



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.

SARE Producer Grants

Funding Source Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)
Funds Available \$10,000 for individual producers and \$15,000 for producer organizations
Deadline November 15, 2006
Overview The Southern Region SARE Producer Grant program is requesting grant proposals from producers or producer organizations interested in conducting research or marketing projects related to sustainable agriculture.

Any producer or organization in the Southern Region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) is eligible to apply.

Projects should be innovative, generate results that are useful beyond one year and produce information that many farmers can use. Successful proposals include cooperators such as other farmers, researchers, extension agents or specialists; an outreach plan for providing others an opportunity to learn from the project; and clear goals to ensure the project's success.

For More Information Online, visit
<http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/producerpage.htm>

SARE On-Farm Research Grants

Funding Source Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)
Funds Available Up to \$15,000 per project
Deadline November 15, 2006
Overview The Southern Region SARE Program is requesting grant proposals from extension, NRCS and/or non-governmental personnel who work with farmers/ranchers in the Southern Region and are interested in conducting on-farm research or marketing projects related to sustainable agriculture.

On-farm grant research projects must be developed, coordinated and led by extension, NRCS and/or non-governmental organization personnel who work with farmers/ranchers and who will conduct the on-farm research

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with at least one farmer/rancher cooperator. Projects should be innovative, generate results that are useful beyond one year and produce information that many farmers can use.
Online, visit http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/onfarm_page.htm

Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs

Funding Source National Science Foundation
Funds Available \$16.25 million
Deadline December 4, 2006
Overview The SBIR/STTR Programs stimulate technological innovation in the private sector by strengthening the role of small business concerns in meeting federal research and development needs, increasing the commercial application of federally supported research results and fostering and encouraging participation by socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses.

The STTR program requires researchers at universities and other research institutions to play a significant intellectual role in the conduct of each STTR project. These university-based researchers, by joining forces with a small company, can spin-off their commercially promising ideas while they remain primarily employed at the research institution. Only firms qualifying as a small business concern are eligible to participate.

For More Information Online, visit <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=10763>

National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

Funding Source Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), U.S. Department of Agriculture
Funds Available \$181 million
Deadline Varies by program
Overview The purpose of the NRI Program is to support research, extension and education grants that address key problems of national, regional and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of agriculture (farming, ranching, forestry including urban and agroforestry, aquaculture, rural communities, human nutrition, processing, etc.).

Providing this support requires that NRI advance fundamental sciences in support of agriculture and coordinate opportunities to build on these discoveries. Building on these discoveries will necessitate new efforts in education and extension that deliver science-based knowledge to people, allowing them to make informed practical decisions. In FY 2007, the NRI Program will accept applications for fundamental research, mission-linked research, and integrated research, extension and education projects.

For More Information Online, visit http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Grants

Funding Source Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation (private foundation)
Funds Available \$2 million
Deadline February 1, 2007
Overview Applicants must be not-for-profit organizations located in the Southeastern United States. The foundation supports:

- grassroots groups and networks in low-wealth communities that are poised to expand their scale of impact
- statewide or regional organizations and networks that are achieving large-scale impact
- both new approaches and proven strategies that link together grassroots and larger organizations.

Competitive applicants will have clear, promising strategies for moving people and places out of poverty, including systems or policy change at the local, state or regional level. All applicants must have meaningful connections with low-wealth people and communities.

For More Information Online, visit <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=94605;if=search>

Agricultural Prosperity for Small and Medium-Sized Farms

Funding Source Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), Department of Agriculture
Funds Available \$5 million
Deadline February 14, 2007
Overview The purpose of this program is to foster interdisciplinary studies to improve our understanding of the interactions between the economic and environmental components important to the long-term viability, competitiveness and efficiency of small and medium-sized farms (including social, biological and other components, if necessary). Grants for this program will not exceed \$500,000.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1200>

My Hometown Helper Grants

Funding Source General Mills, Hamburger Helper
Funds Available Up to \$15,000 per project
Deadline Continuous until May 2007
Overview Individuals from communities and organizations across America are asked to submit a written essay describing how the grant would help improve their community project. Applicants can request a one-time award of between \$500 and \$15,000 during any single month. All requests must be sponsored by a municipal or civic organization or public school. Examples of possible community projects include: computers for the local library, clean-up projects and training for volunteer firefighters. Funds will be awarded based on the merit of the project, including its impact on and support within the community.
For More Information Online, visit <http://www.myhometownhelper.com/>