



## S.U.R.F. Board Grant Application Overview

The S.U.R.F. (Students Understanding Real Futures) Board provides grant funding to support youth-led projects that make a positive impact in Davie County. These grants are designed to empower young people to identify needs in their community, develop solutions, and take an active role in carrying out meaningful projects with the support of an adult advisor and a sponsoring organization.

**If you are a student or youth group with an idea to benefit youth in our community, we encourage you to apply.**

### Eligibility and Basic Requirements

To be eligible for funding, all projects must meet the following criteria:

- The project must impact youth in Davie County.
- At least **three to five youth** must be involved in planning and carrying out the project. Youth are defined as students in **6th–12th grade**.
- Youth must have an **adult ally (age 21 or older)** from a sponsoring organization to supervise the project.
- A S.U.R.F. Board representative will be assigned to your project to oversee the grant process.
- Grant checks will be issued to the **sponsoring organization**, not to individuals. Please confirm in advance that your organization can accept grant funds.
- Any unused funds must be returned to the **Davie Community Foundation**.

*Note: Requests do not have to be for large dollar amounts. Some projects may require minimal funding but greater commitment of time and talent.*

**Allowable Expenses** Grant funds may be used for:

1. Materials and supplies for events or activities, including but not limited to:
  - Space rental
  - Awards
  - Food
  - Sports or recreation equipment
  - Audio/visual equipment
  - Games, books, art supplies, or similar items
2. Postage, printing, copying, or design costs
3. Transportation costs (such as van rental)

**Expenses Not Covered**

Grant funds may **not** be used for:

1. Projects that are planned and led entirely by adults
2. Fundraisers intended to benefit a club, group, or another organization
3. Salaries or stipends for youth, adult allies, or sponsors
4. Expenses not directly related to the approved project
5. Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or related promotional items
6. Contributions made directly to an individual
7. Eagle Scout or Gold Award projects

### Adult Advisor Responsibilities

The adult advisor must agree to the following:

1. Provide guidance and supervision as needed for successful project completion.
2. Allow the grant check to be issued to the sponsoring organization (checks cannot be written to individuals).
3. Provide oversight of grant expenditures and ensure that any unspent funds are returned to the Davie Community Foundation.

For questions about eligibility or the application process, please contact S.U.R.F. Advisor, Tami Daniel, at [tdaniel@daviefoundation.org](mailto:tdaniel@daviefoundation.org).

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## S.U.R.F. Board Youth Grant Application Evaluation Rubric (Column Format)

### 1. Project Overview

Criteria	Low (Needs Improvement)	Medium	High (Excellent)	Score
Clarity of Project Description	0-1: Vague or incomplete, lacks focus	2-3: Clarity of Project Description	4-5: Well-articulated, specific, inspiring with clear goals	
Youth Leadership & Initiative	0-1: Little youth involvement	2-3: Strong leadership shown	4-5: Clearly youth-initiated and youth-led	
Originality & Creativity	0-1: Common or recycled idea	2-3: Some creativity	4-5: Highly creative or innovative	

### 2. Planning & Feasibility

Criteria	Low (Needs Improvement)	Medium	High (Excellent)	Score
Steps to Complete Project	0-1: Unclear or unrealistic	2-3: Steps listed, feasibility issues	4-5: Detailed, realistic steps and timeline	
Timeline & Location	0-1: Missing or unclear	2-3: General timeframe	4-5: Specific dates and locations	
Continuity of Project	0-1: Ends immediately	2-3: Some ongoing consideration	4-5: Clear sustainability or lasting impact	
Adult Advisor Support	0-1: Role unclear or weak	2-3: Advisor mentioned	4-5: Strong commitment with clear role	

### 3. Impact & Community Benefit

Criteria	Low (Needs Improvement)	Medium	High (Excellent)	Score
Community Need	0-2: Weak justification	2-3: General awareness	4-5: Deep understanding, compelling rationale	
Impact on Youth in Davie County	0-2: Minimal or unclear benefit	2-3: Some benefit	4-5: Strong, measurable, broad impact	
Collaboration & Inclusion	0-2: Limited collaboration	2-3: Some inclusion	4-5: Diverse participation	

### 4. Budget & Resources

Criteria	Low (Needs Improvement)	Medium	High (Excellent)	Score
Budget Detail & Accuracy	0-1: Missing or inaccurate	2-3: Basic with errors	4-5: Thorough, realistic, clearly itemized	
Justification of Funds Requested	0-1: Weak or missing	2-3: General rationale	4-5: Clear, strong justification	
Use of Other Resources	0-1: No additional resources	2-3: Some outside support	4-5: Strong leveraging of partnerships	

Scoring Summary (65-Point Scale)	
Total Score	Recommendation
59-65	Outstanding – Fully fund
52-58	Strong – Fund with minor changes
46-51	Fair – Partial funding or revisions needed
Below 46	Weak – Not recommended for funding

TOTAL	
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