Understanding Our Investment in Iowa Youth

Iowa 4-H is a partnership between Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and County Agricultural Extension Districts designed to "empower youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences." The Iowa 4-H program’s four program priorities are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), Healthy Living, Citizenship and Leadership, and Communication and the Arts which fully align with Iowa State University, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and 4-H National Headquarters (USDA/NIFA). Local dollars are leveraged by state, federal and grant dollars to "prepare Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society".

Examples of comparable non 4-H youth program costs:

- **Boy Scouts:** $195/Year (includes national fee, uniforms, and handbook, badges are extra)
- **Girl Scouts:** $55/Year (includes national and $15 to national and local fees and uniforms, badges are extra)
- **Youth Football:** $180/Season league; $35/Season park and rec
- **Youth Baseball:** $1,200 for traveling league, $35/Season for park and rec does not include shoes and glove
- **Youth Golf:** $220 for league; $3,000 for traveling league
- **Dance:** $250 for summer program: $960 to $1,500 for private program
- **Theater:** (non-school setting) $400 to $1,500/Show
- **Jr. High Band:** $100/Year plus instrument rental/purchase

4-H Program Development Fee
$30/Year Grades 4 to 12*

Where does it go:

- **Staff Support to Counties (90.14%)**
- Marketing & Outreach Support (5.96%)
- Ed. Product R & D (0.90%)
- ISU Admin Fee (Non-4-H) (3%)

*Some counties assess additional fees. 100% of those dollars stay at the county level to support youth programming.

4-H Online Support Fee
$5/Youth Charged to Counties

Where does it go:

- Registration Max (4-H Online) (13%)
- Non 4-H Fees (e.g. Cred... (10.40%)
- **Staff Support (36%)**
- 4-H Online Training/Nat. (1%) 4-H Evaluation and Reporting (23%)
- Product Development (e... (16.60%)

*Fee will also be used to mitigate additional cost increases to counties due to cost increase by 4-H Online/Registration Max.

FY2015-16 4-H State Program Expenses Paid From

Annual Budget = $5,532,514.45

- Fees (11.44%)
- Grants/Contracts (25.95%)
- State Program Allocation (62.61%)

*State staff support to counties includes, but is not limited to, orientation, training, volunteer development, supervision, program fidelity, risk management, data analysis and evaluation, product and curriculum development, marketing, problem solving, event coordination, community outreach, public relations, and marketing.
Other 4-H State Fees and How they are Used

In FY 15-16 the State 4-H Office brought in $1,508,837 in grants and contracts to support youth across Iowa.

These grant dollars help support:
- Lower individual costs for youth and their families
- Lower county cost of high quality educational products and programs
- Development of new research-based educational products and programs
- Research and evaluation
- Adoption of new technology

4-H Youth Heat Map

Iowa 4-H is building Iowa’s future workforce by providing youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences to over 100,000 Iowa youth.