



Meeting the Challenges of the Rural South through Land-Grant Scholarship and Outreach Education

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The SRDC staff compiles Grant Connections primarily for the faculty of colleges and universities in the South to provide funding information in support of activities in agricultural economics, education, human sciences, rural sociology, youth development, and other related disciplines. To document the value Grant Connections is having for you and your colleagues, please let us know if you receive funding from this information. If you have sources of funding that should be monitored, please contact the Southern Rural Development Center at 662-325-3207.

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

Funding Source Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Funds Available \$1.5 million

Deadline May 22, 2006

Overview The USDA is accepting economic research proposals that focus on USDA's food assistance and nutrition programs. Applicants may address multiple issues, but must specify one of the three Priority Research Areas below:

I. Economic Incentives in Food Assistance Programs

- Program Incentives, Policy Choices and Economic Impacts
- Improving Evaluation Methodology with Administrative Data

II. Food Assistance as a Safety Net

- Household Tradeoffs and Well-Being
- Filling the Gap or Duplication Efforts

III. Food Choices, Obesity and Human Capital

- Economics of Food Choices of Low-Income Populations
- Obesity, Food Security and Human Capital

Proposals may be submitted by any state agricultural experiment station, college, university, other research institution or organization, federal, state or county agencies, private organization, corporation or individual.

For More Information

Online, visit
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodNutritionAssistance/Funding/>

Rural Youth Development Grants

Funding Source Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), U.S. Department of Agriculture

Funds Available \$1.9 million

Deadline June 1, 2006

Overview

Rural youth encounter economic and physical barriers that prevent them from receiving adequate care, services or resources necessary for healthy development. The Rural Youth Development Grants Program (available only to Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the National 4-H Council, the Boy Scouts of America and the National FFA Organization) is intended to facilitate collaboration between eligible youth development organizations to break down barriers to participation, especially for rural youth. The program is also intended to enhance opportunities for youth involvement in policy and decision-making; create safe and inviting environments for youth activities; and improve access to information and technology.

For More Information

Online, visit http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/rural_youthdev.html

Research and Education Grant

Funding Source Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SSARE)

Funds Available \$152,000-\$243,000 (based on awards granted in FY2006)

Deadline June 1, 2006

Overview

The Southern Region USDA Program on Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) is requesting pre-proposals for research and education activities that address issues of sustainable agriculture of current and potential importance to the region and nation.

The Southern Region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.griffin.uga.edu/sare/callpage.htm>

Professional Development Program

Funding Source Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE)

Funds Available No funding cap, but priority will be given to projects in the \$50,000-\$100,000 range

Deadline June 1, 2006

Overview

The Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Professional Development Program is requesting pre-proposals for projects of one to two year(s) duration that provide training on sustainable agriculture for agricultural professionals and educators who serve farmers and other interested people in USDA's Southern Region.

The Southern Region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.griffin.uga.edu/sare/callpage.htm>

Initiative to Promote Collaborative Process in Environmental Decision Making

Funding Source The Laura Jane Musser Fund

Funds Available \$35,000

Deadline September 5, 2006

Overview

The Laura Jane Musser Fund proposes to assist public or not-for-profit entities to initiate or implement projects in rural areas to undertake consensus-based activities in environmental stewardship or dispute resolution.

The Musser Fund encourages communities to use a consensus-based approach to environmental decision-making. By this we mean a collaborative process, involving a neutral facilitator where appropriate, that strives to involve all key stakeholders as well as local citizens in developing environmental programs and policies that satisfy common interests.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.musserfund.org/environmental.htm>

One-Year Rural Health Research

Funding Source Health Resources & Services Administration

Funds Available \$900,000
Deadline May 19, 2006
Overview Awards are available for competitive grants for policy-oriented rural health services research. Individual research projects that address rural health services will be funded under this announcement. These grants are designed to provide support both for entities established in the rural health services research field as well as those entering this field. These grants are also intended to advance specific areas of rural health services research in which a limited amount of research exists.
For More Information Online, visit <http://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=F328E7EF-74BC-4BA1-96FE-80F5B49DE512>

New Technologies for Ag Extension Program (NTAE)

Funding Source Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), U . S. Department of Agriculture
Funds Available \$1.4 million
Deadline May 23, 2006
Overview The purpose of the New Technologies for Ag Extension Program (NTAE) is to increase the capacity of each state to contribute expertise and content to the development of eXtension, a national web-based information and education delivery system that provides direct access to science-based educational resources from land-grant and other partner institutions about subjects of high importance to the general public.
1862 and 1890 Land-Grant Institutions are eligible to apply. This initiative will dramatically change how the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) does business with its customers. .
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1560>

Delta Health Initiative

Funding Source Health Resources & Services Administration
Funds Available \$24.75 million (for one five-year project)
Deadline May 22, 2006
Overview The intent of the program is to support a project that will address the health needs of the Mississippi Delta including but not limited to access to care, economic development, health education, research and workforce development.
For More Information Online, visit <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=5EF1EF97-37CE-4D35-8949-A7BB7316F1E3>

Research and Development Risk Management Partnerships

Funding Source Risk Management Agency
Funds Available \$4 million
Deadline June 8, 2006
Overview The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$4 million for Research Partnerships to fund the development of Non-Insurance Risk Management Tools that will be utilized by agricultural producers to assist them in mitigating the risks inherent in agricultural production.
Recipients of awards must demonstrate non-financial benefits from a partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial involvement of RMA in the project.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=9186&mode=VIEW>

Developmental Infrastructure for Population Research (R21)

Funding Source National Institutes of Health
Funds Available \$150,000 (total amount awarded and number of awards will depend on the numbers, quality, duration and costs of received applications)
Deadline November 23, 2006
Overview A central goal of this program is to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation in population research while providing essential and cost-effective core services in support of the development, conduct and translation of population research based in centers or comparable administrative units.
Applicants may request funds under this announcement to support infrastructure development designed to:

- enhance the quality and quantity of population research conducted at an institution, and

develop new research capabilities to advance population research through innovative approaches.

**For More
Information**

Online, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=9106&mode=VIEW>

Humanities Initiative for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Funding Source National Endowment for the Humanities

Funds Available \$75,000

Deadline June 23, 2006

Overview Humanities Initiatives for Faculty are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at historically black colleges and universities. These grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.

For 2006, NEH is particularly interested in proposals in the following categories: (1) American history, (2) world literatures, (3) languages, and (4) humanities connections to science, medicine and technology. Applications for projects in all disciplines of the humanities, however, are eligible for funding and encouraged.

**For More
Information**

Online, visit <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hifacultyhbcu.html>