



FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FARMERS

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** program, which 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** grant program, which funds initiatives that develop new value-added products, new markets, or new technologies in agriculture.
- **USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education** grant program, which funds research, marketing and demonstration projects.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

NORTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE, 2740 WEST MASON ST, RM SC128, GREEN BAY, WI

TO REGISTER, CONTACT: VALERIE DANTOIN AT VALERIE.DANTOIN@NWTC.EDU OR (920) 498-5568

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND - 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

WASHINGTON TOWN HALL, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL RD, EAU CLAIRE, WI

TO REGISTER, CONTACT: PAM HERDRICH AT PAM.HERDRICH@WI.USDA.GOV OR 715-834-9672
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH - 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

DANE COUNTY UW-EXTENSION FEN OAK BUILDING, 1 FEN OAK COURT, MADISON, WI

TO REGISTER, CONTACT: JANE KLEVEN AT JKLEVEN@WISC.EDU OR 608-262-5200

A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$15 WILL COVER THE COST OF LUNCH AND MATERIALS

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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 give prospective applicants information, tools, and training to strengthen applications made to the USDA Value Added Producer, SARE, and Agricultural Development and Diversification (ADD) and other grant and loan programs in order to support innovation in Wisconsin's agriculture industry.

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions

Participants give a brief introduction of their projects

10:00 AM Building the steps – development strategies to build a “good” project

Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

11:15 AM Networking Break

11:30 AM Overview of SARE Grant

Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension/SARE

11:50 AM Overview of ADD Grant

Mike Bandli, DATCP

12:10 AM Overview of VAPG Grant

Mike Daniels, USDA/Rural Development

12:30 PM Lunch Networking

1:00 PM Perspectives from Producers

1:30 PM Additional Resources to Support your Project

2:00 PM Adjourn the formal meeting

Time will be available during lunch and the forum for individuals to work on project outlines or have individual discussions with grant program staff.