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SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- \$1.9 million applied for during FY 08-09
- \$1.5 million received for Extension programs
- \$502,543 to counties in direct grant support awarded

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Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension Grants Report FY 2008-2009

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Extension Grant Applications: To the Top of the Stack

In the worst economic recession in our nation's history, UGA Cooperative Extension and the Georgia 4-H Foundation are earnestly seeking ways to supplement increasing budget cuts imposed by the state government. One could venture to say that in these tough times, Public Service and Outreach have never been more important to the morale and economic sustainability of communities rural and urban across America.

While Cooperative Extension is fighting a battle to maintain current national funding levels, state officials estimate that FY 2011 may not have a more positive outlook. "Extension is the grand daddy of adult education," says Dr. Lorilee Sandmann, professor

in the UGA program of adult education and former state leader in Minnesota and Michigan Extension. "Its people will continue to be passionate about



\$25,000 State Farm Youth Advisory Board

being relevant and responsive to community needs." Extension Agents have chosen not to take "No" for an answer when it comes to carrying out the land-grant mission mandate. Agents, Program Assistants, volunteers,

and professional staff have sought external funding successfully.

Specifically, grant acquisition is at an all time high with \$1.5 million recorded as received this fiscal

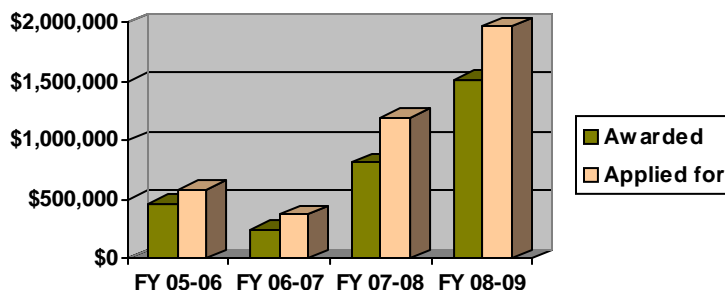
year for county, state and national Extension programs.

Considering these factors, Extension realizes the importance of grants to continue daily operations be-

yond what state and federal budgets provide. Over half a million dollars in grants supports county programming. Extension grants are empowering employees to impact future generations through today's programs.

Moving Forward in 2009

Over the past four fiscal years, grant application has dramatically increased. Most recently, application has increased by 60% from last fiscal year. Grant acquisition is also up 44% from last year's total of \$812, 848. Our captured data reveals that 4-H and Extension have received \$3 million in grant revenue since July 2005.



Moving Forward, continued



**Johnson County 4-H
Washington EMC
Operation Round-up
\$1900**

Increases have resulted from a variety of reasons such as higher numbers of grant applications and greater understanding of the grant process through diversified training strategies. This fiscal year 58 grant applications were recorded, as compared to 43 in FY 07-08, and 36 in FY 06-07.

Having more grants submitted is largely due to a "culture of grantsmanship" that is becoming embedded into the Extension lifestyle. County and

State Extension Faculty/Staff are understanding that they can receive grant awards and are becoming more aware of opportunities. Many employees are feeling intense pressure from supervisors to bring in grant dollars to support general programming, salaries, travel, and most special interest projects.

This fiscal year, \$502,543 of grant dollars received went directly to county programs as compared to \$ 191,386 in FY

07-08. State programs applied for and received \$1,037,947 in grant dollars this fiscal year as compared to \$624,462 last year, and \$169,361 in FY 06-07. Grant amounts to state sources increased exponentially due to several noteworthy partnerships with the Department of Community Affairs, Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR), and increased funding to the Military Project. Extension professionals are collaborating to find funding utilizing grant sources.

"Learning how to go about organizing your issues, goals and financial needs gives 4-H Agents and Program Assistants the confidence to submit an application for a grant or make the ask for a donation."

*Dr. Laura Perry-Johnson,
SW District PDC*

Virtual and Personal Training

Grant training is an essential part of preparing professionals to seek external funding. Grant writing is truly an art form, and through fine tuning these skills, Agents are learning how to sell their funding needs through grant proposals.

The training, "Grant Writing: Getting Specific," underwent a major facelift this spring and was transferred into a print-

able publication available online. This intensive 30 page grant writing curriculum takes an Agent from inception to application of writing a grant proposal.

Other resources available online for training purposes are the "External Fund Development Template," "Grant Writing: Quick Tips," and the "Ace of Grants" power point.

These resources are more self-directed and provide basic level user instruction.

Basic grant trainings have been conducted this year at NE, NW, and SE District Updates. Personalized trainings have benefited the Ben Hill ELS Team, Randolph-Clay Extension, Camden Extension, members of GAE4-HA, and the Southern Region Volunteers.

What Else is Cooking?

- In its third year, Extension Grants e-News, an online quarterly, continues to provide Agents with resources to generate grant development for their local programs and feature local and state success stories.
- Extgrant@uga.edu is the new email address where Extension professionals can write to request grant seeking, writing, or just to ask a question. Fill-in forms are also available to gather needed information at the beginning phase of development.
- External funding mentors is a new concept that is being explored to partner inexperienced Agents with seasoned Extension professionals. Partners will have a designated set of "lessons" to walk through to assist in acquisition strategies

**"Paulding
County 4-H
Stream
Team"
Captain
Planet
\$400**



Grants Programs Make an Impact

Everywhere you look, Extension grant programs are making a finite impact on the lives of people in communities across Georgia. Grant programs are an essential part of daily operations for the Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension. This year alone approximately 40 Extension Agents and State Staff members turned in 59 grant applications ranging from: ATV safety and volunteer leader training to health behavior and access to higher education. Some grant programs serve a defined target audience within a county, while others serve 4-H

groups from across the world. Counties have benefited tremendously from grant programs that give them the ability to conduct programs that they would not otherwise have the funding or support to implement.

The State 4-H Office has seen nearly 100% of its staff serve as Principle or Co-Principle Investigator on at least one or more grant applications this fiscal year. State Staff members are constantly working to earn grant dollars to supplement programming for counties. Jeff Buckley, State 4-H Specialist, served as PI for the Youth

Service America Lead Agency Grant that awards mini-grants to counties for service projects. Other mini-grants are being awarded through the Learn & Serve initiative, Chevron Community Pride, Youth Summit, Garden Earth Naturalist, Health Rocks!, and the Military Project. Without a doubt, thousands of Georgia 4-H Youth are benefitting from program activities as a result of grant dollars!



"I could not be

more proud of our faculty and staff for their efforts in securing grant funds. Extension grant programs have allowed us to continue to address critical needs of Georgians during tough fiscal times."

Dr. Beverly Sparks, Associate Dean for Extension

4-H Military Grants Program

During 2009, Georgia 4-H Military Programs received approximately \$450,000 to support military youth and families. Because of its large military population, Georgia 4-H receives a significant amount of funding to support the Operation: Military Kids and 4-H Military Clubs initiatives. Grant funding in FY 09 has provided and will continue to provide residential, weekend and day camping experiences for hundreds of military youth from around the world. In 2009, almost 250 Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard youth attended the second annual Air Force Teen Summit at Wahsega 4-H Center and Jekyll Island 4-H Center. These Air Force youth travel in from as far away as Guam. Operation Purple Camp provided a camping experience to military youth experiencing deployment. Georgia 4-H hosted 2 weeks, one at Burton 4-H Center and another

at Wahsega 4-H Center. Another 250 youth from around the southeast attended these two weeks of camp during summer 2009.

Steve Walker, Information Technology Specialist for Georgia 4-H, collaborated with Air Force Headquarters to develop an online reporting tool to track facilities, staff and children participating in Air Force Family Member Programs at 85 air force bases across the globe. The web-based system represents the first attempt of any military branch to report these Department of Defense requirements online. Casey Mull, State 4-H Military Liaison, coordinated an online training for Air Force staff along with Anne-Marie Wallace, Chief, AF Family Member Programs. The online training saved tens of thousands of government travel dollars and demonstrated the new reporting system to 300 air force staff at 85 installation in 36 hours over

14 different time zones.

Georgia 4-H Military Programs continues its work with Operation: Military Kids and the 4-H/Military Club program. Installations throughout the state are required to provide 4-H opportunities to youth in their before and afterschool care facilities. The 4-H/Military Club grant supports staff in these counties with funding for training and unique youth development projects in concert with their installations. The Operation: Military Kids initiative ties together numerous community support organizations to build awareness for military youth and families. OMK provides Hero Packs for youth experiencing deployment, military training opportunities for community organizations, Speak Out for Military Kids Ambassadors available to build support in their areas and a Mobile Technology Lab for use with military audiences and OMK programs.

Service-Learning Grants: Outreach to

Education Stakeholders



Do the words “service-learning” resonate with you? In 2009 educators at every level are learning that academic standards connected to hands-on application through service are leading to outcomes such as higher test scores, enhanced attendance rates, less discipline problems, and “theory to real world linkage” for participants. The Corporation for National and Community Service, provides grant dollars each year for service-learning initiatives in communities and schools through Learn and Serve America.



Georgia 4-H partnered with the Georgia Department of Education to be a three time recipient of these grant dollars to train teachers and Extension Agents to work together to implement standards-focused project based service learning projects. Because working with community

partners is a key component of Academic Service Learning, 4-H is a natural partner for the classroom teacher looking for experiential learning opportunities to reinforce the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS).

Mandy Marable, State 4-H Specialist for Curriculum and Professional Development, along with Jeff Buckley, State 4-H Specialist for Global & Citizenship Programs, have collaborated on the project. Mr. Buckley states that “Georgia 4-H strives to integrate the latest, research-based practices into our programs. Service-learning is proven to be a highly effective teaching and learning methodology and we are thrilled to have this opportunity to help our County Extension staff members and the teachers with whom they regularly partner, learn about and integrate it into the work they do.” In 2007, Georgia 4-H began this partnership with a \$10,000 Training Grant from the Georgia Department of Education. The program has reached 4,800 students and 178 teachers who enacted over

22,000 hours of service! This fiscal year, 4-H has extended the partnership by being awarded \$20,000 through the University of Georgia and the Central Savannah River Area Regional Education Service Agency.

Dr. Myra Tolbert, the Director of the Learn and Serve Grant Program at the Department of Education, stresses that “the ultimate goal of the Georgia Learn and Serve Grant is to improve student achievement.” However, in addition to significant gains on pre-post test scores linked to GPS standards, participating schools have seen, an improvement in student behavior, an increase in parental involvement in school activities and a variety of other benefits. As part of the grant, Georgia 4-H will offer regional training for educators starting in the fall of 2009 and will provide participants with mini-grants to fund standards-focused project based service learning in their schools. For more information on these and other events, visit www.georgia4h.org/servicelearning/.

Health Rocks!® ...Again and Again

For over three years, the Health Rocks! grant program has been an welcome addition to the Georgia 4-H Program! Health Rocks! Ambassadors and adult volunteers have worked to spread the message of healthy living to 20,000 4-H youth in communities across Georgia.

What is Health Rocks!? Health Rocks is a curriculum-based life skills development program for youth ages 8 to 12, sponsored by National 4-H Council. It helps youth learn skills such as decision-making, critical thinking, and stress management but places a special emphasis on tobacco-use prevention. The program also includes components that

bring youth and adults together as partners in developing community strategies that prepare young people to make healthy lifestyle choices.

In April 2007, The Georgia 4-H Foundation received a \$35,000 grant from National 4-H Council to implement the Health Rocks!



Extension and National 4-H Council. Georgia team members were asked to serve as national facilitators at the most recent training session held this spring at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Cheryl Varnadoe, State 4-H Extension Specialist and Family and Consumer Sciences Liaison, has led the Georgia Health Rocks! program since 2007. Varnadoe says, “This program has made a finite impact on the health and wellness of 4-Hers and communities in all different areas of the state. I am privileged to work to spread this message to our state.”

Grant Award List for FY 2008-2009

Applicant	Funding Source	Awarded	Project Name	Contact
Madison 4-H	Madison Heritage Society	3,000	Heritage Seekers	Beth Scott Brown
GA 4-H FDN	Youth Shooting Sports Association	4,000	Shooting Sports Youth	Mark Zeigler
GA 4-H FDN	Emerson Charitable Trust	50,000	Workforce Prep Endowment	B. Cook, M. Parsons
GA 4-H FDN	State Farm/Youth Service America	2,000	YSA Lead Agency	Jeff Buckley
CAES/Georgia 4-H	Department of Community Affairs	100,000	Communities of Opportunity	Bo Ryles, Arch Smith
CAES/Georgia 4-H	Department of Community Affairs	175,000	Leadership Infrastructure	Bo Ryles, Jeff Buckley
SW District	Eterna Fund	1,800	CAES Recruitment	Laura P. Johnson
GA 4-H FDN	National 4-H Council	2,000	Monsanto Volunteer Training	Jenny Jordan
Camden Ext	Corporation Ntl' & Com. Service	52,263	Camden Ext. VISTA Project	Robbie Edalgo
Lamar 4-H	Barnesville-Lamar Com. FDN	1,000	Project Achievement	Octavia Jackson
GA 4-H FDN	USDA/Department of Defense	50,000	4-H Military Club Grant	Casey Mull
GA 4-H FDN	USDA/Department of Defense	100,000	Operation Military Kids	Casey Mull
GA 4-H FDN	US Air Force	22,000	Air Force Technology Project	Casey Mull
GA 4-H FDN	State Farm Youth Advisory Board	25,000	GA 4-H Tech Team	Cheryl Varnadoe
Elbert 4-H	Grassroots Arts Program	1,000	Art for a Better Community	Lauren Dye
Camden 4-H	NRA Foundation	1000	The Range Grant	Julie Summers
Camden 4-H	NRA Foundation	4,000	Project SAFE	Julie Summers
Candler 4-H	Candler Chamber of Commerce	400	4-H Club Support	Angie Daughtery
Haralson 4-H	Sewell Foundation	500	Haralson Youth Leadership	Keena Hardin
Spalding 4-H	Kaboom	7,500	Kaboom Playground	Cherry Hovatter
DeKalb 4-H	McMaster-Carr Foundation	1,000	General 4-H Operating	Marie Trice
CAES/GA 4-H	National Military Families Ass.	72,500	Operation Purple Camp	Casey Mull
GA 4-H FDN	National 4-H Council/Coke	30,000	4-H20 Replenish Site	Melanie Biersmith
GA 4-H FDN	Teacher Quality	56,000	Garden Earth Naturalist	M. Marable, A. Shank
GA 4-H FDN	USDA/Department of Defense	85,000	Operation Military Kids Supp	Casey Mull
Walker 4-H	Wal-Mart Volunteerism	250	General 4-H	Casey Hobbs
RESA/GA 4-H	Georgia Department of Education	20,000	Learn & Serve	M. Marable, J. Buckley
GA 4-H FDN	National 4-H Council	15,000	Annie E. Casey Family	L. Johnson, K. Peavy
GA 4-H FDN	National 4-H Council	25,000	Health Rocks! Intermediate	Cheryl Varnadoe

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Grants Award List, continued

Applicant	Funding Source	Awarded	Project Name	Contact
Toombs 4-H	National 4-H Council	2,000	ATV Youth Safety	Cheryl Poppell
GA 4-H FDN	Air Force Reserve Command	92,474	Air Force Teen Summit	Casey Mull
Ext 4-H/FACS	CSREES	100,000	CYFAR	M. Marable, S. Gibson
Johnson 4-H	Grassroots Arts Program	1,900	Art for a Better Community	Sondra Fortner
Johnson 4-H	Washington EMC	2,735	Operation Round-up	Sondra Fortner
Johnson 4-H	Target	800	Field Trip Grant	Sondra Fortner
Bacon 4-H	Grassroots Arts Program	2,000	Clovers & Company	Ann Wildes
Walker 4-H	Wal-Mart Community Pride	1,000	General 4-H	Casey Hobbs
GA 4-H FDN	US Air Force	25,000	Air Force Technology Cont.	Casey Mull
Bacon 4-H	Out Hometown	3,000	Clovers & Company	Ann Wildes
Bacon 4-H	Ware County Board of Health	1,200	Health Promotion & Program	Ann Wildes
Colquitt 4-H	United Way	400	Teens Taking Charge	Zona Medley
Paulding 4-H	Captain Planet	400	4-H Stream Team	Grace Garnier
GA 4-H FDN	National 4-H Council	2,000	Monsanto Volunteer Training	Jenny Jordan
Fayette Ext.	Urban Tree FDN- Home Depot	3,395	The Old Courthouse	Craig Gross
Fayette Ext./County	State of Georgia	395,000	The Old Courthouse	Craig Gross



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Coordinator's Corner

To Our Extension Family:

It has been an exciting year working to seek, train, and assist Extension employees in grantsmanship for The Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension. Overall, grant programs have grown in size and scope exponentially beyond our expectations from last fiscal year. During this great recession, grantors are being bombarded with requests for financial support. Thankfully, through smart grant writing techniques, thoughtful collaborations, and quality Extension programming, we are continuing to rise to the top of the stack for many opportunities. Extgrant@uga.edu will serve as a resource to organize communication and enhance dialog as I work to assist your grant writing needs. Please keep up the great work, and don't hesitate to call on me as you need support. Thanks for all you do for Georgians everyday!



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