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## GUIDELINES : YOUTH-LED COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS

The Youth Advisory Council of the Hamilton Community Foundation,  
invites applications for grants of up to \$2,500  
to support youth-led community action projects  
**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: March 11, 2010**

### WHAT is the program?

The program promotes youth engagement in the community. The program will fund projects proposed by youth, selected by youth, and implemented by youth.

### WHY this program?

- This is an opportunity for youth to complete a project in the community, neighbourhood or school.
- This is a chance to show leadership and address local issues that youth care about.

### WHO can apply?

- Youth must be between the ages of 11 and 25.
- Youth must participate on a volunteer basis.
- Youth must have the use of a charitable registration number.

### HOW do you get involved?

- Plan and organize a project that could benefit your community.
- Gather other youth (ages 11 to 25) interested in your project.
- Find two individuals or companies or organizations within your community that support your project and have each of them write a letter stating their support for your project (two letters).
- Fill in the grant application and set up and include a budget for your project.
- Find an adult in your community willing to take on the role of a supervisor throughout your project.

Eligible expenses for your project budget include:

- ❖ Promotional costs (posters, flyers, radio/newspaper ads, etc.)
- ❖ Materials related to the project (excluding capital expenses)
- ❖ Transportation costs
- ❖ Food and lodging for volunteers, etc.
- ❖ N.B. SALARIES AND WAGES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

### WHAT is the cost?

- 50% of your project costs up to a maximum of \$2,500, are covered ON THE CONDITION that you and/or your group obtains matching funds from the community in the form of financial support or **in-kind** support.

In-kind support means what the community gives/donates to your group to help with your project and can include things or services such as food for the volunteers, use of a building, vehicle loan, tutoring/mentoring, shovels and brooms, etc.).

### WHEN is this happening?

- Project proposals will be accepted until **March 11, 2010**
- Projects must be completed during 2010.
- A final report including budget is due December 3, 2010

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