



2010 METROWEST FUND FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

Foundation for MetroWest announces the availability of grant funds from the **Youth Development Fund** for 2010.

The purpose of the grant award is to support initiatives designed to enrich and improve the lives of MetroWest children and youth. Proposals will be evaluated and selected by local high school students under the supervision of Foundation staff. Participating students are trained in philanthropy and grantmaking through the Foundation for MetroWest's Youth in Philanthropy program. For information on this program, please visit our [website](#).

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Clear explanation of the project and how funds will be used, including detailed project budget.
- The need of the target population(s) for the service or activity, with specific data to quantify the need.
- The impact of the project on children and youth and the community served.
- The significance of the grant on the applicant's ability to implement the project.
- Clear detailing of evaluation process; how results will be measured and communicated, and how success will be defined.
- Confirmation that the organization is reasonably financially stable, with no overwhelming threats to continued viability.
- Potential to attract funds during and after the grant period
- Focus on strategic innovations that encourage collaboration, cooperation, create efficiencies, and reduce duplication of services are strongly considered. Collaborations may take place with other nonprofit organizations and/or with for-profit entities.

ELIGIBILITY

- Nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)) serving one of the MetroWest communities (Acton, Ashland, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Framingham, Harvard, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Marlborough, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Milford, Millis, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, Southborough, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Waltham, Wayland, Wellesley, Westborough, Weston and Westwood) are eligible to apply.
- Schools and public agencies are not eligible.
- Proposals may be submitted for new or existing projects, programs, or operating purposes. To encourage collaboration, two or more organizations may submit a joint proposal in addition to a proposal exclusively for their own purposes.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE

- Applications will only be accepted electronically. The application form is available [on our website](#).
- Project and operating budgets must be submitted electronically. Please use the [Associated Grant Makers Project and Budget Summary Form](#).
- You must email the completed application, along with your project and operating budgets to info@foundationformetrowest.org by **August 19th at 5:00 PM**.
- If you do not have electronic copies of your IRS Determination Letter and your most recent audited financial support or 990, you must postmark by **August 19th, 2010** a hardcopies by U.S. Post Office to:

Foundation for MetroWest
21 Eliot Street
Natick, MA 01760

- Youth Development grants are reviewed by students in our Youth in Philanthropy program on a rolling basis.
- Site visits are a very important part of our Youth Development Grant Program. Selected applicants will be required to host a site visit for reviewers in November, March or April.
- If you are selected to receive a grant, we request that you attend a grant awards ceremony presented by Youth in Philanthropy students.
- Grantees are expected to adhere to the Foundation's Publicity Guidelines. You can download a copy on [the Grant Application page](#).
- Grant recipients will be notified after **May 30, 2011**.

AWARDS

Grant requests of **up to \$5,000** will be considered. Funding is contingent upon the organization's successful evaluation and reporting of past grant awards from Foundation for MetroWest.