

Grant County 4-H Leaders' Mini Grant Application Guidelines

The Grant County 4-H Leaders' Board is proud to announce their 9th annual grant program. This grant process has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm and creativity each year. We are hoping for a similar response for 2026. Please find below some guidelines that MUST be met for the grant to be considered.

1. All grants should be hand written by the individual who is applying for the grant. While we hope the grants will be neat and legible, it is just as important that each leader and member write in their own words and handwriting, their answers.
2. All grants must be turned in on time. Any grants postmarked after the date listed, shall not be considered.
3. The purchase of animals or feed shall not be considered. Items that assist in maintaining the project or exhibition of the project will be considered.
4. We ask that items to be purchased are such that can be used by future members and passed on and not one time use items. If a member or leader chooses to discontinue the project(s), please find another member to pass the item on to for continued use.
5. Please be creative and thoughtful when answering the questions giving as much information for the board to evaluate.
6. **NO GRANTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UNTIL A THANK YOU NOTE IS RECEIVED. IF THANK YOU NOTES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, THE GRANT WILL NOT BE DISPERSED.**
7. Not all grants will be funded and some grants may only be partially funded. Please include, if applicable, other funding opportunities available.
8. If members were to apply for a new project grant and a continuing project grant, only one grant may be funded.
9. Members may be awarded grant funds in multiple years and the selection committee will take in to consideration the number of times funds have been received before awarding funds, to ensure funds are supporting the most youth possible.

2026 Grant County 4-H Project Grant Application

4-H Leader

This grant program is designed to help 4-H LEADERS purchase items that will help expand a specific project they are leading. Special consideration will be towards those grants which show multiple opportunities to assist members from multiple clubs. There is a limit of one grant application per leader and can only be applied towards one project. We want to see your dedication for the project and that the materials purchased with this grant will be used for years to come.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY- APPLICATION MUST BE HAND WRITTEN BY THE 4-H MEMBER

Amount of money being requested: _____

Maximum is \$150

SECTION 1 – 4-H INFORMATION

4-H Club/Project Area _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H Project area for this grant _____ Years in This Project _____

Have you received a 4-H mini grant before? Yes No If yes, for what project area? _____
(Please circle one)

SECTION 2 – MATERIALS & BUDGET

What item(s) do you plan to purchase with grant funds? How much do these item(s) cost? Where will you purchase these item(s) from?

<u>Examples:</u>			
Single Buckle Slimline Round Strap Cattle Show Halter	Nasco		\$29.50
Sewing Materials			
Pattern	Wal-Mart		\$5.00
Rotary Cutter	JoAnn Fabrics		\$15.99
Craftsman 10in Miter Saw	Farm & Fleet		\$99.99
Rabbit Supplies			
HavHart Rabbit Cage	Rural King		\$32.99
32 oz. Water Bottle	Rural King		\$3.99
Little Giant Metal Dropping Pan	Rural King		\$18.99

<u>ITEM(S)</u>	<u>STORE/PERSON</u>	<u>COST</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SECTION 3 – OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS

What is the current state of this project and what advancements or efforts have been previously made to improve this project to get it where it is today?

Where would you like to see this project go in the future or what goals do you have for it?

How would these materials be beneficial to or improve this project and how many members would be benefiting from this grant?

In order to be eligible for one of these grants you must meet the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a certified leader.
- Must be currently enrolled in the project for which they are applying for materials.
- Must complete, in its entirety, all sections of this application and submit it to the address below by **February 2, 2026**.

Send or Deliver application by February, 2026 to:

Grant County Extension Office
4-H Leaders Executive Committee
916 E. Elm Street, Suite A
Lancaster, WI 53813

I hereby certify that I have completed this application to the best of my ability. I understand that if I am awarded grant funds, I will be required to help members complete the 4-H project and show it at either the Grant County Fair, Blake's Prairie Jr. Fair, Fennimore Junior Fair, or Platteville Dairy Days.

Leader's Name: _____

Leader's Address: _____

Leader's signature _____ *Date* _____

-Funds will not be awarded to purchase an animal or feed; however, supplies for care and show are acceptable.

-Funds will not be awarded for items that cannot be used for more than one year.

-NOT ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE FUNDED OR FUNDED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

-If members apply for multiple grants, only one will be funded.

-The applications will be reviewed at the February/March Executive Committee meeting. The names of the applicants will be omitted from the applications during the selection process.

-Recipients will be contacted by April 10, 2026 via mail. Thank you notes will be required before grant is received.