



Rural Development Funding Opportunities
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2009 National e-Commerce Extension Initiative Grants Program

Funding Source: Southern Rural Development Center, in partnership with CSREES and the Regional Rural Development Centers
Funds Available: \$25,000 Award Ceiling
Deadline: July 20, 2009

The intent of this program, *Building Quality e-Commerce Educational Resources to Support Extension Programming*, is to support the development or expansion of innovative educational resources focusing on key e-commerce topics. The SRDC will consider proposals up to \$25,000 to fund the development of new e-commerce curricula that are designed to help fill important gaps in the e-commerce educational programs of Extension. The topics detailed in the request for proposals represent the key educational resources that the National e-Commerce Extension Advisory Committee has identified as being of "high priority" in this year's competitive grants program. Applicants are urged to submit proposals that relate to one or more of the following topics:

Overview:

1. Expanding Youth Engagement in Broadband and/or e-Commerce Activities
2. Social Networking Strategies for Small Businesses
3. Expanding Adoption of Broadband in Underserved Rural Areas
4. Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Strategies
5. Small Communities and/or Local Governments: Having a Presence on the Web
6. Learn More about Your Visitors: How to Use Web site Analytic Tools
7. Web site Development 101: Learning How to Create a Web site for My Business

For More Info: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/ecommerce/grants09/>

New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program (RTP)

Funding Source: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/ U.S. Department of Agriculture
Funds Available: \$750,000 (\$300,000 Award Ceiling)
Deadline: July 20, 2009

Overview:

Purpose: Agriculture-based renewable energy offers many rural areas a means of strengthening their economy while helping meet the nation's energy demands. With this RFA, CSREES requests applications for the New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program (RTP) for fiscal year (FY) 2009. RTP grants are for technology development, applied research, and/or training to develop an agriculture-based renewable energy workforce to serve rural communities. Awards will stimulate and enable community colleges and advanced technological centers located in rural areas to provide technology development, applied research, and/or training necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's technical, scientific and professional workforce in the fields of bioenergy, pulp and paper manufacturing, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources. Applications may be submitted by either: (1) public or private nonprofit community colleges, or (2) advanced technological centers, either of which must: .be located in a rural area (see definition in Part VIII, E.); have been in existence as of June 18, 2008; participate in agricultural or bioenergy research and applied research; have a proven record of development and implementation of programs to meet the needs of students, educators, and business and industry to supply the agriculture-based, renewable energy or pulp and paper manufacturing fields with certified technicians, as determined by the Secretary; and have the ability to leverage existing partnerships and occupational outreach and training programs for secondary schools, 4-year institutions, and relevant nonprofit organizations.

For More Info: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/09_newera.pdf

Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Research and Evaluation

Funding Source: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA
Funds Available: \$400,000

Deadline: July 27, 2009

Overview: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA announces the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Research and Evaluation Program. The purpose of CYFAR Research and Evaluation funding is to improve the quality of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. The mission of the CYFAR Program is to marshal resources of the Land-Grant and Cooperative Extension Systems so that, in collaboration with other organizations, they can develop and deliver educational programs that equip youth who are at risk for not meeting basic human needs with the skills they need to lead positive, productive, contributing lives. Applications may be submitted by Cooperative Extension at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University, at 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, and the University of the District of Columbia.

For More Info: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/09_cyfar_research_evaluation.pdf

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

Funding Source: State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/ U.S. Department of Agriculture

Funds Available: \$191 Million (\$4 Million Award Ceiling)

Deadline: July 30, 2009

Overview: 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

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

Economic Development Assistance Programs

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

Funds Available: \$240 Million

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/PDF/FY09-EDAP-FFO-FINAL.pdf>

Planning Research and Education Grant

Funding Source: Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Funds Available: \$20,000 Award Ceiling

Deadline: August 15, 2009

The Southern Region USDA Program on Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) is requesting planning proposals that will lead to develop systems research and education proposals that address issues of sustainable agriculture of current and potential importance to the region and nation. The Southern Region USDA Program on Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) funds systems research projects that are undertaken by interdisciplinary and often multi-institutional teams. Bringing together such teams takes both time and expense. To be

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effective, teams should use shared leadership and group process as the dominant mode of planning. Working as an interdisciplinary team is not an easy task. After a team has been formed and a research idea cemented, it again takes time and effort to adequately plan systems research. The research team must define the project scope, establish goals and objectives and perform extensive literature reviews across multiple disciplines. The experimental design must be matched to the goals and statistical designs must be established.

The goal of a SSARE Planning Grant is to develop and submit a full sustainable agriculture systems research proposal to a funding institution, not necessarily Southern SARE.

For More Info: <http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/currentcalls/plan.doc>

Community Action Grant Guidelines

Funding Source: Gannett Foundation
Funds Available: \$5,000 Award Ceiling
Deadline: August 17, 2009

The Gannett Foundation Community Action Grant Program provides support to nonprofit organizations in communities across the United States where Gannett Co., Inc. owns a newspaper or broadcast station.

Overview:

Community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. About 60 percent of the foundation's community grants target grassroots organizations in the areas of social/human services, health, and mental health, and are intended to benefit the most disadvantaged people in local communities.

For most communities, the average grant amount is in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range.

Eligible nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations are asked to submit their applications to the newspaper publisher or TV station executive in their area.

Visit the Gannett Foundation Web site for complete grant information and a state-by-state listing of Gannett's community newspapers and TV stations

For More Info: <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/index.htm>