



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.

Champions for Healthy Kids

Funding Source General Mills Foundation / ADA Foundation / President's Challenge

Funds Available \$10,000 maximum award

Deadline February 1, 2006

Overview In partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Challenge, the General Mills Foundation developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year, the Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

For More Information Online, visit [http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/...](http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/)

Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program

Funding Source United States Department of Agriculture

Funds Available \$50,000 average award

Deadline February 10, 2006

Overview The Program provides matching funds on a competitive basis to State departments of agriculture, State Experiment Stations and other similar State agencies for applied research projects that address barriers, challenges and opportunities in marketing, transportation and distribution of U.S. food and agricultural products. Proposals may deal with any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale and retail. Proposals may involve small, medium or large-scale agricultural entities but should potentially benefit multiple producers or agribusinesses. Of particular interest are proposals that reflect a collaborative approach between the States, academia, the farm sector and other appropriate stakeholders.

For More Information Online, visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/fsmip.htm>

FY2006 Food Stamp Program Outreach Grants

Funding Source United States Department of Agriculture

Funds Available \$75,000 maximum award

Deadline April 3, 2006

Overview The purpose of this USDA Food and Nutrition Service grant is to

implement and study effective strategies to inform and educate potentially eligible low income people not currently participating in the Food Stamp Program about the nutrition benefits of the program, eligibility rules and how to apply so that they can make informed decisions about participation in the program.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/grants/2006/>

Digital Inclusion Funding Opportunity

Funding Source Microsoft Research

Funds Available \$100,000 maximum award

Deadline January 13, 2006

Overview Microsoft Research has announced a \$1.2 million Digital Inclusion funding opportunity designed to empower academic researchers world-wide to tackle technological challenges in a way that positively affects health, education and socioeconomic conditions. It is encouraging academic research that explores how technologies such as mobile devices, cellular phones and networking can unlock the potential of people everywhere by making computing affordable, accessible and relevant.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://research.microsoft.com/ur/us/fundingopps/...>

National Research Initiative: Rural Development

Funding Source United States Department of Agriculture - CSREES

Funds Available \$500,000

Deadline February 1, 2006

Overview Over the next 10 years, the Rural Development program will pursue three objectives to increase economic opportunity and improve rural quality of life. These objectives include: (1) a measurable reduction in the erosion of rural services and infrastructure through application of successful models of rural and community development; (2) a measurable reduction in the rural broadband gap through strategies successful in promoting infrastructure; and, (3) the successful dissemination of new approaches to enhance rural economic opportunities, rural governance and civic engagement, and local government response to devolution. During FY2006, the Rural Development program will pursue a single research priority designed to achieve these three objectives. This priority is the examination of social, economic, demographic, and/or policy conditions that foster or impede improved quality of life for rural residents, including recommendations for policies and practices effective in creating and sustaining rural community vitality and prosperity.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1127>

Humana Foundation Grants

Funding Source Humana Foundation

Funds Available \$50,000 average award

Deadline Rolling

Overview The Humana Foundation identifies, funds, and nurtures projects and organizations in three fields: domestic and international health, education, and civic and cultural development in communities where the company has a meaningful presence: mainly in Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas. Applications are accepted from January 1 - October 15 each year.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.humanafoundation.org>

Progress Energy Foundation Grants

Funding Source Progress Energy Foundation

Funds Available Unavailable

Deadline Rolling

Overview Since its creation in 2001, the Progress Energy Foundation has given more than \$54 million in grants to nonprofits in Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina. Funding areas include Economic Development, Education and the Environment. Alternating deadlines run February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 of each year.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.progress-energy.com/...>

