

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Wyoming 4-H Community Pride**

**4-H COMMUNITY PRIDE** is an educational program aimed at developing good citizens who understand how a community can solve its problems and provide services for its citizens.

Community pride projects, carried out either by individuals or by groups provide the opportunity for youth to understand, experience and successfully function in the community development process.

The goal of this program is to teach youth that they, as individuals, can affect the quality of life in any community they are a part of by giving them some insights into the process and the necessary tools and skills used to affect change in a community.

**THE OBJECTIVES** of Community Pride are to help young people:

- Become aware of and understand what a community is and how it functions.
- Actively participate with adults in improving the quality of community life.
- Gain the personal developmental skills necessary to be a good citizen and a functional member of the community.
- Becomes directly involved in making community decisions.

### **WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT**

4-H community pride is a Wyoming 4-H project for either individuals or groups. Club or county groups may apply for grants. Individual members and their families may also apply for and receive grants. Individual member projects should be planned to involve their families, but should still focus on some need of the community. If selected for a grant, individuals will need to complete all the same reports and meet the same requirements as the 4-H groups.

### **PROCEDURES**

Once a club or individual has determined what community need they would like to meet, the first actual step is for them to determine what type of community needs they are concerned with. Once they have identified some community need, they have to decide to what extent they will become involved in trying to solve the problem, and develop their plan. If their plans require funds beyond those of the club or family, they should complete the application and project proposal for their request for seed money.

To receive a grant, the club or individual must submit an application and proposal of their project plans. The applications should be sent to the State 4-H Office, 1000 E. University, Dept. 3354, Laramie, WY 82071-3354. Applications must be made out on the standard forms, which are available from the State 4-H Office.

**GRANT MONEY** is available, up to \$500.00 per group project or \$250.00 for individual or family. These funds provided by Chevron U.S.A. are intended as **seed money only**, to help groups or individuals organize and accomplish some need they have identified in their community.

Chevron, U.S.A. and the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service are keenly interested in the **process** a group or family follows as they plan and accomplish a project.

### ***CRITERIA FOR JUDGING APPLICATIONS***

Proposals will be judged according to how deeply the applicant gets involved in this "process." The selection committee will base its judgment on the following consideration:

How have the needs, concerns and interests of the community been assessed?

What community "power structures" have been contacted for support in accomplishing your project?

Is the project directed toward the community (i.e. does it provide a service for some group beyond the club or 4-H program itself)?

Is the project directed toward a significant problem facing the community today (i.e. poverty, nutrition and health, employment, crime, alcohol or drug abuse, recreation/leisure time activities, senior citizens or handicapped persons)?

Does the proposal state specific plans for gaining financial support from within the community?

Are funds being sought for support of a project, which should be funded by city or County government or another agency, rather than 4-H?

Does the project fit the capabilities of the age of the 4-H group or member?

Proposals should indicate the extent to which the 4-H club has considered these questions.

### ***OBLIGATIONS***

If a 4-H group, individual, or family is given a grant, they must fulfill certain obligations as a part of their project.

Contracts must be signed by appropriate persons and be returned promptly to the State 4-H Office.

Accurate and complete financial records must be kept on the project, and should be submitted on the Community Pride Financial Report at the time of the final report in October.

The Community Pride Report must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by October 15 of the year of the grant.

Final report should include newspaper clippings and pictures to show what type of publicity was given to the project. Efforts should be made to receive favorable publicity **during or at completion** of the project.