



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.

Rural E-Commerce Grants Program

Funding Source Southern Rural Development Center

Funds Available \$25,000 maximum award

Deadline December 9, 2005

Overview

The Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC), located at Mississippi State University, is providing leadership to a national e-commerce demonstration project funded by the U.S. Congress through the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). The central goal of this important national effort is to introduce, strengthen and expand the delivery of Extension-based e-commerce educational outreach programs relevant to the needs of small businesses and communities in rural America. This new cycle of e-commerce competitive grants is designed to support activities that delve into a series of topics that complement the e-commerce Extension products currently under development by previous grantees. Approximately \$100,000 is being set aside in this cycle of funding to support this important initiative.

For More Information

Online, visit <http://srdc.msstate.edu/ecommerce>

Entergy Power of Hope Fund - Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Funding Source Entergy Corporation

Funds Available \$20,000 maximum award

Deadline Continuous

Overview

In response to the widespread damage and devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Entergy Power of Hope Fund was created to provide assistance to affected Entergy customers and employees. Different from immediate relief efforts available through other agencies, this fund, administered through the Foundation for the Mid South, will focus on helping victims transition from shelters/temporary housing back into the community. Individuals and families are eligible for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per household. Grants for nonprofit organizations providing direct service to hurricane victims will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

For More Information

Online, visit http://www.fndmidsouth.org/Power_of_hope.htm

Children, Youth and Families at Risk Sustainable Communities Projects

Funding Source USDA, CSREES
Funds Available \$100,000 maximum award
Deadline December 1, 2005
Overview The USDA-CSREES requests applications for FY06 grants seeking to fund improvements to the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth and families supported by the Cooperative Extension Service.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding...>

Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

Funding Source USDA, CSREES
Funds Available \$500,000 maximum award
Deadline February 2, 2006
Overview The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service requests applications for the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC) for fiscal year 2006 to stimulate and enable colleges and universities to provide the quality of education necessary to produce baccalaureate or higher degree level graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce. The purpose of HEC is to strengthen institutional capabilities to improve teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences or in rural economic, community and business development, including curriculum, faculty, scientific instrumentation, instructional delivery systems, and student recruitment and retention, to respond to identified State, regional, national or international educational needs.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding...>

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Grants

Funding Source Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
Funds Available \$200,000
Deadline February 1, 2006
Overview The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation's mission is to help people and places in the Southeastern United States to move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. The foundation is most interested in the following types of efforts:
1. Efforts that have potential to expand or deepen their impact, or that are already achieving large-scale impact. The size and duration of the foundation's investments are scaled to the size of impact. At all levels of funding, the foundation looks for goal-oriented, flexible relationships among the nonprofit, public, and private sector players necessary for leveraging influence and resources in order to achieve large-scale impact. The networks may be formal or informal, short-term or long-term, and structured in a variety of ways. The foundation expects network structure, membership, relationships, and strategies to evolve over time to get the job done effectively and democratically.
2. Efforts that take a long-term view of what is required for people and places to build assets and move out of poverty. The foundation is interested in achieving lasting impact on individuals and communities, nurturing new leadership, and investing in organizational effectiveness and sustainability. The foundation is especially interested in promoting and nurturing the next generation of organizational and community leaders working for social and economic justice.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.mrbf.org/www.html>

Balance Bar Individual/Team and Community Grants

Funding Source Balance Bar Food Company
Funds Available \$25,000 maximum award
Deadline March 15, 2006
Overview Balance Bar is committed to helping people enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Whether through an individual, a team, or through a community organization, these grants are intended to help recipients lead a healthier, more active lifestyle in pursuit of their goals. Individual/Team Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000; this application deadline is March 15, 2006. Community Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and must be dedicated to a project that will provide organization members, as well as community residents, with opportunities to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

**For More
Information**

The deadline for the Community Grants is August 30, 2006.
Online, visit <http://www.balance.com/grants/default.aspx>

2006 Learn & Serve America Community-Based Grant Program

Funding Source Corporation for National and Community Service

Funds Available \$500,000 maximum award

Deadline March 7, 2006

Overview This grant program seeks to promote the development and sustainability of high-quality community-based service-learning programs in youth-serving community organizations across the nation. Funds will be used by intermediary organizations to create curriculum materials; support training and technical assistance activities; make sub-grants to local organizations that will implement service-learning programs for youth ages five to seventeen; and strengthen, expand, and anchor a network of youth-serving community-based organizations that implement service-learning programs.

**For More
Information** Online, visit <http://www.learnandserve.gov/...>