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.

Sustainable Community Innovation Grants

Funding Source
Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SSARE), the Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Funds Available
$10,000 for Level 1 grants and $50,000 for Level 2 grants

Deadline
November 28, 2006

Overview
These grants fund projects that embrace local strategies to link sound farm and non-farm economic development with agriculture and natural resource management. Applications are encouraged that seek to increase knowledge, build capacity and make connections among on- and off-farm sustainable agriculture activities, economic and community development efforts, value-added activities, civic engagement and local government policy.

Proposals are especially encouraged that focus on entrepreneurship efforts and on value-added activities that build on the agricultural and nonagricultural assets of rural communities.

Level 1 proposals may take place anywhere in the Southern Region (which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and may take any one of a number of approaches to achieving the goals of the program.

Level 2 funds are only available in certain Appalachian counties (listed in the call for proposals) and must focus a majority of their activities and outcomes on value-added sustainable agriculture.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/scig_page.htm

Collaborative Process in Environmental Decision Making

Funding Source
The Laura Jane Musser Fund

Funds Available
$35,000

Deadline
September 5, 2006

Overview
The Laura Jane Musser Fund proposes to assist public or not-for-profit community-based organizations that incorporate Systemic Improvement criteria into education systems to integrate core classroom curriculum with community service and programs focused on teacher excellence, service learning coordinators to implement service learning projects that address an important issue in the community, and entrepreneurship development and delivery of human, social and economic added activities, civic engagement and local government added sustainable agriculture.
The Laura Jane Musser Fund proposes to assist public or not-for-profit entities to initiate or implement projects in rural areas to undertake consensus-based activities in environmental stewardship or dispute resolution.

The Musser Fund encourages communities to use a consensus-based approach to environmental decision-making. By this we mean a collaborative process, involving a neutral facilitator where appropriate, that strives to involve all key stakeholders as well as local citizens in developing environmental programs and policies that satisfy common interests.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.musserfund.org/environmental.htm

**Developmental Infrastructure for Population Research (R21)**

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<th>Funding Source</th>
<th>National Institutes of Health</th>
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<td>Funds Available</td>
<td>$150,000 (total amount awarded and number of awards will depend on the numbers, quality, duration and costs of received applications)</td>
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<td>Deadline</td>
<td>November 23, 2006</td>
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<td>Overview</td>
<td>A central goal of this program is to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation in population research while providing essential and cost-effective core services in support of the development, conduct and translation of population research based in centers or comparable administrative units.</td>
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Applicants may request funds under this announcement to support infrastructure development designed to:

1. Enhance the quality and quantity of population research conducted at an institution, and
2. Develop new research capabilities to advance population research through innovative approaches.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=9106&mode=VIEW

**Rural Community Development Initiative**

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<th>Funding Source</th>
<th>Housing and Community Facilities Programs</th>
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<td>Funds Available</td>
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<td>Deadline</td>
<td>October 10, 2006</td>
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<td>Overview</td>
<td>Grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipient organizations to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.</td>
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For More Information
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**Food Systems and Rural Development Grants**

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<td>Overview</td>
<td>The Rural Development program goal is to fund collaborative, comprehensive and inclusive approaches to rural economic development that emphasize community problem-solving, leadership development, entrepreneurship development and delivery of human, social and economic services. It also strives to enable rural people to raise the national awareness of rural communities' potential and problems.</td>
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For More Information
Online, visit http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=3577;if=search

**Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant**

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<th>Funding Source</th>
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<td>Overview</td>
<td>The State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant offers up to $1,000 each to young people (ages 5-25), teachers and school-based service-learning coordinators to implement service-learning projects on National and Global Youth Service Day 2007 (April 20-22, 2007). Service-learning is based learning.</td>
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For More Information
Online, visit http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=9106&mode=VIEW
A central goal of this program is to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration. National Institutes of Health Continuous

These grants fund projects that embrace local strategies to link sound farm management with community-based efforts. 

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp

### Sociology Program

**Funding Source** National Science Foundation

**Funds Available** unspecified

**Deadline** October 15, 2006

**Overview** The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization - societies, institutions, groups and demography - and processes of individual and institutional change. The program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes.

Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles and the sociology of science and technology. The program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369

### Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

**Funding Source** Health Resources & Services Administration

**Funds Available** $3.75 million

**Deadline** October 18, 2006

**Overview** This program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. Programs funded have varied greatly and have brought care that would not otherwise have been available to at least 2 million rural citizens across the country. Through consortia of schools, churches, emergency medical service providers, local universities, private practitioners and the like, rural communities have managed to create hospice care, bring health check-ups to children and provide prenatal care to women in remote areas.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opp1=10326&mode=VIEW

### Community Enrichment, Education and Environment Grants

**Funding Source** Georgia-Pacific Foundation

**Funds Available** $20 million

**Deadline** October 31, 2006

**Overview** The Georgia-Pacific Foundation invests in educational efforts that empower youth, and provide workers with job readiness training. It also invests in scholarships and technical programs that give workers the skills necessary for today’s workplace. The Foundation supports such community needs as affordable housing, historic preservation, arts and culture, youth development, diversity and safety. In addition, the Georgia-Pacific Foundation invests in organizations that foster environmental responsibility and provide environmental learning opportunities, including those that promote source reduction, recycling, reuse and cleaner air.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.gp.com/center/community/index.html

### Community Development and Public Schools Grants

**Funding Source** State Farm Companies Foundation

**Funds Available** $20 million

**Deadline** Continuous

**Overview** State Farm focuses its giving in the areas of safety, community development and education. It supports programs that promote community development by making housing affordable, fostering sustainable communities, rehabilitating neighborhoods and eliminating barriers to home

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.ysa.org/Awards/pdf/Grant_Introduction_and_Requirements.pdf
These grants fund projects that embrace local strategies to link sound farm ownership. State Farm also considers grants for K-12 public school programs focused on teacher excellence, service-learning programs that integrate core classroom curriculum with community service and programs that incorporate Systemic Improvement criteria into education systems to improve overall effectiveness.

For More Information

Online, visit http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp