



UConn 4-H Fact Sheet



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Funding in 4-H

Like every program, having appropriate funds to guarantee quality program delivery is crucial. 4-H receives its funding from a host of different contributors including.

Public Support

The UConn 4-H Program is conducted by the Cooperative Extension System at the University of Connecticut. In 1914 Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act which established the Cooperative Extension Service. This Act set aside funds for developing a 4-H youth development program to encourage rural youth to become interested and proficient in farm and home activities. Funding for the Cooperative Extension System comes from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Smith Lever Act committed appropriations on the federal and state levels to support it. The state must match dollar-for-dollar the federal appropriations. These funds support salaries of Extension employees as well as maintenance of Extension Centers and basic programming needs.

Private Support

With the dissolution of county government in Connecticut in 1960, private support for 4-H became very important. Cooperative Extension volunteers were instrumental in raising funds to establish local Extension Centers, 4-H Camps and the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm. Today private support for 4-H in Connecticut continues to play a crucial role in providing youth with exciting and unique learning opportunities.

National

National 4-H Council is a non-profit corporation which supports national and state 4-H programs with a focus on fundraising, brand management, communications, and legal and fiduciary services. Council also oversees the National 4-H Supply Service and authorized agent for items bearing the 4-H Name and Emblem.

State

The 4-H Centennial Fund & Development funds are the two statewide UConn 4-H Funds:

- The 4-H Centennial Fund is an endowed account consisting of private donations held by the UConn Foundation. Endowments are established with a principal investment donation that remains intact in perpetuity. Interest earned off the principal amount is restricted and used for donor-specified purposes or for specific program needs. The 4-H Centennial Fund is a tremendous asset in sending 4-H members to national 4-H leadership and civic education UConn 4-H Fact Sheet Funding in 4-H conferences and supporting statewide 4-H events and activities.
- The 4-H Development Fund empower youth across the state to participate in life-changing leadership programs at both Statewide and National levels. These experiences foster personal growth, build essential skills, and inspire the today's youth and tomorrow's leaders.

Gifts can be made to the 4-H Centennial Fund by visiting the UConn 4-H web site at www.4-H.uconn.edu and clicking on "Donate to UConn 4-H", or by mailing a check made payable to the UConn Foundation, Inc. Please include a note indicating the account name and number (4-H Centennial Fund, #30978 or Development #20543) that you would like your donation to go to and mail it to the following address:

The UConn Foundation, Inc.
Attn: #30978 4-H Centennial or #20543 4-H Development
2390 Alumni Dr., Unit 3206
Storrs, CT 06269-3206

Planned gifts and gifts of stock can also be made to the 4-H program via the UConn Foundation and the 4-H Centennial Fund. Competitive grant funds also provide substantial support for 4-H programming. Grants provide critical support in establishing after-school and summer programs, support for 4-H military youth and under served youth in Connecticut as well as new and cutting edge program opportunities.

County & Local

Local Extension Councils are present in each of the eight counties in Connecticut. The councils serve as vital links between the communities and CES. Representative members of each council exchange and solicit ideas, identify major community needs, support the implementation of programs that best meet local needs, and overall, help people "put knowledge to work." Local advisory committees and foundations also raise funds and provide support for 4-H programming needs. 4-H clubs are encouraged to raise funds as well to support their club activities.