



3 Rivers Youth Technology Grant Guidelines

3 Rivers Communications has implemented a Youth Technology Grant Program. This is a key element of the 3 Rivers Board of Trustees' vision to enhance access to, or increase knowledge and use of, technology among the youth of our communities.

Process:

1. 3 Rivers will set aside up to \$5,000 each year to award grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations whose primary focus is on youth within our serving area.
2. Applications must be submitted to 3 Rivers Communications by March 31st.
3. 3 Rivers staff will screen applications to determine accuracy of information and appropriateness to grant purpose.
4. Staff will request information and verification to measure success of the grant relative to program goals and will compile a final report and submit it to 3 Rivers' board for review.
5. When funds are available, 3 Rivers will submit the chosen applications to our partner CoBank for consideration for a matching grant of up to \$5,000.00

Criteria:

1. Organizations must demonstrate through the application process how the project will benefit the youth of the community served by enhancing access to, or increasing knowledge and use of, technology in specific measureable ways.
2. Funds will only be awarded to verified IRS 501(c)(3) organizations.
3. A follow up accounting and report to show how the funds were used is required to be submitted within six months of disbursement of grant monies.
4. Funding will not be awarded to the same group for two consecutive years.
5. For long term projects funding will be granted if the project consistently meets the above guidelines until a max of \$5000.00 is reached.