is a school project, what is the connection to classroom curriculum?

## PROJECT BUDGET

On a separate sheet, type or print your answers to the following:

- A. What is the total cost of your project?
- B. How much money are you requesting from Youth Resources? Have you requested funding from any other sources?
- C. What donations of funds, talent, time or materials have you or do you project you will receive for this project? Please note donated items and their estimated value.
- D. If the full amount of your request cannot be funded, what portion of the request do you consider most essential (include dollar amount)?
- E. Please attach a detailed budget as per the following guidelines:
  - a. Direct operation of the project: 85%
  - b. Transportation (if not applicable, apply to direct operation): 10%
  - c. Youth recognition: 5%

# AUTHORIZATION

All grants and awards from Youth Resources are in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be the subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving financial assistance.

**Two officers of the applying organization with knowledge of the matters contained in the grant application form must sign this certification.** This would ordinarily be the project director and the chief officer of the board, agency directory, school principal, or church pastor. One of the two must have legal authority to obligate the organization.

## The undersigned certify that:

1. All information contained in this application is accurate or represents a reasonable estimate of future operations based on data available at the time of the application.
2. There are no misstatements or misrepresentations in the information submitted here or as a supplement.
3. The organization will comply with the civil rights and handicapped regulations summarized above and with other Make A Difference Grant guidelines.
4. The group applying for this Youth Resources grant has its agency's permission to apply for the grant and carry out the project.

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ADULT ADVISOR SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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APPLYING AGENCY DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE