



SERVE OHIO
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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Make A Difference Day 2012 Mini-Grant Competition

ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism, in conjunction with its corporate Stewards of Service Honda and AEP Ohio, is pleased to announce the availability of grants to support community service projects organized for Make A Difference Day on October 27, 2012.

Purpose

The intent is to support projects that create or improve community assets or infrastructure, such as parks, schools, senior centers, community gardens and low-income homes. Mini-grants support local community engagement projects such as clothing and food donations or serving meals. Projects should be collaborative in nature and involve a broad spectrum of community participants. Benefits must accrue to the community as a whole, not simply to the applicant organization and its constituents.

Funding

Grant awards will be in the range of \$500 to \$1,000. Depending on amounts requested, an estimated five to ten grants will be awarded. There is no matching requirement for these grants. Consistent with the approved project budget, funds may be used for:

- ✕ Supplies/materials
- ✕ Equipment rental
- ✕ Food for participants
- ✕ Publicity/recruitment

Funds may not be used for staffing, equipment purchase, or grantee administration/overhead costs. All awards will be paid by reimbursement upon submission of the project report and documentation of expenditures.

Application Process

Non-profit and public organizations in Ohio including, but not limited to, volunteer centers, school districts, community colleges, universities, and local governments are eligible to apply. The application form must be completed, signed, and submitted by **Friday, September 28, 2012, 5:00 PM.**

Commission on Service and Volunteerism staff and board members will review applications. Reviewers will evaluate proposals based on the community need and the extent to which the project uses broad-based community participation and collaboration. Funding preference will be given to applicants that do not presently receive other grant funding from the Commission on Service and Volunteerism. All applicants will be notified of funding decisions by **Tuesday, October 9, 2012.**

Please refer questions regarding the Make A Difference Day Mini-Grant Competition to Nadine Wise, Professional Development and Inclusion Officer, at Nadine.Wise@serveohio.gov. Find the application form and additional information at www.serveohio.org.