



Pioneer Community Improvement Program

We are pleased to announce that Pioneer Hi-Bred International will again sponsor the Community Improvement Program for 4-H clubs in Iowa.

Materials

The program is outlined in publicity brochures and a news release, which are available on-line, along with the application and application tips sheet on the 4-H public page under Grants for 4-H and Other Groups at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html> and on the 4-H Staff Member page under Other Information and Links at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/staffresources.html>. Contact Sue Bogue at 515-294-1533 or sueboque@iastate.edu, if you have questions.

Objective

To stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful.

Amount of Grants

Pioneer will provide up to \$5,000 to selected 4-H clubs in Iowa. Awards will be made directly to the clubs through the Iowa 4-H Foundation from Pioneer as soon as selections are made. Grants will range from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$250.

Applications

Local clubs are asked to submit their application to the county Extension office by **December 1**. A county staff member should review all applications from the county, make comments on the back, sign them, and forward all completed forms and support letters to the State 4-H Office by **January 4**.

Pioneer applications should be sent to the State 4-H Office by **January 4** to Pioneer Grants, 4-H Youth Development, Extension 4-H Youth Bldg-ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630. Final decisions will be made by a committee of volunteers and staff members. The announcement of clubs receiving grants will be made in February. Checks will come from the Iowa 4-H Foundation through the contributions of Pioneer Hi-Bred, International.

Reporting

Each club receiving a grant will be asked to submit a brief report to the county Extension office by November 15. Included in this report should be at least one photo of the activity, newspaper clippings, and enough details that the experience might be of use to others looking for ideas.