

Extension Grants

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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

LEGO Creativity Awards

Whether to fund guitar lessons, subsidize after-school art instruction, and produce an invention or to solve a community problem, 6-13 year olds are eligible to submit essay responses demonstrating their creative development for the future.

Amount: Ten \$5,000 Awards

Deadline: September 17, 2007

Captain Planet Foundation

Grant supports youth grades K-12 in hands-on environmental projects. Application online.

Amount: From \$250-\$2500

Deadline: Quarterly

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) enhances the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game. Grants are designed to be sufficiently flexible.

Eligibility: Nonprofits

Amount: Average amount is \$51,000

Deadline: April 1, July 1 and October 1

Grants Lend a Hand

"My Hometown Helper" grants program from General Mills allows individuals from communities and organizations across America to submit a written essay of 250 words or less describing how this grant would help improve their community project.

Maximum Amount: \$15,000

Eligibility: Sponsored by a municipal or civic organization or public school.

Deadline: September 30, 2007.

YouthPower Grants

U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Youth Service America support youth-led service projects, youth in foster care (ages 5-18), and youth who have recently transitioned out of foster care (ages 19-25) in planning and implementing service projects in their community on Global Youth Service Day on April 25-27, 2008. Project areas: environment, disaster relief, public health and awareness, community education, hunger, literacy, or any issue that youth identify as a community need.

Amount: Multiple awards of \$1,000 each

Deadline: October 1, 2007

GreenWorks! Grants

GreenWorks! is Project Learning Tree's service-learning program that engages PLT educators and their students with their local community in "learning-by-doing" neighborhood improvement projects.

Eligibility: Students in elementary school through college

Amount: Grants up to \$5,000 each

Deadline: October 31, 2007





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Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education

The Wild Ones Organization grants to child-centered projects that create native plant landscapes or develop outdoor classrooms.

Eligibility: K-12 schools and non-profits

Amount: \$100-\$500

Deadline: November 15, 2007

Game Stop and Plum Grants

Each week "Do Something" will award a Game Stop grant in 2007. These grants support local activities generated by students and designed to solve a community problem or issue.

Eligibility: People 25 and younger

Amount: \$500 grants

Deadline: December 31, 2007

Educational Foundation of America Grants

The Educational Foundation of America (EFA) makes grants to qualifying non-profit organizations provides 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

Public Welfare Foundation

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

Eligibility: 501(c)(3)s. (Some exceptions are made for organizations without such status.)

Amount: \$20 million total. The average grant in 2006 was nearly \$49,000.

Deadline: Open

Rural Community Development Initiative

For projects related to housing, community facilities or community and economic development funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Eligibility: Nonprofits and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations.

Amount: \$6.29 million for grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000.

Deadline: Sept. 6.

Ronald McDonald House Charities - For global or national nonprofits that help children read, provide nutritious after-school meals, offer life-changing surgeries, or help prevent life-threatening diseases. (Programs or projects focused on one specific community or geographic area should request support through local chapters.)

Funder: Ronald McDonald House Charities are supported by a number of corporate partners.

Eligibility: Global and national nonprofits.

Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Aug. 31 for letters of intent.

Family Violence

Funded by the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation as grants to non-profit organizations that aid the victims of domestic violence. Youth and family groups have won grants in the past.

Amount: A total of \$20,000 awarded in 2006.

Deadline: Aug. 31.





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Young Explorers

To provide youth with opportunities to pursue research, conservation and exploration-related projects consistent with National Geographic's existing grant programs.

Funder: National Geographic.

Eligibility: Individuals 18-25.

Amount: \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Healthy Sprouts Awards

To support school and youth garden programs that teaches about nutrition and hunger.

Funder: The National Gardening Association

Eligibility: Schools and nonprofits.

Amount: 20 schools or organizations will receive gift certificates of gardening materials valued between \$200 and \$500.

Deadline: Oct. 15.

Open Meadows Foundation

For projects that promote community power and justice that benefit women and girls.

Eligibility: Small and start-up organizations are encouraged to apply.

Amount: \$2,000.

Deadline: Aug. 15.

The Coca-Cola Foundation

For youth educational opportunities and support in higher education, classroom teaching and learning, and international education. Programs support scholarships for aspiring students; encourage and motivate young people to stay in school; and foster cultural understanding.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Assets for Independence

To help low-income people become economically self-sufficient by teaching them about economic and consumer issues and establishing matched individual development accounts.

Funder: U.S. Administration on Children and Families.

Eligibility: A broad range of public and private organizations, including those that provide services to youth who are saving to attend higher education.

Amount: \$18 million for 50 to 60 awards.

Deadline: Three times a year on June 15, Nov. 1 and March 15.



Learning
for
Life

Parenting Capacities

For research to increase the parenting skills and capacities of caregivers to improve the health outcomes of their children, while focusing on reducing poor health behaviors or habits among youth.

Funder: National Institutes of Health.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits, state and local governments, and other types of organizations.

Amount: Not specified.

Deadline: Oct. 5.

Comcast Foundation

For diversity-oriented programs that address literacy, volunteerism and youth leadership development in Comcast communities.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Amount: Unspecified.

Deadline: Open.

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Extension Grant Success Stories



Health Rocks! Grant \$35,000 Awarded

Health Rocks! **By: Cheryl Varnadoe**

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.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation received a \$35,000 grant from National 4-H Council to implement the Health Rocks! program to at least 5,000 youth in our state before January 2008. Fifteen counties attended the Health Rocks! training August 17-18, 2007 here in Athens, Georgia. Each county

participating has a Training Team of 1 adult and 2 youth (ages 14-18). After attending the training in August, this team will take the information and programs back to their community and club youth, helping Georgia reach its goal of more than 5,000 youth in six months!

Rural Health Care Outreach Grant **By: Joann L. Milam**



Taekwondo at Wellness Works

In an effort to address childhood obesity and thus chronic disease, the Washington County Chronic Disease Consortium, a collaborative of agencies and health providers, wrote a grant proposal to obtain ***\$350,000 from May 2006- May 2009 to begin a multidisciplinary martial arts fitness program in Washington County.*** Taekwondo a form of martial arts was selected because it is an activity anyone can do, and it can be done year round.

The use of marital arts as an approach to reach children who are overweight or at risk for becoming overweight was selected due to its comprehensive approach to exercise and includes benefits such as increased self-esteem, a positive body image, goal setting and reduced aggression. The program also includes a nutrition and outreach component.

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Students enrolled in the program must attend class at least 4 days per week offered daily Monday – Saturday. Weekly nutrition classes are also taught by a FACS program assistant. At present approximately 65 students are enrolled in the program. The grant funding covered the cost of startup and daily management.

A program director, certified instructors, part-time clerical assistance, and nutrition instructor were included in the budget along with all necessary instructional needs. A board of directors meets monthly and oversees all program activities.



As we recently celebrated our one year anniversary, those involved with the program feel it is a huge success. Children are engaged in physical activity that had been previously doing nothing after school. Parents are also more involved in their children's lives. Making better food choices have become important to many of the children. Students are participating in tournaments and WINNING. This program has given many students who do not and did not excel in other sports a place to shine and at the same time they are making lifestyle changes that will benefit them for years to come.



Urban Forestry Issues Team By: Gary Peiffer

The Urban Forestry Issues Team has been a very active group of agents and specialists who are seeking out funds to develop training materials and resources. Then providing the training to show everyone how to use them so they can go out and initiate their own localized efforts. ***This model has been successful in Georgia, and other Southern states. We have obtained \$78,000 and hope to seek out additional support.*** It is a unique team in that agents and specialists work together as equals to develop and teach these training sessions.

Specialist and Agents worked together to create training materials. Once developed, Agents were initially trained throughout Georgia utilizing the train-the-trainer model for learning. The project has expanded to the Southeastern US, with training being help in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. As a result of these trainings, Master gardeners and Agents are ready to answer urban tree questions and have a positive impact on urban forests throughout the region.