



20 Project Ideas for Serving Families in Need

Please note: *These project ideas are not one-size-fits-all for CIP Grants. Some qualify for funding under grant guidelines for only one grant. It is imperative that you read and understand the CIP grant guidelines for each individual grant before applying.*

1. Collect and distribute hygiene and other supplies not covered by food stamps at a local soup kitchen or food pantry.
2. Run a free reading literacy fair at a local library.
3. Hold a holiday party for a local shelter.
4. Organize a winter coat and clothing drive and deliver warm clothes collected to families in need before winter begins.
5. Collaborate with the local fire or police department to hold a family safety day.
6. Host a resume writing workshop at a community center.
7. Redo and/or upgrade a play room or family lounge at a local shelter.
8. Set up a childcare program for parents taking GED or other high education courses.
9. Start a small home repair, clean-up or lawn care service for low income seniors or families that need extra help.
10. Partner with a soup kitchen and cover a meal weekly or monthly.
11. Start a community garden.
12. Organize a healthy living fair or class with the YMCA.
13. Start a food basket program—outside of the holidays.
14. Partner with Habitat for Humanity to renovate a house for a deserving local family.

15. Organize a back to school resource fair for low income families.
16. Start a free transportation program for cancer patients needing help to appointments.
17. Volunteer and provide supplies to a homeless outreach organization.
18. Run monthly birthday parties for kids and parents at a homeless shelter.
19. Organize a community park clean-up.
20. Provide translation services for ESL learners at a community center.