

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FARMERS & FOOD ENTREPRENEURS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DEVELOP YOUR INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS?

Join us for a workshop designed to help you identify which grants might be right for you. This workshop will also discuss ways to plan your project and strengthen your application. Specific grant programs to be covered include:

- **USDA's Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG)** program provides planning and working capital funds to farmers and farmer-based enterprises to develop and implement value-added ventures.
- **DATCP's Agricultural Development and Diversification (ADD)** grant program funds initiatives that develop new value-added products, new markets, or new technologies in agriculture.
- **USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)** grant program funds research, marketing and demonstration projects.
- **USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG)** program funds endeavors that enhance the competitiveness of Wisconsin Specialty Crops
- **DATCP's Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin (BLBW)** grant program, which funds projects that will increase the demand for and supply of locally produced foods in Wisconsin.

Dates and Locations

Tuesday, October 11th – Southwest WI

VIROQUA AREA MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOMS LOWER LEVEL, 407 S MAIN ST., VIROQUA, WI, 54665
TO REGISTER: SUE NOBLE AT (608)637-5396 OR SNOBLE@VEDA-WI.ORG

Wednesday, October 12th – Northeast WI

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, 2740 WEST MASON ST, RM SC128, GREEN BAY, WI, 54307
TO REGISTER: VALERIE DANTOIN AT (920) 498-5568 OR VALERIE.DANTOIN@NWTC.EDU

Tuesday, October 18th – Southeast WI

MICHAEL FIELDS AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE, W2493, COUNTY RD ES, EAST TROY, WI, 53120
TO REGISTER: DONNA ZAROVY OR ROSE SKORA AT 262-857-1945 OR ROSE.SKORA@CES.UWEX.EDU OR PEG REEDY AT PEG.REEDY@CES.UWEX.EDU

Thursday, October 20th – Northwest WI

DUNN COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, ROOM 1402, 615 STOKKE PARKWAY, MENOMONIE, WI, 54751
TO REGISTER: KATIE STERNWEIS AT (715) 232-1636 OR KATIE.STERNWEIS@CES.UWEX.EDU

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$15 WILL COVER THE COST OF LUNCH AND MATERIALS.
PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

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Successfully Applying to Agricultural Grant Programs

Workshop Agenda

This workshop is designed to help farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs develop strategies to access state and federal grants and other resources. The workshop will also give prospective applicants information, tools, and training to strengthen applications made to the USDA Value Added Producer, SARE, DATCP's Agricultural Development and Diversification (ADD), Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin, Specialty Crop Block Grants and other grant and loan programs in order to attract increased capital to Wisconsin's value-added agriculture industry.

- 9:00 AM Registration
- 9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
Participants are invited to give a brief introduction to their projects
- 10:00 AM Building the steps – development strategies to build a “good” project
Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
- 12:00 PM Lunch Program
Perspective from a grant recipient: “How I applied for and used a grant in my agriculture business”
- 1:00 PM Panel Discussion and Q&A: Which grant is right for my project?
Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension/SARE
SARE Farmer and Rancher Grant
Mike Bandli, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ag Development and Diversification
Juli Speck, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Specialty Crop Block Grant
Mike Daniels, USDA/Rural Development
Value Added Producer Grant
Teresa Engel, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin
- 2:00 PM Developing Clear Project Objectives *Andrew Bernhardt, UW Extension*
Discussion of project ideas and small group Q&A with the grant program appropriate to you.
- 2:45 PM Additional Resources to Support your Project *Carl Rainey, DATCP*
- 3:15 PM Adjourn