

Kids to Kids Grant Application Guidelines

Dear Peace Corps Volunteer,

We are excited that you are interested in applying for a Grant Award from Kids to Kids! Before you do, we would like to provide you with some information about us as well as guidelines regarding the grant application process.

What is Kids to Kids?

Kids to Kids was started by four middle school-aged girls in 2005: Julia and Amelia Haney and Sarah and Emily Nuss. Their goal was to help children in other countries develop their artistic, athletic and educational interests. Hence, Kids to Kids was born. The plan was simple: gather money and supplies through kids in the United States and ship them to kids in underserved communities abroad.

Initially they collected supplies and money in their local town and sent them to the Dominican Republic (DR). In 2006, they made the first K2K trip to the DR to meet the kids they were helping. When they saw the conditions on the ground and realized their ability to create positive changes in the lives of other kids, the girls decided to expand their work. Looking for people integrated into communities worldwide whose judgment they could trust, the girls turned to the Peace Corps. Based on discussions with a number of Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) and the community leaders with whom they were partnered, the plan to expand the reach of K2K was hatched.

Kids to Kids has come a long way in the past several years! We no longer collect supplies; rather, we have learned that the best way to maximize our effect is to provide Grant Awards to PCVs who partner with community leaders to implement fun, creative and educational projects for youth.

Kids to Kids envisions “a world where kids everywhere enjoy the joys of childhood and reach their full potential – being active, healthy, creative, and continually learning. Where kids can play baseball with a bat and a ball instead of a broomstick and a bottle cap – where kids can put on a play with costumes and props instead of taping together cardboard from the dumpster – a world where kids everywhere believe they can, *and do*, improve the life of another child.”

Goal:

The goal of Kids to Kids is to engage and motivate youth around the world towards happy and healthy futures by empowering kids to make positive impacts in the lives of other kids, and encouraging a new generation of leaders and global citizens.

Values

- **Fun:** Childhood should be fun and free of adult worries, a time when kids have the opportunity to just be kids!
- **Education:** Education is the foundation of a successful life and should encourage kids to be creative!
- **Impact:** The key to a meaningful project is in its ability to provide a lasting, positive impact on the lives of kids and communities!

Eligibility Requirements for the Applicant

- ❑ You must be currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer.
- ❑ You must have been at your site of service for over 3 months when you apply.
- ❑ You must remain at your site of service for at least 3 months after you (or your local partner organization) receive the grant.
- ❑ You may only have one Kids to Kids Grant Award at a time. You are invited to apply for another once you have completed your Kids to Kids Project and submitted the Follow-Up Survey

Grant Requirements

- ❑ 100% of the Grant Award must be used for the kids in your community!
- ❑ If the Grant Award is not used for the kids in your community, or it appears to be misused, PCVs and local leaders must acknowledge the authority of Kids to Kids to recover the Grant Award.
- ❑ PCVs must allow Kids to Kids to issue a press release about the project being supported by the Grant Award, in order to spread the word about how you are providing opportunities for kids in your community.
- ❑ PCVs will keep a count of the number of kids reached directly and indirectly through the project. This will be shared with Kids to Kids, along with stories about the project, in a Follow-Up Survey to be completed within 1 month of finishing the project.
- ❑ The kids participating in the project will send thank you cards to Kids to Kids after the project is complete.
- ❑ If any donor, individual, or kid connected with Kids to Kids visits your community, you will do your best to make yourself available to show how the Grant Award was used and will organize a fun activity for the kids to participate in together.

Application Process

Kids to Kids will award grants up to \$500 to the organization with whom you partner via Money Gram. Please visit our website (www.kidstokids.org) and submit your application online. Additionally, you can email, mail or fax your completed application to Kids to Kids. We accept applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to call or email (patrick@worldconnect-us.org) if you have any questions.

Review Process

All projects receiving Kids to Kids Grant Awards are kid-approved. Grant Applications are reviewed quarterly. Those applications that are most relevant to our goal and values are approved, subject to the availability of funds.

Funding Process

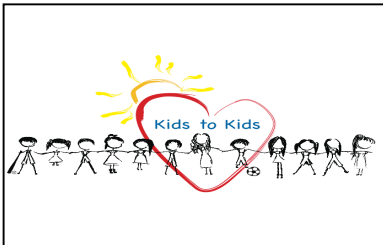
Once a project is approved, you will receive a Grant Agreement. Once completed, the Grant Award funds are sent directly to the community leader.

Again, thank you for considering Kids to Kids. We are eager to hear about what you are doing to help kids reach their full potential. Please apply, pass on our information to anyone you think might be interested, or forward our materials to anyone who might like to support our programs in the States. We look forward to working together to improve the lives of kids around the world!

Sincerely,

Julia & Amelia Haney and Emily & Sarah Nuss
Founders of Kids to Kids

Patrick Higdon
Program Coordinator, Kids to Kids



Kids to Kids: Grant Application

To be completed by a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV)
and a local partner organization

I. The Basics

Project Name (be creative!):

Country:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Belize | <input type="checkbox"/> Peru |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> El Salvador | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mali | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco | |

Community (name of the specific local community where your proposed project will be):

Date of Application Submission:

Type of Project: (Check all that apply)

- Arts
- Education
- Environment
- Sports

II. Peace Corps Volunteer

First Name: *Please report your name as it appears on your identification.

Last Name:

- Male Female

Email:

Address (in-country):

Phone:

Fax (optional):

U.S. Hometown (City, State):

For how long have you been at your current site/location?

When is your Close of Service (COS date)?

What are your main projects?

How are you involved with the organization you are partnering with for this proposed Kids to Kids grant?

III. Community Leader

Name of Organization:

First Name: *Please report your name as it appears on your identification.

Last Name:

Male Female

Email:

Phone (optional):

Fax (optional):

Address:

In what capacity does the organization work with children?

What ages are the children who will participate in this project? (Check all that apply.)

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-18 years
- 19-24 years

IV. Project Description

Please describe in detail the project you would use a Kids to Kids grant to support or start. Please include how it benefits kids. [Limit: 500 words]

What are three goals of your project?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How will this project fulfill an unmet need in your community? [Limit: 250 words]

Education is at the heart of Kids to Kids. And we believe it should be at the heart of every project we sponsor. How does your project provide a valuable educational experience for the kids involved? [Limit: 250 words]

The key to a successful project is its ability to provide a lasting, positive impact on the lives of kids in local communities. How will the project achieve this? [Limit: 250 words]

How many kids do you expect to directly reach with the project?

Number of children (be as specific as possible):

How did you hear about Kids to Kids?

- Peace Corps Office
- Another PCV
- Friend/Family
- Website
- Other – Please specify:

Summary

Provide a 250-word overview of your proposed project, including why it is important for the community (Please note: this will be posted online to publicize your project.)

Is there anything else we should know that will help us make a decision about sponsoring your project?

V. Detailed Budget

Please attach a Spreadsheet (remember, you can apply for up to a \$500 grant)

Please be aware that information from applications for Kids to Kids grants may be used to promote the program on the Kids to Kids website. We will not, however, publish your contact info out of respect for your privacy.* Also, it is recommended that you include, with your application, at least one picture of the kids in your community who will be affected by the project. This will aid us greatly in our efforts to recruit Kids to Kids Members to support your project.

**If there are any circumstances for which you cannot have information about your project online please contact Patrick at patrick@worldconnect-us.org*

Signature of PCV (signature may be typed) _____ Date

Signature of Community Leader (signature may be typed) _____ Date