



## GRANT PROGRAM

Have a great idea about how to challenge social boundaries and bring down the walls that divide your school? We want to help, and, to prove it, we offer \$500 grants to support youth-directed programs and projects that address social boundaries in schools or communities.

### TYPES OF GRANTS FUNDED

The Mix It Up Grants Program funds small-scale, youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities.

The projects should be:

**Youth Driven:** Youth (ages 13 years and older) must serve as decision-makers in the project. Ideally, the project is created and implemented by youth.

**Challenging:** Projects should challenge the status quo and focus on crossing social boundaries through youth activism and youth leadership development.

**Creative:** Youth and their advisors should step outside of the box, thinking of fresh ways to engage in and encourage socially just behaviors.

**Collaborative:** Projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries — different grade levels, youth groups, clubs or community groups working together. Various adults and community volunteers should be invited to participate.

**On-Going:** The project should be a part of an ongoing effort, or an effort that's just getting started, but will continue.

**Responsible:** Project organizers should be very thoughtful when constructing a budget. Before purchasing items for your project, ask community partners and local vendors for in-kind donations. Also be sure to check multiple retailers for price comparisons and sales for items you must purchase. Partner with others in your community and share project expenses.

### FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Due to the high volume of materials that we provide each of the 10,000+ schools that participate in the annual Mix it Up at Lunch Day event, we are unable to provide grant money to support a Mix it Up at Lunch Day event at your school or in your community.

### CONDITIONS

As a recipient of a Mix It Up Grant, you are required to complete and submit a project report within thirty

days after your project completion date. In addition to documenting your grant project for our records, your report may also serve as the basis for articles about your efforts in the print and online publications of Mix It Up or other Southern Poverty Law Center materials.

### NOTIFICATION

Within 8 weeks of receiving your *complete* application packet, we will let you know in writing if your project will receive a Mix it Up Grant.

If your project is selected for funding, we'll send you a grant agreement by e-mail, which you have to complete and return to us by snail mail.

Once we receive your agreement form in the mail, we will in turn send you a check within three weeks, along with instructions about the required final project report.

### APPLICATION

To apply, complete the grant application form and submit along with the necessary attachments.

Keep in mind:

- there is no application deadline.
- grants cannot be renewed.
- grants are restricted to one per applicant or school per year.
- materials submitted for the application and the project report will not be returned.
- **incomplete applications cannot be considered.**

Download and complete the application ([www.mixitup.org](http://www.mixitup.org)) and mail it, with the required attachments, to:

**Mix it Up Grants**  
**400 Washington Avenue**  
**Montgomery, AL 36104**

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All applications must contain one youth (ages 13 years and older) and one adult contact, a completed application form, and a three-page (maximum) proposal, which includes:

**Description** Provide detailed answers to the questions below:

What do you plan to do?

Why are you doing it? What problems or needs does the project address?

How does the project address social boundaries?

Is the project youth-directed? How many organizers are there?

Is there a component of youth leadership development?

Is there a component of youth activism?

How many young people will the project ultimately affect?

Is the project collaborative? If so, what kinds of groups are working together to make it happen?

How will you make this project an ongoing effort?

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Youth who are submitting grant applications must also submit a letter of support from an adult advisor (faculty, staff, clergy, director, etc.) on official letterhead.

## BUDGET

Mix it Up typically funds projects that promise the most direct and immediate youth impact. Please describe in detail ALL anticipated project expenses, even if it exceeds \$500. If the Mix it Up Grant will only pay for a portion of the project, please tell us where the other funds will come from.

## REMEMBER

Mix it Up Grants *cannot* support a Mix it Up at Lunch Day Event and incomplete applications *cannot* be considered.



**GRANT APPLICATION**

Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth Organizers \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Youth Impacted \_\_\_\_\_

Has your school ever hosted a Mix it Up at Lunch Day?  Yes  No

Would you be willing to talk to the media about your project?  Yes  No

**Subject Areas**  Creative Arts  Language Arts  Math/Science  Social Studies  
 Extracurricular  Interdisciplinary  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Levels**  Early (PK-5)  Middle (6-8)  Upper (9-12)

**Tolerance Topics**  Ability  Conflict Resolution  LGBTQ  Gender  Health  Immigration & Migration  
 Intergenerational  International  Race/Ethnicity  Religious Diversity  Social Activism & Change  
 Ability  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Genres**  Character/Moral Education  Conflict Resolution/Bullying  Multiculturalism  
 Cooperative Learning  Discussion Groups  Events (Fairs, Conferences)  
 Partnering (Mentors, Buddies)  Service Learning

Print Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_