



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



### Fiscal Year 2009-2010

#### *Overview*

The Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension have had a successful year in generating external funding through grant development, even in a year of high budget uncertainty and with the loss of a key staff member, former grants coordinator Lauren Griffith.

By the end of the fiscal year, \$1,997,049 had been received through grants sponsored by the Georgia 4-H Foundation and the UGA Office of Sponsored programs on behalf of Extension personnel, representing **39** successful grants. 39 of 45 grants were successful in FY 2009-2010, representing a success rate of 86%.

Extension faculty have been instrumental in fostering positive relationships with funders and several grants were renewed and/or increased from previous years. The “Health Rocks!” program was funded as a Tier One institution by the National 4-H Council at \$100,000 for year one of the program, representing an increase of approximately \$75,000 from previous award years. Additionally, partnerships were formed between 4-H and several new key funders, such as the State Farm Youth Advisory Board, which awarded \$105,000 to the Georgia 4-H Foundation to fund projects related to technology and financial literacy.

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The 2010-2011 fiscal year is off to a great start. Since July 1, 2010, the Georgia 4-H Foundation and UGA Cooperative Extension have applied for \$5,128,794.62. To date, \$120,999 has been received. Many of the major grants for which we have applied have not been announced yet, but we anticipate announcements by the end of September.

#### *Trainings Conducted*

Since July 1, 2010, *Introduction to Grant Writing* trainings have been conducted with the newly hired 4-H VISTA volunteers from Athens and the Southwest district. *Grant Writing Basics* training was also provided to participants at the 2010 Georgia Youth Summit. Updated contact information and an overview of electronic resources were provided to agents at Northwest and Southwest District Updates. Totalling these experiences, over 700 Extension Agents, volunteers, and community partners have been trained, exposed to new ideas, and practiced fine tuning their personal skills for external grant development since July 1, 2010.

The grant specialist is excited to begin working with a new VISTA volunteer and a new student worker to assist in researching grant opportunities, handling publications such as *Extension Grants E-News*, and assisting county agents in grant proposal submissions.

#### *Grant Awards*

**\$120,999** has been awarded since July 1, 2010. This represents \$110,999 which will fund statewide programs and \$10,000 in funding directly to counties.

\$100,000 was awarded by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Learn & Serve program, representing an increase of roughly \$75,000 from previous Learn & Serve grant awards. Positive relationships with funders and proven 4-H programmatic success continue to promote increased levels of giving on the part of foundations and other funding entities.

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