

SHAPING RURAL MISSOURI APPLICATION

Save and email completed applications to marketing@myfcsfinancial.com, or mail to FCS Financial, Marketing Department, 2800 Woodard Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. Questions, email marketing@myfcsfinancial.com or call toll free 1-800-369-3276 ext. 1173. Applications due by April 1.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Club or Chapter Name: _____ County: _____

Contact Information for Project Chair

Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Contact Information for 4-H Club Leader or Chapter Advisor, if different than above:

Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Project Information

Title of Proposed Project (200 characters or less):

Project Site Location Name: (i.e. Ford School, Moose Park, County Fairgrounds, Smith Senior Center)

Project Location's Street Address & City: _____

Overview: Provide a brief description of the proposed community improvement project.

Statement of Need: Why was this project selected and what community needs will the completed project meet?

Goals: What will members learn through participating in this project?

Partnerships: What other individuals, organizations, groups, or agencies support the project?

Evaluation: How will success of the project be measured?

Project Action Plan & Timetable

Date	Task or Action	Person/People Responsible
	Targeted Completion Date for Project:	

Proposed Budget

Expected Income (if applicable)		Expected Expenses		In Kind Donations (if applicable)		
Source	Amount	Item	Amount	Source	Item	Estimated Value
Total		Total		Total		

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SHAPING RURAL MISSOURI GRANT PROGRAM

Developing a thriving rural Missouri is one of FCS Financial's values. The Shaping Rural Missouri grant program offers local 4-H and FFA organizations \$500 grants to implement projects that will benefit their rural communities. Funds will be awarded to assist club or chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make their local communities better places to live. FCS Financial encourages applicants to collaborate with other community organizations to develop and complete their improvement project.

Each proposal will be reviewed and scored by a grant review team. Award winning applicants will be notified of their award and contacted by a local FCS Financial representative to schedule a check presentation and photo opportunity.

PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

4-H & FFA members have a special opportunity to demonstrate their interest in contributing to their local community by applying for the Shaping Rural Missouri Grant Program. Clubs & chapters are encouraged to choose a project that has tangible value where the outcome of the project can be seen or touched. The following list of potential projects. This grant could also be combined with other funds to complete a larger project.

- Provide landscaping at a fairgrounds, park, or near a community building.
- Construct and maintain a community bulletin board.
- Upgrading or building picnic tables or benches at a community facility.
- Establish a community recreation park facility.
- Develop a roadside park.
- Implement a tree planting program.
- Develop a bicycle, horse, or hiking trail.
- Set up a community self-guided nature trail.
- Clean and repair a community church.
- Build playground equipment that is designed for children with disabilities.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Solicit project suggestions from club members and select the most worthwhile workable project for your community.
2. Work out a budget considering both time and expenses involved.
3. Appoint or elect a committee of youth to give leadership to the project.
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5. The grant review team will make final decisions on grants by **May 1**.
6. The \$500 grant check will be presented to the club by a local FCS Financial representative.
7. Projects must be completed by December 31.

REPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Keep a record or scrapbook of your project from the beginning, including photos.
- Share updates about your project with the local FCS Financial office.
- Inform community leaders and local news media about the project, updating them periodically on progress and community acceptance.

4-H clubs & FFA chapters eligible for the community improvement grants must be located in one of the 102 counties served by FCS Financial: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb, Dent, Douglas, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Howell, Iron, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Reynolds, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, St. Louis, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Webster, Worth, Wright.