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FACT SHEET

DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS WITH 4-H NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS/DIVISION OF YOUTH AND 4-H

4-H HAS A BROAD REACH AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM. 4-H National Headquarters provides national and federal leadership to the 4-H program from within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Division of Youth and 4-H. • 4-H National Headquarters does consider entering into mutually beneficial relationships with other organizations and agencies. The types of formal partnerships that may be considered are described below. • For more information or to explore a potential partnership, contact 4-H National Headquarters at 4Hhq@nifa.usda.gov.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Interagency Agreements are between either the NIFA or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and another **federal agency** and are designed to express a formal working relationship between the agencies. These agreements create mutually beneficial initiatives or programs related to research, extension, education, and/or stakeholder participation.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Memoranda of Understanding are between either NIFA or USDA and a **public or private entity** that supports positive youth development. These entities have values and principles that align with 4-H National Headquarters and are able to provide resources that support and/or enhance mutual objectives. Memoranda are designed for long-term relationship building and initiatives that mutually support organizational missions and visions. Memoranda are typically signed for five years.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Partnership Agreements are between 4-H National Headquarters and a **public or private entity** that supports positive youth development. These entities have values and principles that align with 4-H National Headquarters and are able to provide resources that support and/or enhance mutual objectives. Partnership Agreements are designed for one-time events and/or short-term project-specific goals and initiatives.

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION

Affiliate Organization status provides recognition to foreign government organizations and/or **foreign government sanctioned organizations** dedicated to positive youth development programs and modeled after the 4-H program. These organizations must meet the defined positive youth development program criteria and will be eligible for inclusion in an international database of youth development programs designed for information sharing and mentoring purposes. Affiliate Organization status must be renewed every three years.



Relationships that reach from USDA Secretary Vilsack to the individual 4-H child is a key strength of the 4-H Program.