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## YOUTH UNITED

### Youth United State Farm® Matching Grant 2010-2011

We are excited to announce the fifth year of the Youth United State Farm Matching Grant. State Farm has provided 15 matching grants and 5 bonus grants for Youth United for the 2010-2011 school year. The available grants include:

- Five \$10,000 matching grants
- Ten \$4,000 matching grants
- Five \$1,000 bonus grants

Groups may apply for a rehab bonus grant; five bonus grants of \$1000 will be awarded based on the rehab project described. Groups must apply for and receive a matching grant to be eligible for a bonus. These bonus grants do not have to be matched. For instance, if a group is awarded a \$5000 matching grant and a bonus grant, they would have to raise \$5000 and then will receive \$6000. All funds will be released after the match has been raised and will still be sent directly to the affiliate.

Grant winners who have not participated in an action planning session during 2010 can also apply to receive an action planning session as part of their award. The action planning session is conducted by an HFHI Youth United coordinator, and will provide the Youth United group with information and help them create a plan to meet their goals. Action planning session topics can include fundraising, recruitment, working with younger youth, and more. The Youth United coordinator will travel to present the session between November 2010 and May 2011 at a mutually agreed upon time. The Youth United group is responsible for arranging a meeting space and making sure that *at least* six youth representatives are present. The affiliate contact is also encouraged to attend.

#### Timeline

- August 15, 2010: Application online
- October 1, 2010: Applications due
- October 20, 2010: Phone interviews with select applicants
- October 31, 2010: Award recipients notified
- May 15, 2010: All grant requirements must be met for funds to be received

#### Requirements

In order to receive the grant, the covenant affiliate must be in good standing with HFHI, have signed a Youth United Letter of Intent and completed their end of year YU report by June 5, 2010. Youth United groups who have been awarded another grant through HFHI must be up to date in their reporting.

Youth United groups who received the matching grant in 2009-2010 (awards were announced in fall 2009) may apply again; however, preference will be given to new applicants.

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Previous accomplishments in house building and fundraising
- Organization and sustainability of the Youth United group.
- Success in involving diverse youth in Youth United.
- Success in engaging homeowner and under 16 youth in Youth United.

## Expectations

If awarded the matching grant, Youth United groups are expected to:

- Sign a letter of intent.
- Raise the matching amount by May 15, 2010.  
*Note: A letter from the affiliate indicating that the funds have been raised must be received by HFHI in order to transfer the funds. Funds will be sent directly to the covenant affiliate.*
- Plan and participate in a recognition event with your State Farm zone office.
- Complete the grant evaluation.
- Youth United groups who received an action planning session must complete their session, with at least six youth in attendance, by May 15, 2011.

## Application

To fill out the online application, you will need:

- Name and contact info of the affiliate contact and a youth leader.
- Date of signing the Youth United Letter of Intent (when the YU group was started).
- House building and fund-raising history for the Youth United group.
- List of steering committee positions filled.

To apply, go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010-11StateFarmYUmatchinggrant>.

Questions? Contact us at [youthunited@habitat.org](mailto:youthunited@habitat.org).

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