



# SAUNDERS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

PO Box 126, Ithaca Nebraska 68033

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## 2023 Saunders County 4-H Council Grant

The Saunders County 4-H Council seeks to promote and support positive youth development and club experience for youth in Saunders County through offering grants to support club efforts. Grant applicants are encouraged to identify needs of the county, club, members, leaders, and/or volunteers.

Funds are allocated to support one or more of the following objectives:

- Improve club quality.
- Improve club member experience.
- Support club member retention.
- Support positive and sustained relationships between youth and adults.
- Supports building life skills.
- Encourage career exploration.

**Projects may be new or existing of the club and/or county. Approvable projects include, but are not limited to:**

- Updated or additional safety equipment.
- New and innovative teaching resources.
- Recruitment efforts supplies, especially targeting underserved populations.
- Materials for 4-H workshops utilizing experiential learning focused on member education aligned with a minimum of one of the seven Nebraska 4-H content priorities.
- Youth participant and/or lead community service meeting a local need.

### Eligibility

The Saunders County 4-H Council has allocated funding to provide grants to Saunders County 4-H members and clubs. Applicants must be either a registered Saunders County 4-H member or a registered Saunders County 4-H club. Members that are part of a registered club are encouraged, but not required, to apply as a club rather than an individual member.

For a club to be eligible to apply for the Saunders County 4-H Council Grant the club must be in good standing including, but not limited to, completing the following:

- Completed all necessary documentation to be recognized as an approved 4-H club.
- Meet regularly.
- Have a minimum of 5 youth club members from at least 3 different families annually.

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- Have elected club officers for the current year.
- Complete a service learning or community service project annually.
- Submitted the End of Year Financial Report for the year.
- Hold an active EIN.

### **Applications**

Grant applications will be distributed to club members, leaders, and volunteers via the Saunders County Extension website and Smore newsletter. Applications must be typed and submitted to the Saunders County Extension Office. Applications will be reviewed by the Saunders County 4-H Council.

### **Funding**

The Saunders County 4-H Council will decide annually the number of grants and of what amounts, not to exceed \$300 each, will be awarded based on applications and available funding. Grant funds may not be used for salaries or personal gain of any kind. Any equipment or supplies purchased with use of grant funds will be property of the 4-H club. In the event the 4-H club dissolves the items purchased with grant funds will become property of the Saunders County 4-H Council. Grant funds will be issued after the 4-H Council reviews and approves applications.

### **Reporting:**

Grant recipients will be required to submit an evaluation report at completion of project to the Saunders County Extension Office. The evaluation report will include describing the impact the grant had on the club and/or its members, photographs of the project in implementation and final project, data on the number of youth and ages of each that took part in and were impacted by the project, data on the number of adult volunteers and/or leaders involved in the project, and report actual expenses inquired to implement the project.

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## Application:

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED CLUB NAME or REGISTERED MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT REQUESTED (NOT TO EXCEED \$300): \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Provide a summary of the project. (1-3 sentences).

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II. Provide a brief description indicating the need for financial assistance. (3-5 sentences).

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III. Identify up to 3 targeted outcomes for this project including how youth will be impacted and the benefit the project has on Saunders County 4-H.

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IV. Provide a timeline for the project including identifying who will be responsible for each activity.

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V. Itemized project budget

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VI. Identify adult leaders and volunteers providing guidance for the project.

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Club Leader Name (typed):

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Club Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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4-H Youth Project Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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When project is complete, please fill out this form and send to the extension office in a timely manner.

- Describe the impact the grant had on the club and/or its members.

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- Attach 3 to 5 high quality photos of the grant being implemented including a minimum of one of the final projects.

- Number of youth and ages of each that took part in and were impacted by the project.

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- Number of adult volunteers and/or leaders involved in the project.

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- Itemized Project Actual Expenses:

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