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## National 4-H Council - Frequently Asked Questions

### What is National 4-H Council and What do They Do?

- Located in Chevy Chase, Maryland, National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of 4-H National Headquarters located at the National Institute Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Established in 1976 through the merger of the National 4-H Foundation and the National 4-H Service Committee, National 4-H Council partners with 4-H at all levels - national, state and local – to build stronger 4-H programs and distribute national financial support to benefit the nation's youth. Council supports national and state 4-H programs with a focus on fundraising, brand management, communications, and legal and fiduciary services. Other revenue generators include the National 4-H Youth Conference Center and the National 4-H Supply Service, both subsidiaries of National 4-H Council.

### Who Works at Council?

- At National 4-H Council we believe:
  - Every child should have the skills to thrive in life, community and career
  - Too many kids today are growing up unprepared for a complicated world
  - 4-H provides experiences that grow confident kids with the skills to take on life today and thrive in career tomorrow
  - The result: 6 million more confident, caring and capable kids.

Our executive leadership team and Board of Trustees are experts in the field of youth development. They are dedicated to the belief that helping kids achieve their boldest dreams empowers not only them but also our communities to thrive today, tomorrow, and beyond. Additional information on Council's Board of Trustees as well as bios for Council's executive leadership can be found at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org).

Council's 156 full and part time associates come from a variety of backgrounds but are all united in the above beliefs, enabling them to keep youth at heart regardless of the team in which they work. We are also proud that many of the associates who contribute their talents to Council's mission came to the organization from state and local 4-H offices and/or are 4-H alums themselves!

*National 4-H Council's mission is to increase investment and participation in high quality 4-H positive youth development.*



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## Can I and How Do I Contact Council?

- Yes! State and local 4-H programs may use and refer to the attached staff list to connect with National 4-Council associates.
- Do you have a great 4-H story? National 4-H Council would love to hear it! From 4-H professionals' work to 4-H youth making a difference to innovative 4-H programs, we want to know. Email [4hmarketing@4-h.org](mailto:4hmarketing@4-h.org) and we'll follow up.

## How Do I Obtain Grants Through Council?

- National 4-H Council grants give young people and adults the opportunity to take on issues critical to their lives, families, and communities. Youth and adults work together to design the project, write the proposal, and evaluate funded projects. The grants are offered to 4-H programs in local communities, in counties, and on the state level.

Grant deadlines are determined in conjunction with our funding partners. Once a particular grant is announced, grant proposals are normally solicited for a four- to eight-week period. Grants are awarded to 4-H Extension groups and are not available to individuals.

In partnership with corporate and federal donors, numerous grant and award opportunities support and recognize the 4-H system nationwide. These opportunities range from Citizenship; Science, Engineering, and Technology; Healthy Living; Afterschool; and Volunteerism.

Current grant opportunities can be found online at: [www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/](http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/)

Grant opportunities are also published as they become available in the 4-H Professionals weekly e-newsletter. You can sign up for the newsletter at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org).

## How Do I Become a Curriculum Reviewer or Author?

- Information on the 4-H's curriculum development process (including how to become a peer reviewer) can be found at: <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/development/develop/>
- To learn how to get exposure for your 4-H curriculum on the 4-H Mall by joining 4-H's Curriculum Affiliate program, visit: <http://www.4-hmall.org/curriculumaffiliate.aspx>



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## How Can/Does Council Connect With its Boots on the Ground People?

- National 4-H Council associates deeply value their relationships with those who are responsible for changing kids lives every day. Below are just some of the ways that Council works to strengthen its connections with 4-H professionals and volunteers nationwide.
  - By offering training and other professional development opportunities - usually supported by Council's grant funded initiatives;
  - Participation in the annual NAE4-HA conference as well as other regional, state and local professional and volunteer development opportunities each year;
  - Participation in task-forces and working groups that advance the 4-H mission (ex: NAE4-HA committees and task forces; mission mandate working groups)
  - Site visits to 4-H programs across the country;
  - Members of National 4-H Council's senior leadership team serve as liaisons to state 4-H program leaders in each region. Each region has its own designated Council liaison;
  - Via a liaison to NAE4-HA's Board of Trustees

Of course, we invite you to connect with us whenever you're visiting the National 4-H Youth Conference Center! Come say hello and let us know how we can help you.

## How is NAE4-HA Connected to Council?

- NAE4-HA's mission to offer youth development professionals the best in professional development, an inclusive and supportive network, and integration in scholarship, research and practice is directly connected to National 4-H Council's mission - to increase investment and participation in high quality 4-H positive youth development programs. Any success that Council achieves in its mission is a direct reflection of the outcomes produced by 4-H's high quality programs – and the 4-H youth development professionals who design and deliver them.
- Over fifty of National 4-H Council's associates are members of NAE4-HA themselves and Council's Vice President of Customer Relations, Jen McIver, is honored to serve as Council's liaison to the NAE4-HA Board of Trustees.

### More Questions? Please Contact:

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