



## Global Youth Service Day

### **2015 Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant Application Guidelines**

The [Michigan Community Service Commission](#), [Michigan Nonprofit Association](#), [Volunteer Centers of Michigan](#), [The LEAGUE Michigan](#), [Michigan Campus Compact](#), with support from the Connect Michigan Alliance Endowment Fund, Youth Service America, and the Corporation for National and Community Service are awarding mini-grants to Michigan organizations who wish to host volunteer projects as part of the 2015 Global Youth Service Day (GYSD).

**All proposed events or activities must occur on or around GYSD –Monday, April 13, 2015 through Friday, April 24, 2015. Preference will be given to projects that occur on Friday, April 17- Sunday, April 19.**

#### **Grant Amounts**

Grants valued at up to \$500 are available and will be distributed based on the following scale:

\$500- Engage 100 or more volunteers

\$350- Engage at least 50 volunteers

\$200- Engage at least 25 volunteers

#### **Purpose**

These grants are intended to encourage youth volunteer projects that address education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, disaster preparedness, supporting veterans and military families, or public safety. Please note these funds are available solely to engage people in volunteer projects – not community engagement events (i.e. prayer breakfasts or educational marches).

#### **Eligible Applicants**

National service grantees, volunteer centers, nonprofits, K-12 and higher education institutions are eligible to apply.

#### **Application**

Complete the application available online. If a paper application is required, please email [cmartin@mivolunteers.org](mailto:cmartin@mivolunteers.org). Applicants are encouraged to participate in one of the two informational grant webinars occurring on February 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and February 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Webinar Registration:

February 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.-

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3620356803104578817>

February 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.-

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5939461022060916737>

#### **Application Deadline**

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

#### **Reporting Requirements**

Grant recipients must complete a final report survey. A link to the final report survey will be provided to grantees after they have been awarded funds. The final report must be completed by Friday, May 1, 2015.

### **Other Grant Requirements**

If approved, an organization representative will be required to participate in one webinar for 2014 GYSD mini-grant recipients. Available dates include Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. Webinar registration information will be provided to the mini-grant recipients. Mini-grant recipients will be required to register the service project as an official 2015 GYSD event by Friday, April 3 at [www.gysd.org](http://www.gysd.org). Service project registration information will be provided during the mini-grant recipient webinars.

### **Funding Guidelines**

Applicants are encouraged to consider the following:

- Funds must be used to support elements of a service project.
- Projects must focus on education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, disaster preparedness, supporting veterans and military families, or public safety.
- Projects should demonstrate collaboration among multiple organizations such as higher education institutions, volunteer centers, youth service organizations, and/or national service programs.

### **Allowable Expenses**

Mini-grant funds must be used to support essential volunteer project materials that correlate with the volunteer project activities outlined in the project description section of the application. Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- Environmental clean-up supplies (ie. gloves, rakes, shovels)
- Building supplies (ie. lumber, nails, hammer)
- Educational supplies (ie. books, markers, scissors)

Applicants are encouraged to find alternate or match funding for supplemental items that are not essential to the success of the volunteer project such as snacks, t shirts, water. Please use the budget explanation section of the application to clearly explain why the items listed in the budget are essential to the success of the community volunteer project.

### **Notification**

All applicants will be notified electronically by **Monday, March 9, 2015.**

Awardee are required to return a signed award letter to accept funds by Friday, March 20 2015.

### **Send questions to:**

[cmartin@mivolunteers.org](mailto:cmartin@mivolunteers.org)

