



Rural Development Funding Opportunities  
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**2008 National e-Commerce Initiative Program Implementation Mini-Grants**

Funding Source: Southern Rural Development Center, in partnership with CSREES/USDA

Funds Available: \$3,000 Award Ceiling

Deadline: January 9, 2009

Overview: Since 2003, the SRDC has served as the lead entity for the *National e-Commerce Extension Initiative*, a focused effort designed to introduce, strengthen and expand the delivery of Extension-based e-commerce programs to small/micro businesses, governments, and communities in the United States. SRDC-led grant investments have resulted in the development of exciting new e-commerce educational resources that are now available to support the educational programming activities of Extension educators across the country, especially for those having an interest in community/economic development and information technology efforts. Four comprehensive educational products are being made available for use by Extension educators this fall and as such, the SRDC wishes to promote the delivery of these new educational programs to appropriate stakeholders in the coming months. A new set of e-commerce products will be released in 2009 and thus, a second round of implementation mini-grants is being planned for spring 2009 to promote use of these newest set of materials by Extension educators. While non-Land-Grant partners are encouraged to be actively involved in the delivery of these educational curricula, the lead entity for the grant proposal must be a land-grant Extension educator(s).

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

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**Regional Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program - Southern Region**

Funding Source: CSREES/USDA

Funds Available: \$827,000

Deadline: November 17, 2008

Overview: The Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program (RIPM) supports the continuum of research and Extension efforts needed to increase the implementation of IPM methods. The RIPM program supports projects that develop individual pest control tactics, integrate individual tactics into an IPM system, and develop and implement Extension and education programs. The program is administered by the land-grant university system's four regional IPM Centers (North Central, Northeastern, Southern, Western) in partnership with CSREES.

For More Info: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/ipm\\_southern.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/ipm_southern.html)

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**Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging: Training and Demonstration Projects**

Funding Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education (OCHPEE).

Funds Available: \$200,000

Deadline: November 21, 2008

Overview: The EPA Aging Initiative, located in the Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, is seeking proposals for a new grant opportunity for Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging: Training and Demonstration Projects. Proposals must include their strategy for accomplishing one of the following two goals: (1) Training older adults, to be environmental leaders on local planning decisions that affect their community's built environment; (2) Demonstrating how greenways and sustainable streets can improve the quality of life for persons of all ages while improving environmental quality. Eligible entities include States, or state agencies, the District of Columbia, territories, American Indian Tribes (federally recognized), and possessions of the U.S. It is also available to public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private nonprofit institutions, and 501(c) (3) organizations.

For More Info: [http://www.epa.gov/aging/grants/grant-list/2008\\_11\\_21\\_rfp-epa-ao-ochp-08-01-fnl-rev-9-24.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/aging/grants/grant-list/2008_11_21_rfp-epa-ao-ochp-08-01-fnl-rev-9-24.pdf)

### Preserve America

Funding Source: Institute of Museum and Library Services  
Funds Available: \$7.5 million (\$150,000 Award Ceiling)  
Deadline: December 1, 2008

Overview: Community leaders across the United States are invited to apply for the Preserve America community designation, which recognizes a community's efforts to care for and share its cultural and natural heritage. The designation also makes the community eligible for special federal funding. Preserve America is a White House initiative conducted in cooperation with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and other federal agencies. Once a community receives the Preserve America designation, it is eligible to apply for Preserve America grants, which may be used for research and documentation, education and interpretation, planning, marketing, or training. These grants, which must be matched by the community, cannot be used for construction or repair projects. Applicants must be municipalities or counties with an elected governing official, or unincorporated communities within their jurisdiction; distinct neighborhoods within large cities or city-counties with a population of 200,000 or greater; or tribal communities (federally recognized) with an elected governing official or subdivisions of such tribes.

For More Info: <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/communities.html>

### Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge (SPECAs) Grants Program

Funding Source: CSREES/USDA  
Funds Available: \$1,000,000 (\$50,000 Award Ceiling)  
Deadline: December 15, 2008

Overview: The purpose of the Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge (SPECAs) Grants Program is to: enhance curricula in agricultural education; increase faculty teaching competencies; interest young people in pursuing higher education in order to prepare for scientific and professional careers in the food and agricultural sciences; promote the incorporation of agriscience and agribusiness subject matter into other instructional programs, particularly classes in science, business, and consumer education; facilitate joint initiatives by the grant recipient with other secondary schools, institutions of higher education that award an associate's degree, institutions of higher education that award a bachelor's degree, and nonprofit organizations supporting agriscience and agribusiness education, to maximize the development and use of resources, such as faculty, facilities, and equipment, to improve agriscience and agribusiness education; support other initiatives designed to meet local, State, regional, or national needs related to promoting excellence in agriscience and agribusiness education; and support current Agriculture in the Classroom programs for grades K-12.

For More Info: [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec\\_challenge.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec_challenge.html)

### William T. Grant Distinguished Fellows

Funding Source: William T. Grant Foundation  
Funds Available: \$175,000 Award Ceiling  
Deadline: January 8, 2009 (letters of Inquiry)

Overview: The goal of the Distinguished Fellows Program is to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes and well-being. To accomplish this goal, the program gives researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice or policy settings and conversely gives influential mid-career practitioners and policymakers the opportunity to work in research settings. To be eligible for consideration, Fellows must:

- Be influential mid-career practitioners, policymakers, or researchers. Please see the Application Guide for definitions of terms.
- Submit a proposal that advances the William T. Grant Foundation's Current Research Interests.
- Propose one or two tax-exempt private and governmental organizations that are willing to "house" and mentor the Fellow.

Between two and five Distinguished Fellows are accepted annually, and fellowships may range from six months to two years.

For More Info: [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=646416](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=646416)

### YouthBuilds Grants

Funding Source: Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor  
Funds Available: \$47,000,000 (\$1,100,000 Award Ceiling)  
Deadline: January 15, 2009

Overview:

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$47 million in grant funds for YouthBuild Grants. YouthBuild Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. As part of their programming, YouthBuild grantees will tap the energies and talents of disadvantaged youth to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families and to help youth develop the leadership, learning, and high-demand occupational skills needed to succeed in today's global economy.

For More Info:

[http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-08-07\\_YouthBuild.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-08-07_YouthBuild.pdf)