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Call for Serving Urban Youth Mini-Grant Proposals

The Service Learning Academy, with funding through the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education (MCSLHE) is pleased to call for **Serving Urban Youth Project** mini-grant proposals that address the collaborative development of course projects with pre-K – 12 youth in disadvantaged circumstances, either with youth serving community organizations or the public schools. Ten proposals will be funded for \$800 each to cover costs of the project (supplies, transportation and program activities) **during the summer 2008 or fall 2008 semesters**. (Funding **cannot** cover faculty stipends or conference travel.) **Preference will be given to applicants who participated in the intergenerational community dialogue scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2008. Proposals are due by April 21, 2008.** Recipients of funding will be notified by April 28, 2008.

Proposals should be no more than three pages (including budget) and contain the following information:

- Purpose of project, based on how it addresses challenges of health and safety of Omaha youth in disadvantaged circumstances, as identified in the Dialogue and Planning sessions in March 2008 mentioned above.
- Potential student learning outcomes as linked to course learning objectives.
- Brief project description, nature of student involvement and
- Name and contact information of community partner organization(s) and contact person.
- A budget, outlining planned expenses.
- Attach a draft or previous course syllabus which you intend to enhance with this project.

Please submit electronic applications to Service Learning Academy electronically, c/o Carlynn Hartman-Kurtz, chartmankurtz@mail.unomaha.edu . For questions, please contact Carlynn at 554-2712.

By accepting funding, applicants are expected:

- ☞ To have their class **participate in the ongoing service-learning assessment initiative** at UNO. The SLA staff will be in touch with you to administer the surveys.
- ☞ To submit a **brief final report by December 15, 2008** and to include a final course syllabus. In addition to the required documents in the final report, grantees are invited and encouraged to also include class handouts, exercises developed as part of the class and documents created as part of the project, including student presentations, detailing the outcomes of the project. These course documents will become part of a MCSLHE Tool Kit on youth-serving projects.
- ☞ Applicants are also invited and strongly encouraged to participate in a **campus discussion related to their work, on Friday, January 30, 2009 in the afternoon.**