



Rural Development Funding Opportunities
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Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI)

Funding Source: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/ U.S. Department of Agriculture
Funds Available: \$17.3 Million (\$3 Million Award Ceiling)
Deadline: March 9, 2009

Overview: The OREI seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research and Extension activities. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. The OREI is particularly interested in projects that emphasize research and outreach that assist farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning and ecosystem integration. Projects should plan to deliver applied production information to producers. Fieldwork must be done on certified organic land or on land in transition to organic certification, as appropriate to project goals and objectives. Refer to the USDA National Organic Program (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>) for organic production standards. Eligible applicants include but are not limited to the following: public and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; individuals; for profit organizations other than small businesses; and small businesses.

For More Info: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/OREI.html>

2009 Conservation Innovation Grants

Funding Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Commodity Credit Corporation
Funds Available: \$20 Million (\$4-6 Million Award Ceiling)
Deadline: March 20, 2009

Overview: The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals, guides, and references or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects. It is a vehicle to stimulate the development and adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a likelihood of success, and to be candidates for eventual technology transfer or institutionalization. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. NRCS will accept applications for single or multi-year projects, not to exceed 3 years, submitted to NRCS from eligible entities including Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, State and local governments, and non-governmental organizations and individuals. Applications are accepted from all 50 States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the Pacific Islands Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

For More Info: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/pdf_files/Fiscal_Year_2009_Announcement_for_Program_Funding.pdf

USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
Funds Available: \$25 Million (\$500,000 Award Ceiling)
Deadline: March 24, 2009

Overview: The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program is specifically designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America through the use of advanced telecommunications technologies. In the grant program, the focus is primarily on funding user equipment that operates via telecommunications to connect students and teachers or medical

providers and patients at separate locations.

For More Info: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>

Learn and Serve America Higher Education

Funding Source: Corporation for National and Community Service

Funds Available: \$9.27 Million (\$500,000 Award Ceiling)

Deadline: March 26, 2009

Overview: The Corporation for National and Community Service announces the availability of approximately \$9.27 million of grant funding to support higher education service-learning and community service programs that address community needs through local service projects. These funds will be awarded to both individual institutions and consortia. An estimated six to eight individual institution applicants will receive awards ranging from approximately \$85,000 to \$195,000 annually for a project period of up to three years. An estimated seven to nine consortia applicants will receive awards ranging from approximately \$200,000 to \$500,000 annually for a project period of up to three years. Key agency priorities for the 2009 Higher Education grant competition include the following:

- Creating and/or expanding initiatives engaging campuses and the communities they serve. Activities should focus on assisting with economic recovery and strengthening the vitality of the nonprofit and social service sectors
- Promoting student leadership through program models incorporating student-initiated and student-led service and service-learning activities addressing critical social needs, particularly those resulting from the economic downturn

For More Info: http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=68

Learn and Serve America Community-Based Programs

Funding Source: Corporation for National and Community Service

Funds Available: \$4.2 Million (\$450,000 Award Ceiling)

Deadline: April 14, 2009

Overview: The Corporation for National and Community Service announces the anticipated availability of approximately \$4.2 million for qualified organizations to provide subgrants, training, and other assistance to local partnerships to implement community-based service-learning projects. These funds will be awarded to an estimated five to eight eligible applications with awards ranging from approximately \$350,000 to \$450,000 annually for a project period of up to three years. The Corporation's mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Learn and Serve America Community-Based grants are designed to involve school-age youth in community-based service-learning programs that provide direct and demonstrable educational, public safety, human, or environmental service, and to provide training and technical assistance to youth-serving organizations. Key agency priorities for the 2009 Community-Based Healthy Communities initiative include the following:

- Expanding opportunities for out-of-school time service-learning activities that increase civic engagement, leadership capacity and community problem solving skills and promote retention in school and readiness for careers and post-secondary education.
- Engaging young people, particularly youth in disadvantaged circumstances, in the planning and implementation of service-learning activities that directly address community needs in order to build healthier communities.
- Developing community partnerships at the local level that include well-defined roles for public or profit nonprofit organization partners and adult volunteers engaged in service-learning programs.

For More Info: http://www.cns.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=71

Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program

Funding Source: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Funds Available: Not Available

Deadline: April 27, 2009

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program supports hundreds of high-achieving students with financial need across the United States. Young Scholars receive a unique combination of services, which may include guidance in selecting a high school, summer academic or enrichment programs, college advising and counseling, and specialized support in music, art, science, math, or other subjects. Each year up to 75

students are selected from a pool of more than 1,000 applications. Overview: Selected Young Scholars demonstrate high academic achievement, a motivation to succeed, an interest in the arts or other extracurricular areas, and a commitment to leadership and public service. Applicants must have demonstrated financial need—typically, a family income below \$60,000. Please encourage eligible seventh-grade students to visit www.jkcf.org, to learn more about the Young Scholars Program and to download an application. Informational materials in Spanish are available upon request.

For More Info: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/>

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for K–12 Schools

Funding Source: Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
Funds Available: \$250,000 (\$45,000 Award Ceiling)
Deadline: May 29, 2009

This grants program will underwrite costs of installing renewable energy and energy efficiency equipment in K – 12 schools in Appalachia, and provide support for the implementation of associated science, environment, and business curricula in the classroom. Renewable energy equipment eligible for this RFP will include: wind power; solar power, both solar thermal or photovoltaics; fuel cells; biofuels; and geothermal systems. A range of energy efficiency technologies are also eligible for this grants program. To assist applicants develop proposals, Grants Workshops will be held on the following dates:

Overview:

- March 20, Ohio University Southern, Ironton, Ohio
- March 20, Northeast State Technical Community College, Blountville, Tennessee

To reserve a place at the workshop please pre-register by sending an email to education@arc.gov noting which workshop you will be attending, and the names and contact information of all who will be attending. Walk-ins will be welcome on a space-available basis.

For More Info: <http://www.arc.gov/energy>

Renewable-Energy and Energy-Efficiency Training and Certification Programs

Funding Source: Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
Funds Available: \$250,000 (\$40,000 Award Ceiling)
Deadline: May 29, 2009

This Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants program will provide support for the implementation of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy training and certification programs for adults. These programs can be delivered by postsecondary institutions, such as vocational and technical schools, community colleges, and 4-year colleges and universities, as well as by trade associations, non-profit organizations, and government entities. Overview: These targeted training programs will be designed to help develop trained employees for supply chain jobs in the renewable energy and energy efficiency fields, as well as provide certified installers of renewable energy (wind, solar, geothermal, fuel cells, or biofuels) and energy efficiency technologies in the marketplace. The grants program will also assist in implementing energy efficiency education curricula, such as USGBC LEED, ASHRAE, IECC and other energy efficiency programming.

For More Info: <http://www.arc.gov/energy>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

Funding Source: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/ U.S. Department of Agriculture
Funds Available: \$191 Million (\$4 Million Award Ceiling)
Deadline: July 30, 2009

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Section 7406 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (Pub. L. 110-246) (i.e., the 2008 Farm Bill) amends subsection (b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)) to authorize the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI). AFRI is a new competitive grant program to provide funding for fundamental and applied research, extension, and education to address food and agricultural sciences. While AFRI covers an equally broad scope of topics and will support many of the grant types offered by the former National Research Initiative (NRI), the new authority allows greater flexibility in the types of projects funded to include: single function projects in research, education and extension, and integrated research, education and/or extension awards. AFRI is the new core competitive grant program for research, education, and extension.

Overview:

For More Info: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/afri/pdfs/program_announcement.pdf

Funding Source: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce

Funds Available: As of October 1, 2008, FY 2009 appropriations are not available. The FY 2008 amounts are provided for your information. Appropriations provided by the continuing resolution allocate a level of funding based on FY 2008 funding levels, but on a pro-rated basis until the enactment of another appropriation act, or March 6, 2009, whichever occurs earlier. Funds in the amount of \$249,100,000 were appropriated for FY 2008 and shall remain available until expended.

Deadline: September 30, 2009 (Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received).

Overview: Pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, 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. Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a(n): (i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

For More Info: http://www.eda.gov/ImageCache/EDAPublic/documents/pdfdocs2008/single_5fapplication_5fedap_5fffo_5ffinal_2epdf/v1/single_5fapplication_5fedap_5fffo_5ffinal.pdf