

# Monsanto & Indiana FFA

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All Indiana FFA Chapters interested in making an impact on their local communities are encouraged to apply for a Monsanto Community Service Challenge Grant. These grants are designed to assist Indiana FFA chapters in developing meaningful community service projects. FFA Chapters are encouraged to engage local Monsanto employees and dealers in implementing their projects. Grants ranging up to \$1000 will be available through a special project of Monsanto. Proposals for more funding will be considered on a case by case basis.

### **Guidelines For Indiana FFA Challenge Grants:**

All Indiana FFA chapters are eligible to apply for a Community Service Challenge Grant.

The grant application must be fully completed to be considered.

Awarded funds must be used to develop a community or school service project.

Must provide opportunities for involvement from Monsanto employees and dealers.

Keep accurate records of expenditures.

Funds can only be used for materials that relate directly your selected project.

Notify your local media outlets of service project and challenge grant.

Provide a one-page report at the conclusion of your project with at least five supporting pictures.

### **What must I do to receive a challenge grant?**

Develop an idea for a specific community service project.

Obtain and complete the Indiana FFA Challenge Grant application.

Get approval of application.

### **Upon approval of application:**

Implement your grant plan of action.

Complete final report and evaluation.

No immediate deadlines will apply, grants will be awarded as an on-going process, provided funds are available.

*For more information or to obtain a grant application, please contact  
Brian Buchanan at 317-878-4178 or [brianwbuchanan@yahoo.com](mailto:brianwbuchanan@yahoo.com).*

# Potential Grant Projects

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Here are a few ideas you may want to consider in developing a grant project. However, these are only ideas to consider. Your chapter is highly encouraged to brainstorm, develop, and implement other ideas, which best fit the needs of your community.

Community Breakfast

Build a New Playground

Improve an Existing Community Park

Develop Multi-Media Projects

County Agricultural Days

Build Picnic Tables

Create an Educational Putt-Putt Golf Course

Hold a Concert or Dance to Raise Funds for a Special Cause

Develop a Landscaping Project

Educational Activities for Elementary Students

Adopt-A-Highway

Implement With “Project: Impact” Activities

Organize Seminars

Sporting Events

Plant Trees

Partner with Local Organizations

Research Community Needs and Opportunitites

# Helpful Hints in Developing a Successful Community Service Project

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Incorporate with an existing chapter activity. Your grant project does not need to be a new idea. These funds can help to enhance a current project.

Collaborate with other school or community organizations.

Identify your target audience.

Brainstorm and evaluate all potential ideas.

Identify community resources that will help your chapter create a successful project. (i.e. agricultural organizations and businesses, matching funds, etc.)

Develop a time-line and plan of action.

Choose a project that will have an effective impact on your target audience.

Set realistic goals.

Choose a practical project, which your chapter has the means to accomplish.

List all responsibilities required to successfully accomplish the project.

Assign specific responsibilities required to successfully accomplish the project.

Assign specific responsibilities evenly among chapter members.

Meet regularly and evaluate progress.

Make adjustments to your plan, as needed.

Have fun and think big!

Develop and execute a public relations plan with your project.

Plan and incorporate local Monsanto employees or dealers in your project.

Consider choosing a community service project that promotes youth, agriculture and/or agricultural education in the community.

# Community Service Initiative Grant Applications

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The application will include the following information:

Chapter contact information.

Goals of the project.

Complete description of the project and the resources needed for the project.

How the project will enhance your school and/or community.

How can local Monsanto employees and dealers assist with the project.

Public relations plan.

Plan to seek matching funds, if applicable.

Total amount of funding requested and a complete budget of the project.

A step-by-step timeline to implement the project.

Signatures of chapter president, advisor and school superintendent.

***If you are interested in this grant opportunity, contact Brian Buchanan at 317-878-4178 or by email at [brianwbuchanan@yahoo.com](mailto:brianwbuchanan@yahoo.com).***