



Michigan

2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service Mini-Grant Application Guidelines

Application Link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/74qb37>

The Days of Service Partners, with support from the Connect Michigan Alliance Endowment Fund, Sara Ballard Volunteer Fund, Youth Service America, and the Corporation for National and Community Service are awarding mini-grants to Michigan organizations who wish to host volunteer projects as part of the 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service.

All proposed events or activities must occur on or around MLK Day – Monday, January 12, 2015 through Friday, January 23, 2015. Preference will be given to events that occur on Saturday, January 17, Sunday, January 18, and Monday, January 19.

Grant Amounts

Grants valued at up to \$500 are available and will be distributed based on the following scale:

\$500- Engage 100 or more volunteers

\$350- Engage at least 50 volunteers

\$200- Engage at least 25 volunteers

Purpose

These grants are intended to encourage volunteer projects that address education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, disaster preparedness, supporting veterans and military families, or public safety. Please note these funds are available solely to engage people in volunteer projects – not community engagement events (i.e. prayer breakfasts or educational marches).

Eligible Applicants

National service grantees, volunteer centers, nonprofits, K-12 and higher education institutions are eligible to apply.

Application

Complete the application available online. (<http://www.cvent.com/d/74qb37>) If a paper application is required, please email cmartin@mivolunteers.org. Applicants are encouraged to participate in one of the two informational grant webinars occurring on October 21, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. and October 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Webinar Registration:

October 21, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.- <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/198567431>

October 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.- <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/632160183>

Application Deadline

Friday, October 31, 2014

Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients must complete a final report survey. A link to the final report survey will be

provided to grantees after they have been awarded funds. The final report must be completed by February 2, 2015.

Other Grant Requirements

If approved, an organization representative will be required to participate in one webinar for 2015 MLK Day mini-grant recipients. Available dates include Tuesday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. or Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Webinar registration information will be provided to the mini-grant recipients. Mini-grant recipients will be required to register the service project as an official 2015 MLK Day event. Service project registration information will be provided during the mini-grant recipient webinars.

Funding Guidelines

Applicants are encouraged to consider the following:

- Funds must be used to support elements of a service project
- Projects must focus on education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, disaster preparedness, supporting veterans and military families, or public safety.
- Projects should demonstrate collaboration among multiple organizations such as higher education institutions, volunteer centers, youth service organizations, and/or national service programs.

Allowable Expenses

Mini-grant funds must be used to support essential volunteer project materials that correlate with the volunteer project activities outlined in the project description section of the application. Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- Environmental clean-up supplies (ie. gloves, rakes, shovels)
- Building supplies (ie. lumber, nails, hammer)
- Educational supplies (ie. books, markers, scissors)

Applicants are encouraged to find alternate or match funding for supplemental items that are not essential to the success of the volunteer project such as snacks, t shirts, water. Please use the budget explanation section of the application to clearly explain why the items listed in the budget are essential to the success of the community volunteer project.

Notification

All applicants will be notified electronically by **Friday, November 14, 2014.**

Send questions to:
cmartin@mivolunteers.org

The Michigan Days of Service partners is a collaborative of statewide organizations including [Michigan Community Service Commission](#), [Michigan Nonprofit Association](#), [Volunteer Centers of Michigan](#), [The League Michigan](#), and [Michigan Campus Compact](#).

