

# How Can We Best Serve the Community through Our Project?

## Sample Needs-Assessment Questionnaire

**Teacher's Note:** These are just a few sample questions and other ideas will emerge when the students engage in this lesson!

1. What is a foundation or nonprofit organization?
2. Do you want to know the names of the nonprofit organizations or foundations we have in this community, nearby communities or counties and our state?
3. What nonprofit or foundation does the most for our community in helping to solve "commons problems?"
4. What do you personally feel is our community's biggest "commons problem," and how do you think a nonprofit organization or foundation can help to solve it?
5. What percent of the people who work at a not for profit organization or foundation are paid?
6. Do you think it is important to be aware about the day-to-day running of one of our local nonprofit organizations or foundations?
7. If an annual report of the nonprofit organization or foundation were available to you, would you like to see it?
8. Would you like to know what jobs are available in a particular local foundation or nonprofit organization?
9. Do you think that local nonprofit organizations or foundations should hold others and also be held accountable for projects that are designated for a certain use? For example, if a foundation makes a donation that is earmarked for vaccinations of school children, do you think that contributors have the right to know how many children have been vaccinated with that donation? Also, if a nonprofit agency is supposed to be helping teenagers with drug problems, should they be held accountable for how many teenagers they service?
10. Can you give an example of a grant or gift a foundation or nonprofit organization has given to your community?

