



STATE OF MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM
2026 4-H BOAC GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)			
4-H CLUB		COUNTY	
REQUESTED BY			
BOAC PROJECT SUPERVISOR		AMOUNT REQUESTED \$	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS			
NUMBER OF 4-H MEMBERS INVOLVED IN BOAC PROJECT			
LIST ALL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT			
4-H YOUTH SPECIALIST		TELEPHONE	
I UNDERSTAND THE PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1, 2026.			
SIGNATURE (4-H CLUB LEADER)		DATE	
SELECTION CRITERIA FOR BOAC APPLICATIONS			
<p>The following criteria have been established as guidelines in the selection of the BOAC grant award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) The project must be worthwhile to a broad segment of the agricultural community.(B) The BOAC application should be based on community projects to improve the facilities, grounds, or buildings, which are used by various groups or organizations in the area to include school-owned land and/or property.(C) Only Missouri 4-H clubs are eligible to participate. 4-H councils, county junior leader organizations, and Clover Kids are excluded.(D) This application can only be used for 4-H BOAC projects.(E) Include a letter of recommendation from a community leader to validate the project. <p style="text-align: center;">Do not include any attachments – they will not be judged!</p>			
<p>To be considered for the BOAC grant the Missouri Department of Agriculture must receive your application no later than December 1, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.</p> <p>NEW FOR 2026: BOAC applications will be accepted by EMAIL ONLY! Please do not mail your application. Completed applications must be submitted to: Lacey.Roark@mda.mo.gov Subject: BOAC Application – 4-H Club Name</p>			

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

II. COMMUNITY NEED FOR THE PROJECT. (HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE FARM FAMILIES LIVING IN YOUR AREA?)

III. WHAT IS THE POPULATION IN THE COUNTY AND/OR TOWN WHERE YOUR ORGANIZATION IS LOCATED?

IV. LIST IN DETAIL THE PROJECTED COST OF THE PROJECT.

V. LIST LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND HOW THEY ARE ASSISTING WITH THE PROJECT (PLEDGES, DONATIONS, ETC.).

BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES (BOAC)

The Missouri Department of Agriculture's "Building Our American Communities" (BOAC) Grant Program provides aid in the development and advancement of Missouri's rural communities.

A total of \$6,000 is provided annually by the department's Ag Business Development Division for the program.

THE BOAC PROGRAM:

- ✓ Provides excellent hands-on teaching, building upon the 4-H ethic of learning by doing.
- ✓ Brings communities together to accomplish a common goal.
- ✓ Prepares youth to work with community leaders.
- ✓ Helps develop community leaders and citizens.
- ✓ Plays a significant role in the future development of agricultural communities.
- ✓ Improves the social and physical environment of rural cities, towns, and farm communities.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS:

- Twelve \$500 4-H BOAC grants are awarded, two per each of the six districts.
- A selection committee will determine the recipients of the BOAC grants.
- The selection committee will select recipients based upon information provided in this application.

Services Available to Veterans - Optional:

1. Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable? Yes No

2. If answering Question #1 in the affirmative, would you like to receive information and assistance regarding veteran's benefits and services? Yes No

3. If answering Question #2 in the affirmative, may the agency share your contact information with the Missouri Veterans Commission in order to provide you with information regarding available veterans benefits and services? General information may also be found on the Missouri Veterans Commission's website at: www.veteranbenefits.mo.gov Yes No

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