

Assignment #3- Grant Proposal Ideas

Below is a list of grant proposal ideas, grouped by theme. Previous students in this course have generated some projects; others have been created by community organizations. As in Essay #2, this list is not intended to **limit** your choices, but rather to give you a sense of the kinds of projects that one might create. Also note that some proposals are for new *pilot* projects, while others are to fund existing organizations and programs.

As you brainstorm about possible grant proposal projects, think of the social problems or issues that concern you the most and those you have already written about. What small-scale community projects could address or alleviate this problem?

Education and Job Counseling**Boston/Cambridge Area**

Job counseling for homeless adults

Afterschool tutoring and homework assistance for homeless children

Basketball and reading program for middle-school boys

STEM mentoring program for middle school girls

Media literacy classes for elementary school summer campers

“Unplugging”- nature appreciation program for high school students

Amphibious Achievement – funding ongoing program at MIT

Financial literacy program – for low-income teens (students wrote and performed in a comedy about financial decisions- e.g., applying for credit cards, deciding on student loans, etc.)

Other U.S. Communities

Afterschool tutoring in math and science for low-income elementary and middle school students (South Carolina)

College Readiness – mentoring and SAT preparation for low-income high school students (Florida)

International

Afterschool tutoring program (Ghana)

Nutrition and Health**Cambridge/Boston**

Food redistribution program for low-income families

Cookbook for low-income and immigrant families
Small community garden – tie-in with elementary education in science, art and nutrition
Community meals – to promote healthy eating and dialogue on community issues

Other U.S. Communities

Nutrition and cooking classes at a local food pantry/church

International

Nutrition program for adults with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease (India)

Exercise and Fitness

Boston/Cambridge

Tai Chi classes for senior citizens
Kayaking for Kids- summer program for elementary school students
Cricket at MIT- expansion of existing program
Bicycle Repair clinic

Other Communities (U.S.)

Improving a bike trail and providing bike safety info (Wisconsin)

Green/Environmental Projects

Boston/Cambridge

Green roof on an MIT residence
Community garden with student artwork in the center of MIT campus

Other communities

Beach clean up and conservation project (California)

Arts/Humanities

Boston/Cambridge

Summer “spoken word” writing program for middle-school students
Art appreciation program for low-income high school students
Visits to museums, theatre, film with discussion
Art and Memory- program for senior citizens
Summer drama program for middle school students
Summer photography workshop for middle school students

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