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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) and grant writing tools (p.2). Control + Click on red/underlined grant titles for contact and application information.

New Grants

Environmental Justice Small Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) established the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program with the purpose of supporting and empowering communities that are working on local solutions to local environmental and/or public health issues.

Amount: \$3.75 million available for 50 grants
Deadline: June 30, 2008

Project Ignition

For service-learning projects that address teen driver safety. State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council will award students/teachers in grades 9-12.

Amount: 25 recipients each receive \$2,000; 10 finalists each receive \$5,000; winning schools each receive \$10,000
Deadline: May 16, 2008

National Pork Board

The National Pork Board solicits project proposals in the areas of swine health, environment, animal welfare and international trade.

Amount: Varies
Deadline: May 6, 2008

Girl Overboard Challenge Grant

Youth-led ventures – such as school-based clubs, community organizations, or for-profit or nonprofit businesses – involving kids ages 12 to 20 years.

Amount: \$1,000
Deadline: May 1, 2008

High School Success

Focuses on high school success for at risk students.

Amount: \$25-50,000 for 1 year; \$50-100,000 for up to 4 years.

Deadline: May 19, 2008



Wheeler County 4-H
Disaster Relief Bank Project \$200

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

Sacouny Run for Good Foundation

The goal of this foundation is to help end childhood obesity by support children's running and fitness programs.

Amount: up to \$10,000
Deadline: June 13, 2008



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After School Programs

To ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical out-of-school times; to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after-school meal programs.

Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000

Deadline: May 30, 2008

Youth in the Arts

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community grants support for small and mid-sized organizations to extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations, including youth who are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics or disability.

Amount: \$10,000 each

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Youth Exchange and Study

For exchange programs between American high school students and those who have just graduated, and host communities in selected countries with significant Muslim populations.

Amount: \$1 million into 4 awards for 50 students

Deadline: May 15, 2008

Mattel Foundation

For projects that relate to health, learning, and girls' empowerment. Funding for specific projects and core operating support.

Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

Deadline: July 15, 2008

Abstinence Education

To teach young people to postpone sexual activity until marriage.

Amount: \$40 million for 80-90 awards

Deadline: June 6, 2008

William T. Grant Scholars

For empirical studies that advance theories, policies and practices that improve the everyday settings of U.S. youth ages 8 to 25.

Amount: 4-6 awards \$350,000 over 5 years.

Deadline: July 9, 2008

Ongoing Announcements

Make it Matter Awards

The Readers Digest gives funding to honor individuals for outstanding contributions to their community.

Amount: \$100,000 to their non-profit

Deadline: Monthly

Grant Program Ideas

1. When searching for grant funds remember that grants fund programming, and through "programs" we can apply for funding for things that we need to carry out our projects such as: *staff, materials, supplies, transportation, and technology.*
2. When writing your program into the proposal, think of including special interest stories to use as selling points to "tug at the heart strings" of grant reviewers.

American Humane Association

By providing financial assistance to animal welfare organizations responsible for the temporary care of animals as they are prepared for adoption into permanent, loving homes, the program provides animal victims of abuse or neglect with a second chance at life.

Amount: \$2,000 per fiscal year

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

GreenWorks! Grant Program

GreenWorks! grants engage PLT educators and their students with their local community in "learning-by-doing" environmental projects.

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: Rolling



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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

Foreign Travel Support

UGARF supports travel to international research meetings outside the United States. Faculty members, research professionals, postdoctoral associates, and graduate students are eligible.

Amount: Round-trip Airfare

Deadline: June 15, 2008

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

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth

Amount: average about \$22,000

Deadline: July 15, 2008

Technology Grant

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

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 support 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 member services. And we provide technical assistance to help communities undertake **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

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

Target Parenting Grant

For family counseling and parenting classes that prevent family violence.

Amount: \$1,000- \$3,000

Deadline: May 31, 2008



Tobacco Youth Prevention Grant to
Lamar County 4-H \$1,000

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Extension Grant Success Stories

Healthy Harvest Grant

By: Octavia Jackson



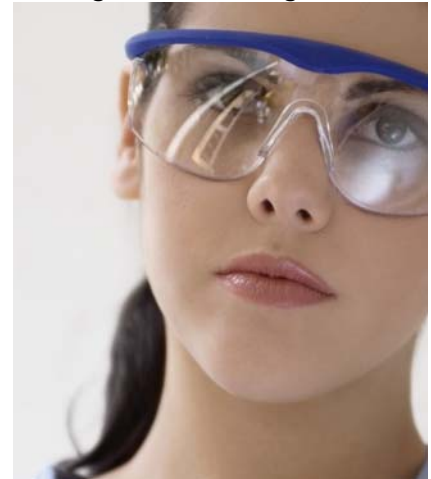
Lamar County 4-H was one of only eight recipients to be awarded the **Dr. Joe B. Crane Memorial Classroom Grant** awarded by the Georgia Agribusiness Council. The **\$750 grant is being used to support the gardening education project, "Healthy Harvest"**. The gardens are a part of the healthy lifestyles nutrition education project implemented by Lamar County 4-H, "Head Smart for Healthy Start".

The project involves each 5th grade class planting, cultivating and harvesting vegetable gardens in their own raised bed garden. On a weekly basis, a group of volunteers share their expertise on gardening with 4-H'ers. The volunteers are the high school horticulture teacher and his students, McIntosh Trails Master Gardeners and members of the Moonglow Flower Club. After the vegetables are harvested in May, the students will celebrate their accomplishments with a vegetable tasting and donating a portion of the produce to a local food bank.

Safety Training Targets Hispanics Working in the Landscape Industry

By: Karen Maqueda

Georgia's urban agriculture industry employs many Hispanic workers. Landscape and horticultural work can be hazardous. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration there were 11,500 reported accident cases in the U. S. in 2003 among businesses engaged in landscape architecture, garden planning, lawn mowing and fertilizing, sod laying, garden planting, arborist services, line-clearance tree trimming, and ornamental tree planting. In 2004, 169 fatalities were reported. Motor vehicles, machinery, and tree/shrub trimming are major causes of injury. Sprains, strains, cuts and punctures were the most reported injuries. According to the National Ag Safety Database, Hispanics are four times more likely to die from a labor accident. Communication barriers make this group prone to injuries and work-related accidents.

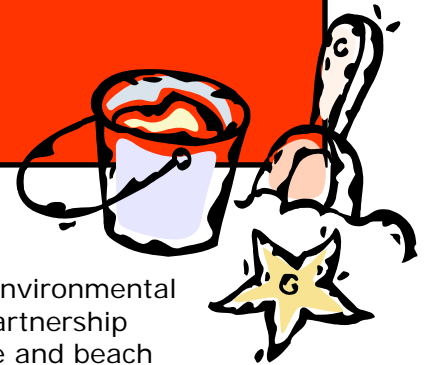


A team of UGA specialists and Extension agents has tackled this problem with the support of an **OSHA grant for \$161,000 running from October 2006- April 2008.**

A complete landscape, safety course has been developed to include power point presentations, a bilingual, safety manual,



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and handouts such as at a glance check sheets and vocabulary lists. Two training hubs have been established; Maria Eugenia Abreu, Gwinnett County Extension Agriculture Agent, is the instructor for the northern training hub, and Karen Maqueda, located in Houston County, heads the southern/central hub.

To date *780 Hispanic workers* have been trained in classes conducted in Spanish across the state. Pre- and post training evaluations demonstrate the effectiveness of the training. The *pre-evaluation score* averaged to *60 out of 100*, and the *post-evaluation score reached an 80*. More importantly, workers are thrilled to learn that poison ivy plants are the cause of their irritating rashes and that proper lifting techniques will ease back stress. Comments regarding the training were very positive and included, ***“Siento que esta información será muy útil para poner en prácticos los conocimientos adquiridos y reesforcé más mis conocimientos”***. “I feel that this information will be very useful so that I can put in practice the acquired knowledge and reinforce more my knowledge.”

This safety information is being integrated into UGA educational videos and on-line learning modules titled “Super Crew” and “Safety Makes Sense” that are being created for landscape worker training in both English and Spanish. For more information contact Ellen Bauske, Georgia Center for Urban Agriculture at (770) 233-5558.



Project EYE By: Lynn Davis

Project EYE is an environmental youth education partnership focusing on marine and beach ecology. **Turner County 4-H** applied for and received a **\$1,100 Irwin EMC Grant** that will be partnered with other dollars to fund Home school students and parents to spend 3 days at St. Simons and Jekyll Island exploring and studying marine habitats and beach conservation. These students will work with traditional school students and form a summer leadership team. This team will bring the beach to students who face poverty issues in a rural county.



Volunteerism is being promoted in this project by allowing the parents to partner with 4-H’ers to generate ideas and promote environmental education. The Extension Leadership System is supporting this idea and members have committed monetary gifts to off-set the cost of the summer classes.

With a “Go Green” campaign nationwide, Project EYE is allowing these students have the opportunity to focus on the importance of an environmentally friendly world.