



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.

Special Item of Interest

An intensive three-day grant proposal workshop will be held March 18-20, 2008, at the McKimmon Educational Conference Center at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. The main focus of the workshop will be how to effectively tell the story that leads to funding. Space is very limited, so register today by visiting <http://www.granttrainingcenter.com> or by calling 866-704-7268.

Feasibility Project Program in Agricultural Health and Safety

Funding Source Southeast Center for Ag Health and Injury Prevention

Funds Available Not specified

Deadline March 3, 2008

Overview The Southeast Center supports feasibility projects that focus on agricultural health and safety among human populations in the Southeastern United States. These funds are intended to support research projects that can lead to larger funded studies. Any research project within a broad definition of occupational health and injury topics in agriculture (i.e., farming, forestry, and fishing) is welcome. For example, projects may focus on exploring or developing new research methods, data linkages, evaluation methods, survey instruments and laboratory methods. The Southeast Center places special emphasis on transdisciplinary projects and the translation of research to practice.

For More Information Online, visit <http://www.ukcph.org/>

Team Nutrition Training Program Grants

Funding Source U. S. Department of Agriculture; Food and Nutrition Service

Funds Available \$4 million

Deadline April 14, 2008 (with letters of intent due March 3)

Overview The purpose of this grant is to assist state agencies to expand and enhance training programs that incorporate and implement the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans in school meal programs and meals served under other child nutrition programs. States must apply Team Nutrition's three behavior-focused strategies in their proposals:

- Provide training and technical assistance to child nutrition foodservice professionals to enable them to prepare and serve nutritious meals that appeal to students.
- Provide fun and interactive nutrition education for children, teachers, parents and others caregivers.
- Build school and community support for creating healthy school environments that are conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/grants/2008app.html>

1890 Facilities Grants

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

Funds Available \$16.6 million

Deadline March 28, 2008

Overview The 1890 Facilities Grants Program provides funds for the acquisition and improvement of agricultural and food sciences facilities and equipment, including libraries, so that the 1890 land-grant institutions, Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University, may participate fully in the production of human capital in the food and agricultural sciences.

For More Information

Online, visit http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/1890_facilities.html

Rural Business Opportunity Grants

Funding Source U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development

Funds Available \$2.6 million

Deadline March 31, 2008

Overview The primary objective of this program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. The RBOG program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs through provision of training and technical assistance for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and to assist with economic development planning.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbog.htm>

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Funding Source U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development

Funds Available \$4.4 million

Deadline April 8, 2008

Overview Rural Cooperative Development grants are made for establishing and operating centers for cooperative development for the primary purpose of improving the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives. The U.S. Department of Agriculture desires to encourage and stimulate the development of effective cooperative organizations in rural America as a part of its total package of rural development efforts.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm>

Economic Development Assistance Programs

Funding Source Economic Development Administration

Funds Available \$249 million

Deadline Continuous

Overview EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. As such, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs that will promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in regions experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=40747>

