

WSU Whitman County 4-H Endowment Fund Grant Program

WSU Whitman County Extension received a large financial donation to our 4-H program and has created an endowment that will supply an annual \$1500 grant program. While \$1500 is the total amount given annually, the grant may be awarded to several smaller projects that total that amount. We will accept grant applications from *October 1* to *January 31* and the grant funds will be awarded in March.

Who can apply for grant money?

4-H clubs, 4-H certified volunteers and 4-H club members may apply for this grant.

What can the grant money be used for?

Grant money may be used for 4-H events, items or programs that benefit 4-Hers in Whitman County. Money may be used for event registration, but NOT for travel expenses (airline tickets, hotels). Money may be used to reimburse a judge or clinician for an event. Money may be used for club/county project supplies (i.e. sewing machines, livestock scale, etc.) but may NOT be used to purchase food or project animals.

Who will decide how the money is allocated?

Grants will be awarded by a committee that includes: one individual from Whitman County Extension, one individual from a Whitman County office outside of extension and two individuals employed by 4-H programs outside of Whitman County. This committee will be created annually.

What criteria will be used for awarding the grant money?

The committee will be asked to award the money in a way that provides the highest positive impact to Whitman County's 4-H Program. That means that events/programs/items that benefit all 4-H youth in a club or the county will be prioritized over events/programs/items that benefit an individual 4-Her. Please note that grant applications for individual costs (event registrations, etc.) are still accepted, but may not be prioritized as highly when allocating funding. Similarly, items or supplies that can be used from year to year will be prioritized over items or supplies used for a shorter period of time.

What if my club does not handle funds?

If a club that does not handle funds is awarded an item (asset), the item will become an asset of Whitman County 4-H that is used by that club and returned to the county following use by the club.

This year's application is still being completed and will be available by November 1. Please consider submitting an application for your club this year!