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Welcome to Extension Grants e-news! In this issue you will find quick accessible information on grant announcements that relate to University of Georgia extension activities. This newsletter will also feature extension grant success stories (p. 4), grant writing tools, and updates on Project Mission Fish. Control + Click on red/underlined grant titles for contact and application information.

New Grants

Commodity Partnerships Program

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education. The purpose of this cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver training and information in the management of production, marketing, and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers.

Amount: \$3.75 million available for 50 grants
Deadline: March 24, 2008

Professional Development for Arts Educators

To implement model professional development programs in music, dance, drama, media arts or visual arts, including folk arts, for arts educators and other instructional staff of K-12 students in high-poverty schools.

Amount: \$6.8 million available for 30 grants
Deadline: February 29, 2008

Runaway or Homeless Youth

To provide alternative services and care for runaway or homeless youth.

Amount: \$12.6 million for up to 91 grants
Deadline: February 19, 2008

Rural Community Connect

The Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program is designed to provide financial assistance to furnish broadband service in rural, economically challenged communities where such service does not currently exist.

Amount: \$13 million available for 27 grants
Deadline: March 1, 2008



2008 4-H ATV Safety

Grants offered for ATV safety and education classes for state or local initiatives.

Amount: local \$3,000 to state \$13,333
Deadline: March 7, 2008

Character Education

The Sprint Foundation is funding programs that promote character education and encourage volunteerism, school pride and positive culture. Grants will fund youth conferences, adult trainings, and related cost for service learning, resources, supplies, and software.

Amount: \$5,000- \$25,000
Deadline: applications due March 3- April 15

The Purpose Prize 2008

The Purpose Prize celebrates and supports outstanding individuals 60 or older who are already producing significant social innovation and accomplishing work of great importance.

Amount: 15 grants of \$10,000-100,000
Deadline: March 1, 2008



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Technology Education Programs

Motorola Innovation Generation grants will award 4 million to programs in 2008 that create interest in technology and improved problem solving skills in participants.

Amount: Awards of \$5,000- \$250,000

Deadline: March 1, 2008

Go Overboard Challenge Grant

Funding for youth-led projects to improve their school, neighborhood, city, country or the world. Students ages 12-20 need an adult sponsor, to endorse their grant application.

Amount: 12 grants of \$1,000

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Civic Connections Service- Learning

Teams of three teachers from 3-12th grade partnered with a community agency can apply for funds for 25 students to complete 20 hours of community service.

Amount: up to \$7,500

Deadline: February 24, 2008

Project Ignition

To create and produce an innovative public awareness, service-learning project based on teen driver safety.

Amount: 36 grants of \$2,000-\$10,000

Deadline: May 16, 2008

Grant Writing Tips

1. Specialize Program Goals

Clearly define program goals and objectives. Align them to fit the purpose of the project which should meet a broader need.

2. Justify Your Budget

Know your expenditures and be able to estimate a final amount before searching for a grant to fund your project.

3. Name Your Program

Think of a catchy name and acronym to refer to your project. Use this name throughout your proposal.

Ongoing Announcements

Solid Waste Management

For research or education in topics pertaining with any aspect of solid waste management.

Amount: \$10,000-\$500,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Education, Community, and Health

The RGK Foundation awards grants in three broad areas. They review electronic letters of inquiry on an ongoing basis.

Amount: \$25,000 or less

Deadline: Ongoing

Educational Foundation of America Grants

The Educational Foundation of America (EFA) makes grants for specific projects related to the environment, the crisis of human overpopulation and reproductive freedom, Native Americans, arts, education, medicine, and human services. Applicants are required to send a Letter of Inquiry.

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Captain Planet Foundation

Grant supports youth grades K-12 in hands-on environmental projects in a variety of different areas. Applications are available online.

Amount: From \$250-\$2500

Deadline: Quarterly

Youth Safe Tractor and Machinery Grant

Grants are available from USDA to conduct an safe tractor and machinery operation training with 14-15 yr. olds for agriculture production.

Amount: Grants up to \$300

Deadline: Ongoing

Public Welfare Foundation

Supports youth projects in employment, training and alternative education; early intervention; leadership development; violence prevention; and advocacy/policy development.

Amount: \$20 million total, averaging \$49,000

Deadline: Ongoing

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Nickelodeon: Let's Just Play

Grant is for promoting playful activity for youth. Funds can use to market or actually purchase equipment such as: playground, PE equipment, pedometers, or paying a coach.

Eligibility: Nonprofits and schools.

Amount: \$300,000 split into \$5,000 awards

Deadline: Monthly awards until January 2008

Juvenile Justice

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice program aims to create more effective criminal and juvenile justice policies and institutions, as well as lower rates of incarceration and unequal treatment of blacks and Latinos.

Amount: Unspecified

Deadline: Open

Hometown Helper

Grants for innovative community projects that meet a need in the broader community and show a change being made.

Amount: up to \$15,000

Deadline: March 31, 2008

USDA Rural Development

Our financial programs support such **essential public facilities and services** as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. We promote **economic development** by supporting loans to businesses through banks and community-managed lending pools. We offer **technical assistance and information** to help agricultural and other cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their member services. And we provide technical assistance to help communities undertake **community empowerment programs**.

Amount: Varies per project

Deadline: Ongoing

CVS Pharmacy Community

Proposals are accepted for two areas: programs for children 18 and under with disabilities and uninsured individuals.

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Ongoing



Technology Grant

The Oracle Foundation funds youth organizations/schools in economically challenged areas with six iMac computers.

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Ongoing

Drug Free Communities

For community coalitions working to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse.

Amount: \$19 million for 150 grants averaging \$125,000 per year

Deadline: March 21, 2008

Community Police Partnerships

For collaborative crime-reduction strategies involving police and the community.

Partnerships should include community organizations and police.

Amount: Two types of grants will be awarded: Neighborhood Revitalization (six at \$10,000 to \$25,000 each); and Special Strategy (five at \$15,000 each).

Deadline: February 29, 2008

Students Serve

For innovative service-learning projects by college students that meet a need in the community and use educational knowledge.

Amount: up to \$3,000

Deadline: March 15, 2008



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Extension Grant Success Stories

Improving the Image and Education of Support Systems for Integrated Pest Management

By: Joe LaForest

The Bugwood Image and Database System (IDS) archives and makes available to users over 70,000 high-resolution images that can be downloaded for non-profit, educational use (see www.Bugwood.org).

The images in The University of Georgia, Bugwood Network-sponsored systems are available to users through topic- or discipline-focused, searchable interfaces and contain images contributed by more than 1,300 photographers. BugwoodIDS includes images and information about: invasive species; forestry and forest health; agronomic, vegetable, and fruit and tree nut crop IPM; species of regulatory concern, as well as interfaces on topics specific to insects, diseases, and urban forestry. During 2007, BugwoodIDS received 105 million hits and was accessed by 16.5 million users.

The Bugwood Network and AgImages based at **Colorado State University** (CSU), along with cooperating IPM program personnel at **Montana State University** (MSU), recently initiated a **CSREES-funded cooperative project** with **\$79,000** in grant dollars that will integrate the more than 10,000 images from AgImages into BugwoodIDS. The result will be a comprehensive set of images related to the production of onions, small grains, and dry beans in U.S. High Plains production systems being archived into and available to users along

with the existing 70,000 images now in the robust BugwoodIDS. This cooperative project will also enable CSU & MSU personnel to add additional images to the cooperative system using the standard BugwoodIDS image upload and processing tools.

The resulting set of images will be of particular interest to people working with the Southern & National Plant Diagnostic Networks, the USDA CAPS program, and Southern & High Plains IPM programs. The Bugwood Network and AgImages have been integral parts of these ongoing programs and have served as sources of images for them, but up-to-now have been separate systems.

Since all of the images are freely available for use in non-profit educational projects, the improved access to quality images and information that can be accessed and used by extension agents, researchers and other interested educators for use in educational publications, web sites, articles, PowerPoint, 4-H presentations and other uses in need of quality images.



Putnam County Extension Success

By: Al Parker

In January the Putnam County Extension Office was approached with a unique opportunity. County Commissioners had



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Title III funds that needed to be used to benefit their surrounding community. Keith Fielder, County Extension Coordinator and Al Parker, Extension 4-H Agent rose to meet the challenge. They applied for and were awarded **\$20,000** in grant funds to benefit 4-H and extension programs in Putnam County.

The programs that will be benefiting from the grant will include the Putnam County Middle and High School Master Gardner Program, the Elementary School Nature Trail, Forestry and Wildlife Judging, the GeoCaching Club, and District Project Achievement Competition. Each one of these activities are an integral part to the overall 4-H experience in Putnam County.

The Putnam community has seen firsthand the impact that our programs have on the lives of young people. The rewards from these programs extend way beyond high school.



Operation Purple By: Casey Mull

The Georgia 4-H Foundation has been selected as the recipient of **Operation Purple Grant** dollars to send **200 kids** to summer camp. Two special weeks of 4-H camp at Burton 4-H Center and Fortson 4-H Center will bring together over 100 youth. What makes these hundreds of youth special are they have a parent deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While using the traditional 4-H camp schedule as a framework, youth will also Winter 2008

have a military display, talk to soldiers who have recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan as well as meet others who are experiencing the same thoughts and feelings as them.

Grant funding will cover costs of camp registration, transportation from some military installations with high deployment levels to camp as well as registration and lodging for volunteers assisting during the week. The total grant amount is over **\$64,000**.

In 2007, more than 40 weeks of Operation Purple Camp were held at 34 locations in 26 states. The camps' outreach programs provide the skills and positive outlets for their feelings, but it's the camaraderie campers are able to build with one another that's so important. Learning coping skills, making new friends, and experiencing life lessons at an early age are what make *Operation Purple*® camps so unique.

Georgia 4-H Centers will host two weeks of camp this summer and Camp Kiwanis, a Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta facility, outside Danielsville, GA will host a third camp in our state.



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Cheryl Varnadoe, Extension Specialist for Georgia 4-H was awarded a **\$90,000** State Implementation Grant from **National 4-H Council and MSU Extension** to reach 15,000 youth with the Health Rocks! message.