



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 Items of Interest

The Grant Institute's "Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop" will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich., August 15-17, 2007. The course is an intensive and detailed introduction to the process, structure and skill of professional proposal writing. All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute. Reserve your seat early, as space will be limited. For more information call (888) 824-4424 or visit The Grant Institute's Web site at <http://www.thegrantinstitute.com/>.

Attention Mac Users - Apple Security Patch Affects Grants.gov Form Use

The latest security update sent out by Apple has left the IBM Workplace Forms (PureEdge) Viewer for Macintosh users unable to open, manipulate or submit grant applications. Grants.gov has placed guidance for a workaround on their Download Software Page until the problem is resolved.

As a reminder, Mac users may continue to use the following options:

- NIH-hosted Citrix servers: Non-PC users may prepare and submit applications using the PureEdge forms viewer. Many applicants have used this service successfully, and it has the capacity to handle the anticipated load for upcoming submission deadlines.
- PC-emulation software: Commercially available products allow Mac users to run the PureEdge viewer.

The Big Read

Funding Source National Endowment for the Arts

Funds Available From \$2,500 to \$20,000 per applicant

Deadline July 31, 2007, with intent to apply due June 29, 2007

Overview The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The program brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. To support innovative reading programs in selected cities and towns, the initiative provides grants, comprehensive resources and support for discussing literature.

Approximately 200 organizations in communities of varying sizes across the country will be selected through this selection cycle to participate in

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Information**

The Big Read from January through June 2008.
Online, visit
http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

Head Start Hispanic/Latino Service Partnerships

Funding Source U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families

Funds Available \$1 million

Deadline August 20, 2007, with letter of intent due July 23, 2007

Overview The Office of Head Start, with the ACF, is requesting applications for grants from institutions of higher education with experience and capability in educating and preparing early childhood teachers to work effectively with Hispanic/Latino young children and families. Those receiving grants will work in partnership with Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (when the college or university offers an infant toddler degree or specialization). Awards will be for a one-year budget period.

The primary purpose of these partnerships is to increase the number of employed Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start teaching staff with associate and baccalaureate degrees in early childhood education to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of program services to young Hispanic/Latino children and their families.

**For More
Information**

Online, visit
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OHS-YP-0011.html>

1890 Land-Grant Institution Rural Entrepreneurial Program Outreach Initiative

Funding Source U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development

Funds Available \$1.5 million

Deadline July 30, 2007

Overview 1890 Land-Grant Universities are eligible for competitively awarded cooperative agreements for projects that support USDA Rural Development's goals and objectives of providing technical assistance for business creation in economically challenged rural communities; for educational programs to develop and improve upon the professional skills of rural entrepreneurs; and for outreach and promotion of USDA Rural Development's programs in small rural communities with the greatest economic need.

The goals of the program are to develop income-producing projects for under-developed rural communities; create self-sustaining, long-term economic development in targeted areas of high unemployment through partnerships with the Universities and community-based organizations; and assist and guide those communities in becoming self-sustainable.

**For More
Information**

Online, visit
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=14489&mode=VIEW>

Youth Service America Youth Venture Program

Funding Source Youth Service America; Youth Venture, Inc.

Funds Available Up to \$1,000 in start-up funds

Deadline August 13, 2007

Overview The YSA Youth Venture Program is accepting applications from young people (ages 12-20) nationwide who are interested in starting their own sustainable social ventures. Ventures must be youth-created and youth-led, and designed to be a lasting, sustainable asset to the community. YSA Youth Venture teams are required to plan a Global Youth Service Day project every year their Venture is operational. The Youth Venture Program provides a variety of resources including a national network of like-minded young people, media opportunities, technical support, helpful toolkits and workshops, as well as seed money funding of up to \$1,000 for start-up expenses.

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Information**

Online, visit
<http://www.genv.net/en-us/region/ysa>

Economic Development Assistance Programs

Funding Source	Economic Development Administration; Department of Commerce
Funds Available	\$158 million for Public Works and Economic Development Investments \$27 million for the Planning Program \$8.2 million for the Technical Assistance Program \$44 million for the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program
Deadline	Continuous
Overview	EDA advances economic growth by assisting communities and regions experiencing chronic high unemployment and low per capita income to create an environment that fosters innovation, promotes entrepreneurship and attracts increased private capital investment. EDA encourages the submission of only those proposals or applications, as appropriate, which will significantly benefit regions with distressed communities. Distress may exist in a variety of forms including high unemployment levels, natural or other major disasters, loss of population, etc.
For More Information	Online, visit http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=13169

Annenberg Foundation Grants

Funding Source	The Annenberg Foundation
Funds Available	Not specified
Deadline	Continuous
Overview	The Annenberg Foundation focuses on four major program areas: 1) Education and Youth Development 2) Arts, Culture and Humanities 3) Civic, Community and the Environment 4) Health and Human Services Letters of inquiry are accepted at all times during the year and there are no deadlines. Those interested should review the grants database on the foundation's Web site to gain familiarity with the types of programs that have received funding.
For More Information	Online, visit http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grants/

Effective Citizenry Grants

Funding Source	The Surdna Foundation
Funds Available	\$37 million
Deadline	Continuous
Overview	The goal of the Effective Citizenry program is to support young people to take action with others to address meaningful problems in their schools, neighborhoods and the larger society. The Surdna Foundation funds efforts that help young people (ages 13-29) become effective, problem-solving citizens; improve practices and performance of organizations that help young people move through leadership development and into productive action; and develop networks that can anchor and expand a field of effective citizenry. Program support follows two primary themes: 1) Young People Taking Action 2) Strengthening Infrastructure
For More Information	Online, visit http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants_show.htm?doc_id=326178&cat_id=949

Community Development, Youth and Civic Participation Grants

Funding Source	The Public Welfare Foundation
Funds Available	\$5.3 million
Deadline	Continuous
Overview	The primary goal of the Public Welfare Foundation is to address human needs in disadvantaged communities. The Foundation strongly emphasizes support for organizations that include service, advocacy or empowerment in their approach, with particular interest in efforts that combine two or all three of these elements. The Community Development Program promotes affordable housing, safe working conditions and fair wages. The Youth Program promotes the positive development of young people through improving access to quality education and training, adequate health services, leadership development and empowerment. The Civic Participation Fund supports grassroots

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organizations in the development of their capacity to encourage the people they serve to become involved more actively in their communities and to encourage their civic participation at all levels of government.

Online, visit

http://www.publicwelfare.org/news/news/fund_2007.asp