



2011 METROWEST FUND FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

Foundation for MetroWest announces the availability of grant funds from the **Youth Development Fund** for 2011.

The purpose of the grant award is to support initiatives designed to improve the lives of MetroWest children and youth. Proposals will be evaluated and selected by local high school students participating in the [Foundation for MetroWest's Youth in Philanthropy program](#). Youth are trained in philanthropy, needs in the MetroWest community, and grant evaluation under the supervision of Foundation staff. The Youth in Philanthropy program impacts many groups in the MetroWest by distributing grants to nonprofit organizations while also teaching youth to be future leaders and act responsibly for their community. Your help is essential in educating the next generation of philanthropists by participating in this important and vital program.

This year we will have a focus on grants that provide sustainable agriculture and/or environmental impact in the MetroWest. At least 25% of the funds given will be to these organizations/projects.

For information about Youth in Philanthropy, please visit our [website](#).

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Clear explanation of the project and how funds will be used, including detailed project budget.
- Clearly identify 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

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

Note: Only applications that adhere to the following instructions will be considered.

- Applications **must be sent 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 youthdevelopment@foundationformetrowest.org by **August 12th at 5:00 PM**.
- Your IRS Determination Letter and your most recent audited financial report or 990, **must be sent by hardcopy** and postmarked by **August 12th, 2011** by U.S. Post Office to:

Foundation for MetroWest
21 Eliot Street
Natick, MA 01760
Attn: Mary Crowley

- All applicants will receive an email acknowledgement when materials are received.
- 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 results will be available on or after **May 30, 2012**.

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. The Report Form is available on our [website](#).