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.
The Drive to Feed Kids is a year-round effort of Missouri farmers, agri-businesses and partner 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 cubs to take part in this opportunity.

**APPLY FOR MINI-GRANT BY JANUARY 15, 2023**

Proposals will be reviewed and funded based upon individual merit and adherence with program guidelines. Grantees will be notified by February 1 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 dollars.
- 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, 2023

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

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

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 your local food pantry how you can help

SEE HOW FOOD INSECURITY AFFECTS YOUR COUNTY

Visit Map the Meal Gap at https://map.feedingamerica.org/.
Submit service project impact reports to the Missouri Farmers Care portal no later than May 15, 2023.

4-H Mini-Grant Impact Report Portal: https://tinyurl.com/4-HFeedingMO

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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Learn more about Drive to Feed Kids and see a full list of sponsors at www.mofarmerscare.com/drive.