

# Youth Volunteer Corps

## Persevering the Pandemic Projects

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# WELCOME

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**Youth Volunteer Corps creates volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service.**

YVC youth volunteers have planned some inspiring volunteer service projects in the last 33 years. The Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant was developed to support youth-created and youth-led service projects that promote essential workers, mental wellness, and perseverance during the pandemic in the communities that YVC impacts. **For the fourth year in a row, YVC's International Youth Advisory Board will serve as the grant administrators, review panel, and decision makers!**

Review the following guidelines to apply for the 2020- 2021 Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant. **QUESTIONS about eligibility or the submission process?** Contact Kaylee Neumann at [kneumann@yvc.org](mailto:kneumann@yvc.org) or by phone at 816-472-9822.

## PERSEVERING THE PANDEMIC PROJECTS GRANT

Quality YVC service projects have an interactive icebreaker, high-quality service-learning activities, meaningful reflection, and of course – amazing volunteer service that meets a real community need. The goal of this grant is to provide YVC youth volunteers with the funding needed to plan and implement projects that focus on persevering the pandemic in their community. While YVC youth volunteers can meet just about any community need –

**Projects for the Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant should be focused on educating, advocating, or even helping to maintain a mentally and physically healthy environment during this pandemic.**

## ELIGIBILITY

Only **active YVC youth volunteers** from affiliates in good standing are eligible for the Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant. Affiliates in good standing are current on fees or dues payments, data collection, and reports for YVC (as applicable).

## AWARD

The 2020 - 2021 Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant will be granted to three (3) YVC affiliates: two (2) **\$200** awards and one (1) **\$100** award.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2020 - 2021 Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant application is due **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**. To submit, email this application directly to [kneumann@yvc.org](mailto:kneumann@yvc.org). Grantees will be notified and publicly announced on **Monday, December 14, 2020**.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

This grant application seeks to support service projects that promote mental wellness alongside physical health. These projects may benefit local nonprofits, schools, or healthcare organizations.

Not sure where to start? Below is a partial list of potential service projects:

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Offer mental health first aid courses for youth volunteers
- Create educational videos for elementary school students about healthy habits and hand washing
- Offer master classes to youth to supplement for missing extracurricular activities
- Looking for an ongoing project? Partner with a senior center to offer tech education courses
- Make health care kits (reusable mask, hand sanitizer, etc) and deliver to homeless shelters
- Collect cans and non-perishables for local food banks and shelters

One IYAB member shares: “Innovation isn’t always something entirely new. Affiliates could also do some of the same projects they’ve been doing like feeding the homeless or childcare and use the grant money for PPE and extra health precautions.”

## REVIEW INFORMATION

The Persevering the Pandemic Projects Grant will support youth-created and youth-led volunteer service projects – and for the fourth year in a row, YVC’s International Youth Advisory Board will decide the grantees! Following the December 1 deadline, IYAB will review and discuss applications during their meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2020. **Grantees will be notified by a designee of IYAB and publicly announced by YVCHQ by December 14, 2020.**

## GRANT INFORMATION

Grants will not be made to individual youth volunteers. Grant checks will be sent directly to the sponsoring YVC program and applications require the signature of the YVC program director. Grantees will be required to complete a “Persevering the Pandemic Projects” grant report with the assistance of their YVC program director.

# Grant Application

**Date:**

**YVC Name:**

**Name of Youth Applicant(s):**

**Contact Phone:**

**Contact Email:**

**YVC Program Director Name:**

**YVC Program Director Signature:**

**Please provide detailed responses to the following:**

**STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA – HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:** How does your project fall under the Healthy Lifestyles Strategic Focus Area? Can it be included in an additional Strategic Focus Area? (You can learn more about Strategic Focus Areas here: <https://www.yvc.org/about-us/strategic-focus-areas/>)

**PROJECT NAME:** Give your project a fun, creative name!

**AGENCY PARTNER (IF APPLICABLE):** Where will the volunteer project take place? If the project will occur at your local YVC, whom will the project benefit?

**ICEBREAKER/TEAM BUILDER:** Describe the icebreaker and/or team builder that will take place on your project.

**COMMUNITY NEED:** What community need will this project address? Why is this issue important to you? Think creatively about why this project matters. Please reference at least one outside source that supports your claim (a news story, a quote from an agency partner, a research study, etc.)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Provide as much detail as you can about your proposed project. When and where will it take place? What exactly will you be doing? Is this a new project? If not, what will you do differently this time that will require grant funding?

**SERVICE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES:** What is the learning objective of your service project? How will you ensure that participants meet this objective? Discuss the service-learning lesson or activity that will be used during the project.

**REFLECTION:** Please list three high-quality reflection questions that will prompt discussion after the project. (*Hint: great reflection questions cannot be answered with a “yes” or “no” or “show of hands.”*)

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**OUTCOMES:** What will occur as a result of this project? How will you know it was a success? Some items to include might be: number of volunteers, number of hours served, number of clients reached, etc.

**BUDGET:** Please include a budget for your service project (maximum \$200). Exactly how will your grant money be spent?