

Project Ignition Grant

Grant Overview: Project Ignition is a service-learning grant program focused on teen driver safety. Student campaign teams find their inspiration close to home and find amazing and creative ways to bring their messages to life, such as:

- Engage peers and other community members to consider their own roles in teen driver safety issues through school physics projects, interactive demonstrations at school lunch rooms and community fairs, writing music and poetry, producing public service announcements.
- Meet with city councils and local legislators to encourage stronger public policy surrounding teen driver safety.
- Build Web sites and memory walls. Students galvanize schools and families (even entire communities) around their efforts to keep teen drivers and passengers safe.

A core group of Second Mile Leadership students under the leadership of Mrs. Alice Nichols will assume responsibility for implementing Project Ignition at Youngsville High School if the grant is awarded. They will work closely with Youngsville Borough and the Youngsville Police Department to create an effective program.

The title of the local program will be “Keep Your Eyes on the Prize...Staying Alive.” The students will work with the YPD, Dr. Jaskolka and YHS teachers to bring speakers and activities to the school that will:

1. Educate young drivers about the consequences of their choices behind the wheel.
2. Reach out to student drivers in other WCSD schools, and
3. Attempt policy changes by asking government officials to create new or updated legislation that will ultimately save lives.

Amount of Award: Up to \$2,000.00.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due November 15, 2010. Notification in January 2011.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The proposal will not move forward without grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to Project Ignition on behalf of Youngsville High School to undertake a service learning project related to teen driver safety.