



100 Best Communities – Mini Grant Overview

To: Perspective Applicants

Requestor: Surry Community Policy and Management Team & Youth Services Citizen Board

Subject: Mini Grant Application to Support Services for Youth and/or to End the High School Dropout Crisis

We are pleased to announce the availability of mini-grant funding to youth serving organizations. The purpose of this opportunity is to enhance services that are currently being offered to Surry's youth. Funds may only be used to support or expand an existing program and must comply with the eligibility requirements below.

Awards: Amounts of up to \$250.00 will be awarded to successful applicants. All funding request must be clearly documented and described in the application's response.

Applicants must:

1. Return the completed application by March 16, 2012 by 4 PM.
2. Serve Surry County youth and young adults 21 years of age or younger.
3. Represent a school, local agency, faith-based, and/or community, non-profit organization which has been in existence for at least one year and must provide a brief summary of accomplishments.
4. Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent. Also, the application must:
 - a. Focus on at least three (3) of the five (5) promises listed below in red.
 - b. Complete projects by June 30, 2012.
 - c. If necessary, agree to Submit Purchase Orders in advance of purchases.
 - d. Comply with the specific terms that may be prescribed according to your response (i.e. submission of reports, photos, program evaluations, etc.)
5. Tentative Timeline:
 - Winning applicants will be notified by March 30, 2012
 - Presentation will be awarded by April 13, 2012.
 - Implementation of Projects will commence April 16, 2012 to June 2012.
 - Written Reports must be provided by July 15, 2012.

About 100 BEST: Surry County has been selected as one of the America's Promise Alliance 2011 "100 Best Communities for Young People" presented by ING, a national competition to recognize local communities' programs and initiatives aimed at supporting youth and ending the high school dropout crisis.

About America's Promise Alliance: America's Promise Alliance is the nation's largest partnership organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth by raising awareness, supporting communities, and engaging in nonpartisan advocacy. Building on the legacy of the America's Promise's Founding Chairman General Colin Powell, the Alliance believes the success of our young people is grounded in the **Five Promises—caring adults; safe places; a healthy start; an effective education; and opportunities to help others.** America's Promise Alliance raises awareness and supports communities to ensure that young people have the fundamental resources needed to graduate high school and succeed in college, work, and life. The competition honors communities that are committed to creating brighter futures for America's young people by helping ensure that all graduate from high school and are doing their part to help end the nation's dropout and workforce readiness crisis.

Mini Grant Funds were provided by the America's Promise Alliance and ING Foundation. For more information about this award, please visit: Surry County at www.surrycountyva.gov, America's Promise Alliance at www.americaspromise.org ING Foundation at www.ing-usafoundation.com.

