



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.

Sustainable Community Innovation Grants

Funding Source Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SSARE), the Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Funds Available \$10,000 for Level 1 grants and \$50,000 for Level 2 grants

Deadline November 28, 2006

Overview These grants fund projects that embrace local strategies to link sound farm and non-farm economic development with agriculture and natural resource management. Applications are encouraged that seek to increase knowledge, build capacity and make connections among on- and off-farm sustainable agriculture activities, economic and community development efforts, value-added activities, civic engagement and local government policy.

Proposals are especially encouraged that focus on entrepreneurship efforts and on value-added activities that build on the agricultural and nonagricultural assets of rural communities.

Level 1 proposals may take place anywhere in the Southern Region (which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and may take any one of a number of approaches to achieving the goals of the program.

Level 2 funds are only available in certain Appalachian counties (listed in the call for proposals) and must focus a majority of their activities and outcomes on value-added sustainable agriculture.

For More Information Online, visit
http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/scig_page.htm

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>

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:

1. Enhance the quality and quantity of population research conducted at an institution, and
2. 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>

Rural Community Development Initiative

Funding Source Housing and Community Facilities Programs
Funds Available \$300,000
Deadline October 10, 2006
Overview Grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipient organizations to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=10294&mode=VIEW>

Food Systems and Rural Development Grants

Funding Source W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Funds Available Not specified
Deadline Continuous
Overview The Rural Development program goal is to fund collaborative, comprehensive and inclusive approaches to rural economic development that emphasize community problem-solving, leadership development, entrepreneurship development and delivery of human, social and economic services. It also strives to enable rural people to raise the national awareness of rural communities' potential and problems.
For More Information Online, visit <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=3577;if=search>

Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant

Funding Source State Farm and Youth Service America (YSA)
Funds Available \$100,000
Deadline October 16, 2006
Overview The State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant offers up to \$1,000 each to young people (ages 5-25), teachers and school-based service-learning coordinators to implement service-learning projects on National and Global Youth Service Day 2007 (April 20-22, 2007). Service-learning is

a teaching method that combines meaningful service with curriculum- or program-based learning.

Successful service-learning projects will address an important issue in the community such as literacy, disaster relief, education or environmental awareness, to name a few. Projects are encouraged that promote collaboration between youth, teachers and adults.

For More Information

Online, visit http://www.ysa.org/Awards/pdf/Grant_Introduction_and_Requirements.pdf

Sociology Program

Funding Source National Science Foundation

Funds Available unspecified

Deadline October 15, 2006

Overview The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization - societies, institutions, groups and demography - and processes of individual and institutional change. The program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes.

Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles and the sociology of science and technology. The program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools.

For More Information

Online, visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

Funding Source Health Resources & Services Administration

Funds Available \$3.75 million

Deadline October 18, 2006

Overview This program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. Programs funded have varied greatly and have brought care that would not otherwise have been available to at least 2 million rural citizens across the country. Through consortia of schools, churches, emergency medical service providers, local universities, private practitioners and the like, rural communities have managed to create hospice care, bring health check-ups to children and provide prenatal care to women in remote areas.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opId=10326&mode=VIEW>

Community Enrichment, Education and Environment Grants

Funding Source Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Funds Available \$20 million

Deadline October 31, 2006

Overview The Georgia-Pacific Foundation invests in educational efforts that empower youth, and provide workers with job readiness training. It also invests in scholarships and technical programs that give workers the skills necessary for today's workplace. The Foundation supports such community needs as affordable housing, historic preservation, arts and culture, youth development, diversity and safety. In addition, the Georgia-Pacific Foundation invests in organizations that foster environmental responsibility and provide environmental learning opportunities, including those that promote source reduction, recycling, reuse and cleaner air.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.gp.com/center/community/index.html>

Community Development and Public Schools Grants

Funding Source State Farm Companies Foundation

Funds Available \$20 million

Deadline Continuous

Overview State Farm focuses its giving in the areas of safety, community development and education. It supports programs that promote community development by making housing affordable, fostering sustainable communities, rehabilitating neighborhoods and eliminating barriers to home

ownership. State Farm also considers grants for K-12 public school programs focused on teacher excellence, service-learning programs that integrate core classroom curriculum with community service and programs that incorporate Systemic Improvement criteria into education systems to improve overall effectiveness.

**For More
Information**

Online, visit

http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp