



Extension Grants e-news

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 *ongoing announcements* (p.2). Control + Click on red/underlined grant titles for contact and application information.

New Grants

ING Foundation

Grants in three primary areas: financial literacy, education for youth, and diversity
Amount: \$2,500-\$100,000
Deadline: September 15, 2008

Gannett Foundation

Supports projects that take a creative approach to issues such as education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment.
Amount: Not Specified
Deadline: August 15, 2008

The Coca-Cola Foundation

Grants in four main areas: water stewardship, healthy and active lifestyles, community recycling, and education
Amount: Not Specified
Deadline: Quarterly

Increase Your Green

Reduce the environmental impact of your school during an eight week competition
Amount: \$500 to \$1500
Deadline: August 15, 2008

Specialty Crop Research

SCRI solves critical industry issues through research and extension activities. Specialty crops are: fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops including floriculture. Projects that are multistate, multi-institutional, or trans-disciplinary; and include explicit mechanisms to communicate results to producers and the public are priority.
Amount: \$6 million available
Deadline: August 14, 2008



Agricultural Marketing Service

Announces the availability of approximately \$10 million in grant funds, less USDA administrative costs, to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops
Amount: \$10 million available
Deadline: September 8, 2008

Rural Health Care Services Outreach

Develop innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential services. Require the grantee to form a consortium with at least two partners.
Amount: \$11 million available
Deadline: October 16, 2008



**Johnson County "On the Road with 4-H"
Exploring GA this Summer, \$1,946**



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Support Systems for Homeless Youth

Five-year Demonstration project targeted to young people ages 16-21, in rural areas who are approaching independence and young adulthood, but have few or no connections to a supportive, family structure or community

Amount: \$200,000

Deadline: August 25, 2008

Arts in Healthcare

For projects for healthcare and/or arts organizations that have established arts in healthcare programs with evidence of initial impact. LOI's will be reviewed first.

Amount: \$75,000

Deadline: August 8, 2008

Active Living Research Childhood Obesity

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supports research to identify promising policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity, decreasing sedentary behaviors, and preventing obesity among children and adolescents.

Amount: 5 research awards of \$50,000; 3 publication awards of \$12,000

Deadline: August 28, 2008

Ongoing Announcements

Environmental Curriculum Development

The Melinda Gray Ardia Foundation supports curricula that empower and encourage students to become involved in solving environmental and social problems as informed decision makers through the emphasis and application of basic ecological principles

Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: September 27, 2008

Fund for Wild Nature

Provides money for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity. Supports advocacy and positive citizenship for social change.

Amount: \$300-\$3,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Nestle Very Best in Youth

Honors youth who have excelled in school and are making their community a better place.

Grant funding benefits the youth's charity.

Amount: \$1,000; trip to LA with guardian for Awards Ceremony

Deadline: November 20, 2008

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: Ongoing

Captain Planet Foundation

Grant supports youth grades K-12 in hands-on environmental projects in different areas. Applications 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

Target Parenting Grant

For family counseling and parenting classes that prevent family violence.

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

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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Watson Brown Jr. FDN to Rock Eagle
Environmental Education, \$4,300

Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Bank of America's signature philanthropic program, recognizes, nurtures, and rewards community-based organizations, local heroes and student leaders working to improve their communities. We focus on areas such as: education, community development, arts and culture, and health and human services.

Amount: \$5,000 to \$200,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Best Buy Consumer Recycling

Designed to help provide more environmentally responsible electronics recycling opportunities for consumers across the country

Amount: \$500-\$1500

Deadline: Ongoing

Migrant Families and Poverty

The Western Union Foundation funds in three primary areas: creating pathways to opportunity, supporting cultural inclusion, fostering hope in the developing world. LOI due first.

Amount: Not Specified

Deadline: September 1, 2008

United Health Care Children's Foundation

Funding to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans

Amount: Varies per need of applicant

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: August 15, 2008

Dollar General Literacy Grant Program

Financial support will be provided to schools, public libraries, and nonprofits within twenty miles of a Dollar General store to implement or expand literacy programs for beginning, below grade-level, or learning-disabled readers

Amount: Up to \$3,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Youth Creativity Programs

The fund will make cash grants to nonprofit organizations in the United States with programs dedicated to a child's exploration of creativity that cater to children ages birth to 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth.

Amount: \$500 to \$5,000

Deadline: Ongoing

UGA/CDC Research Grant

Funding for collaborative interdisciplinary research in the areas of: public health, veterinary medicine, and ecological science.

Must begin by submitting a Letter of Inquiry.

Amount: up to \$100,000 for two year project

Deadline: September 22, 2008

Emerging Plant/Animal Pest and Diseases

One-time seed funding to initiate work requiring immediate attention until other longer-term resources can be secured.

CSREES is requesting proposals that address: Honey Bee Colony Collapse Disorder and Uganda (Ug99) Strain of Wheat Stem Rust.

Amount: \$500,000

Deadline: September 30, 2008



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Extension Grant Success Stories



Camden County VISTA Grant Project By: Robbie Edalgo

The Camden County Extension office has successfully partnered with The Corporation for National and Community Service through a federal grant. This pilot project will assess the efficacy of utilizing (VISTA) Volunteers in Service to America workers within UGA Cooperative Extension's mission and vision. *The VISTA grant was awarded in June for \$52,263.00 and will end on June 27, 2009.*

The Camden County Board of Commissioners provided \$3000.00 dollars for various operating cost (travel, equipment, etc.) to help facilitate the project. The VISTA member will receive \$833.00/ month for their service to America (Camden County). VISTA members will be allowed to receive governmental assistance during their year of service, if they so choose. It is important to note that the \$9,996.00 compensation received by the VISTAs is

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not considered a salary but rather a stipend. The VISTAs will also have the option to receive health benefits and child care through this grant while completing their year of service.

The VISTA service opportunities in Camden County are in the following areas: Agriculture and Natural Resource Needs Assessment, External Funding Coordinator, and finally 4-H Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. This grant will serve as a pilot project intended to assess the potential for expansion VISTA workers throughout Georgia Extension offices.

If successful, UGA Cooperative Extension could be awarded several positions each year to be distributed as the UGA facilitator deems appropriate.

This is the first ever partnership of its kind and could potentially impact many Extension offices around the state. The future remains bright concerning the potential impact both of these candidates could have in Camden County.





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New Contract Awards to Support Senior Caregiver Education

By: Don Bower

Georgia's senior population is booming, and Extension is playing a key role in equipping family caregivers. FACS Extension has been awarded nearly \$80,000 to deliver a series of class leader certification trainings in the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" program. PTC is a six-session series that prepares family caregivers of seniors and other with limiting conditions the tools to enhance their own self-care and confidence.



Extension is collaborating with the DHR Division of Aging Services and the Rosalynn Carter Institute as lead agencies in this initiative. Other collaborators include AARP, Area Agencies on Aging, Summer 2008

Alzheimer's Association, and others. Two of the 3-day trainings have been conducted already, in Albany and Macon. Four more are being scheduled for between now and June 2009. Each of the trainings certifies 20 class leaders to return to their communities to offer the classes. To date, 10 Extension educators have completed the training, along with partners from other agencies and groups. Up to 13 more agents will be certified in the upcoming four trainings. The contract provides \$700 worth of training resources and reimburses travel expenses for Extension participants, among other costs. The FACS Extension contact is Don Bower.

JCPenney After School Grant Continued for Southwest District **By: Lauren Ledbetter**

National 4-H Council in a partnership with JCPenney Stores is continuing the After School Grant Program for 2008-2009. In 2006, Terrell County 4-H, in Partnership with the Positive Youth Direction Center, became a part of the program receiving \$35,000 in funding over the past two years. New 4-H Agent, Jakyn Jennings wanted to continue this relationship and extended a proposal for the upcoming year to provide after school care and exemplary 4-H programming to over 50 youth. Turner County 4-H Agent Lynn Davis also wanted to partner to provide after school experiences for youth in her community using Project EYE curriculum.

In this grant cycle, Terrell County 4-H was awarded \$23,220 in funding along with \$2,784 in funding for Turner County 4-H. Throughout the history of this partnership southwest district has received \$61,004 in funding to provide programming to students during after school hours.