





Missouri Farmers Care

Changing lives one meal at a time

### 2024 MISSOURI 4-H CLUB MATCHING MINI-GRANTS

in partnership with Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids Missouri 4-H, in partnership with Missouri Farmers Care Foundation's Drive to Feed Kids, is offering clubs an opportunity to take part in a \$250 matching mini-grant program.

The goal of the club mini-grants is to provide 4-H clubs a service learning opportunity to address food insecurity needs or awareness in their community. Learn more at www.MOFarmersCare.com/Drive.





# 4-H CLUB REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS

The Drive to Feed Kids is a year-round effort of Missouri farmers, agri-businesses and partners to address food insecurity in our state while sharing how we utilize science and technology to produce food for our communities. Through the program, approximately 16 4-H clubs will be awarded \$250 grants to provide efforts related to food insecurity locally. Outlined below are the expectations for clubs to take part in this opportunity.



### **APPLY FOR MINI-GRANT**

BY DECEMBER 15, 2023

Proposals will be reviewed and funded based upon individual merit and adherence with program guidelines. Grantees will be notified by January 15 of their application status. If all funds are not awarded, additional applications will be accepted.

- The grant will be a \$250 matching mini-grant. The match can be in-kind or monetary.
- Download the application at URL https://tinyurl.com/4-HFeedingMO
- Submit the one-page mini-grant application to provide an overview of the service project that addresses a need related to food insecurity.
- Submit applications by emailing them to 4Hyouth@missouri.edu. Email subject line: 4-H Grant Application.



## FOOD INSECURITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 30, 2024

The service project must take place by April 30 and the required impact reports are due May 15.

- Work to use the <u>Strengthening</u>
   <u>Food Insecurity through</u>
   <u>Experiential Learning Resource</u> to make an impactful experience.
- Resources such as food bank contacts and template promotional materials are located at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4-HFeedingMO">https://tinyurl.com/4-HFeedingMO</a>



### FOOD INSECURITY SERVICE IDEAS

Proposals must address food insecurity efforts – could be, but not limited to:

- Packing event
- Backpack programs
- Hunger awareness efforts
- Education about food insecurity in your community
- Food drop off boxes (sometimes called blessing boxes)

- Organize/participate or start a farmer to family food box program
- Hold a collection contest between grades at your school
- Create a community garden
- Ask <u>your local food pantry</u> how you can help



SEE HOW FOOD INSECURITY AFFECTS YOUR COUNTY

Visit Map the Meal Gap at https://map.feedingamerica.org/.



#### **SUBMIT IMPACT REPORTS**

BY MAY 15, 2024

Submit service project impact reports to the Missouri Farmers Care portal no later than May 15, 2024.

4-H Mini-Grant Impact Report Portal: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4-HFeedingMO">https://tinyurl.com/4-HFeedingMO</a>



### QUESTIONS

If you have grant specific questions, please contact 4Hyouth@missouri.edu

Additional resources and information can be located at

http://mofarmerscare.com/driveminigrant/.



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