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## YOUTH UNITED

### Youth United State Farm® Matching Grant 2008-2009

We are excited to announce the third year of the Youth United State Farm Matching Grant. State Farm has provided 15 matching grants for Youth United for the 2008-2009 school year.

The available grants include:

- Five \$10,000 matching grants
- Ten \$5,000 matching grants

Grant winners who have not participated in an action planning session during 2008 will also receive an action planning session as part of their award. The action planning session is conducted by a Youth United Coordinator, and will provide the Youth United group with information and help them create a plan to meet their goals. Action planning session topics can include fund raising, recruitment, working with younger youth, and more. The Youth United coordinator will travel to present the session between November and May at a mutually agreed upon time. The Youth United group is responsible for arranging for a meeting space and making sure that *at least* six youth representatives are attend the session. The affiliate contact is also encouraged to attend.

*The timeline and grant process have been revised for this year; Youth United groups who have applied in the past are encouraged to review the grant material thoroughly.*

#### Timeline

- October 3, 2008: Applications due
- October 31, 2008: Phone interviews with select applicants
- November 5, 2008: Award recipients notified
- May 15, 2009: All grant requirements must be met for funds to be received

#### Requirements

In order to receive the grant, the covenant affiliate must be in good standing with HFHI and have signed a Youth United Letter of Intent. Youth United groups who have been awarded another grant through HFHI must be up to date in their reporting. Youth United groups who received the matching grant in 2007-2008 (awards were announced in spring 2008) may apply again; however, preference will be given to new applicants.

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Previous accomplishments in house building and fund raising
- Organization and sustainability of the Youth United group
- Success in involving diverse youth in Youth United
- Success in engaging homeowner and under 16 youth in Youth United