

The Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension Grant Development Report



Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Overview

The Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension have had a very successful year in generating external funding through grant development. This fiscal year in regards to reported grant endeavors, Extension applied for \$1,997,293 in cash and in-kind grant awards for 58 grant applications. To date, we have received \$1,540,517 in cash and in-kind grant awards from 44 winning proposals. Last year's award total was \$815,848 resulting in an 85% growth rate for grant dollars awarded this fiscal year.

In addition, resources are continually being expanded to steward the application of grant funds through the *Grant writing: Getting Specific* curriculum, the use of the *External Fund Template* (EFT), and *Extension Grants e-News*, a quarterly web based newsletter. Extension Agents are introduced to grant concepts online at the 4-H Foundation "Grants page," at 4-H Basics & Fundamentals, and also during Extension Foundations Training. Journal of Extension article, co-authored by Lauren Griffeth and Kristi Hughes entitled, *Creating an External Funding Strategy* was also approved for publication.

Trainings Conducted

During the 08-09 fiscal year, trainings on *Grant writing: Getting Specific* were conducted for Camden and Randolph-Clay County Extension, Southern Region Volunteer Leader Forum, and the Ben Hill ELS Team. Grant writing mini-trainings were led at GAE4-HA, Learn & Serve Educator Grant Workshop, and Northeast District Update. EFT trainings were conducted at Southwest District 4-H Update and Northwest District 4-H Update. Totaling these experiences, over 150 Extension Agents, volunteers, and community partners were trained, exposed to new ideas, and practiced fine tuning their personal skills for external grant development.

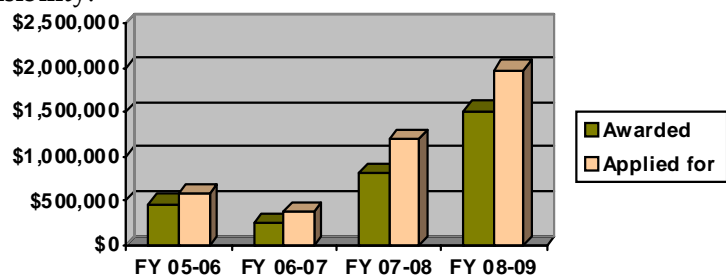
Grant Awards

In reported grant development, Extension applied for 58 grant awards totaling \$1,997,293 million in cash and in-kind services. With \$1,540,517 in grants awarded, Extension was approved at a 76% rate of our entire "dollars asked." Positive relationships were stewarded from last fiscal year, and several grants were renewed or acquired at larger funding rates such as:

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| • GA DOE Learn and Serve | CSRA RESA, GA 4-H | \$20,000 |
| • Health Rocks! | The Georgia 4-H Foundation | \$25,000 |
| • Georgia Operation Military Kids | The Georgia 4-H Foundation | \$100,000 |
| • Department of Community Affairs | Youth Leadership Summit | \$175,000 |

On the local level, \$502,543 was awarded to directly support county Extension programming. Grant programs ranged from the Johnson County Target Field Trip Grant to the Walker County Wal-mart Community Pride Grant to the Elbert County 4-H Grassroots Art Program and the Terrell County JC Penney Afterschool Grant. Statewide each district had a fairly good distribution of Agents applying for grant proposals ranging from 11 Southeast, 3 Southwest, 2 Northeast, 10 Northwest, and 32 grant project contacts for State 4-H Staff members. Many grant proposals had more than one Extension contact. County/State staff partnered together to share knowledge, resources, and program responsibility.

Grant Funding Comparison Chart



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