

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- \*Each project must be offered to a minimum number of 10-15 youth participants
- \*Projects may be implemented by an individual or an organization
- \*Preference will be given to completely new and innovative endeavor
- \*Applicants must submit a budget and timeline for the project
- \*A maximum of \$1,000.00 will be granted per approved project
- \*Applicants must identify at least one asset that he/she will focus on throughout the project, why that particular asset(s) was identified, how he/she plans to address the asset(s), and what the perceived outcome is of focusing on that asset(s).
- \*Applicants must identify and meet at least one of the “Characteristics of an Asset Building Community (attached to application)
- \****Count Me In!*** gives preference to grants for programs that benefit the community at large and not just a particular organization
- \*The ***Count Me In!*** Team is available to help with marketing or the organization of activities

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Grant Application

Mail Application and Documentation to:  
**Count Me In!**  
**Whitley County Community Foundation**  
**400 North Whitley Street**  
**Columbia City, IN 46725**  
**260-244-5224**

Name of applicant or organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of youth participants: Preschool** \_\_\_\_ **Elementary School** \_\_\_\_  
**Middle School** \_\_\_\_ **High School** \_\_\_\_

**Number of Adult Volunteers:** \_\_\_\_

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWNG QUESTIONS**

1. On which Asset(s) will the project focus?
2. Describe what the project is, and how the project will be carried out within the community using specific details.
3. Where will the project take place and when?
4. An itemized budget of how funds will be used.
5. A timeline for the project.
6. Are there other potential or committed funding sources?
7. How does this request fit the ***Count Me In!*** mission to "...nurture the healthy development of young people...?"

## Characteristics of an Asset-Building Community

What are some of the core features of a town or city that seeks to build developmental assets for all of its children and adolescents? Proposed here are 15 benchmarks:

- \*All residents take personal responsibility for building assets in children and adolescents.
- \*The community thinks and acts in an intergenerational fashion.
- \*The community builds a consensus on values and boundaries, which it seeks to articulate and model.
- \*All children and teenagers frequently engage in service to others.
- \*Families are supported, educated, and equipped to elevate asset-building to top priority.
- \*All children and teenagers receive frequent expressions of support in both informal settings and in places where youth gather.
- \*Neighborhoods are places of caring, support, and safety.
- \*Schools mobilize to promote caring, clear boundaries, and sustained relationships with adults.
- \*Businesses establish family-friendly policies and embrace asset-building principles for young employees.
- \*The media repeatedly communicate the community's vision, support local mobilization efforts, and provide forums for sharing innovative actions taken by individuals and organizations.
- \*All professionals and volunteers who work with youth receive training in asset-building.
- \*Youth have opportunities to serve, lead, and make decisions.
- \*Religious institutions mobilize their resources to build assets both within their own programs and in the community.
- \*The community-wide commitment to asset-building is long-term and sustained.