

STAYING ON TARGET WITH UC POLICY:

Finding Acceptable Funding for Your 4-H Shooting Sports Project

The University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), which administers the 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H), no longer accepts grant support from the National Rifle Association (NRA) Foundation or the California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA). This includes both cash and non-cash grants. For more information regarding this decision, please see ANR Vice President, Glenda Humiston's message [here](#). To assist units and staff in locating alternative funding sources that are acceptable within UC policy, this help sheet has been created.

Fundraising as a Unit

Clubs and projects can raise funds in support of the educational goals of the 4-H program. Potential fundraisers could include car washes, holiday wreath sales, gift wrapping services, and sales of pre-packaged candy or jerky. Complete fundraising requirements are available in [Chapter 9](#), Section D of the [California 4-H Policy Manual](#). Please be sure to fill out your [Fundraising Approval Form](#) and turn it in to your County 4-H Office. Don't forget to steer clear of raffles and other games of chance.

Gifts and Donations

Clubs and projects can also receive gifts of money and/or in-kind donations from private individuals, groups, agencies, or foundations. Potential gifts include money, safety equipment, and ammunition (covered separately). The 4-H program does not accept guns or firearms as gifts. The types of gifts covered here, are those outside of the grant seeking process and occur when the donor reaches out to the unit and expresses a desire to provide some form of support. Complete gifting requirements are available in [Chapter 9](#), Section D of the [California 4-H Policy Manual](#). Please be sure to work with your County 4-H Office when approached by a potential donor.

Donations of Ammunition

Donations of ammunition, while allowable, must be handled according to California's Ammunition Purchase Authorization Program. In accordance with [California State Law](#) the donor and the certified shooting sports volunteer must process the transfer through a licensed ammunition vendor. Through this process the certified shooting sports volunteer will need to submit to the state required background check and will assume responsibility for the ammunition. The County Director must also approve the transfer. Approval can be obtained by submitting a completed [Shooting Sports Ammunition Purchase Request Authorization](#) to your County 4-H Office.

Grant Programs

The following alternative grant sources exist to support youth shooting sports programs and are acceptable with in UC policy. If you are aware of any additional grant opportunities available, please contact Nate Caeton at nwcaeton@ucanr.edu with the organization's name and web address for inclusion on this list. If you are interested in pursuing any of the grant opportunities below, please contact your County 4-H Office, as adult volunteers, members, units, and VMOs may not apply for or receive contracts and grants.

- [Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund](#): Offers grants for project proposals that Advocate for Sportsmen's Rights, Conserve Wildlife and Habitats, and Connect New Audiences to the Outdoors and directly benefit hunting, finishing, camping, or recreational shooting.
- [Easton Foundations](#): Offers grants for archery equipment and range improvements and accepts a limited number of grant applications each year in the amount of \$250-\$500.
- [National Shooting Sports Foundation](#): Offers the 4-H Shooting Sports +One Movement Challenge Grant. Funds must be used to purchase firearms shooting sports supplies or equipment from an NSSF member retailer to assist the unit in hosting a +One Challenge Event, First Shots Event, or family outing day.
- [Youth Shooting Sports Alliance](#): In addition to loaning of firearms and archery products, the YSSA also donates program supplies like targets, hearing protection, eye protection, and more.

Please note that the following forms are also required when seeking grant funds to secure air guns or ammunition: [Shooting Sports Air Gun Request Authorization](#); [Shooting Sports Ammunition Purchase Request Authorization](#).

For More Information

Additional information regarding shooting sports can be obtained by visiting the Shooting Sports and Air Guns Frequently Asked Questions or by contacting your County 4-H Office.



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