

# MLK Day Service Project Ideas & Resources

All types of service are encouraged for MLK Day of Service, however the most successful projects connect to the life and teachings of Dr. King and include time to reflect on his teachings. Need funding to help with supplies and tools? The Virginia Service Foundation is accepting applications for **MLK Day of Service Mini Grants!** It's simple and quick to apply. [Apply today!](#)

Here are a few ideas to get you started . . .

## Economic Advancement/Financial Literacy

- Host a tax preparation clinic.
- Organize a free financial literacy/savings workshop.
- Host a kids and money workshop event.

## Poverty

- Organize a canned food drive for your local shelter or food bank.
- Organize a drive for blankets, gloves, etc. the homeless in your community.
- Host an Affordable Care Act Sign-Up Event
- Organize a toy drive to provide less fortunate children in the community with toys and games.

## Education

- Organize a school supply or book drive.
- Host a story time event reading from books about Dr. King and his legacy.
- Organize a mural project at a school, library or community center

## Military/Veterans

- Assemble care packages for military members overseas.
- Identify military families in need of yard sprucing, home repairs, etc. and organize a day of work at their home.

## Disaster Preparedness

- Conduct a house-to-house smoke alarm check.
- Organize a drive for preparedness supplies to donate to local churches, community centers, etc.
- Offer CPR & Preparedness Basics training.

## More resources:

- [CNCS MLK Focus Area Toolkits](#)
- [Youth Service America MLK Ideas](#)
- [Points of Light MLK Marketing Toolkit](#)
- [366 Community Service Ideas](#)
- [Sign Up Genius MLK Ideas](#)
- [99 Service Project Ideas](#)
- [MLK Day Facebook Resource List](#)