

2009 Southern District Innovative Grants Program

To apply for a Southern District Innovative Grant, prepare a brief proposal as outlined below. Proposals should be submitted electronically to the Southern District Office (richard.pederson@ces.uwex.edu and cc to terry.kraft@ces.uwex.edu). The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, February 20, 2009. The maximum dollar amount to be awarded to a project is \$4,000. The District Resource Management Team, using the evaluation criteria stated below, will review applications. Announcement of those who have received grant funds will be made on or before March 31, 2009. Funds must be transferred from the District Office to the grant recipient prior to June 30th, 2009. A one-page project summary that highlights the project outcomes will be due to the District Director within 12 months of the receipt of the grant. Grant recipients will also be asked to give a brief report during a District Wisline.”

Your Southern District Innovative Grant Proposal Should Include:

1. Format:

- Maximum of 2 pages in length
- Can include an additional (beyond 2 pages) one-page budget
- 12 point Times Roman Font
- 1 inch margins

2. Project Coordinator Information:

Name and Title
Address
E-mail

3. **Statement of Need:** What issue, concern or opportunity will your educational programming or practice address?

4. **Project Goals or Objectives:** Explain the project goals and objectives and how they related to your county, multi-county or district needs.

5. **Personnel:** Describe potential project partnerships and/or list project participants.

6. **Budget and Dollars Requested:** How much are you requesting and how will it be used? Include any in-kind or matching dollar agreements.

2009 Innovated Grant Proposal will be Evaluated Using the Following Criteria:

A. Educational Program Elements

1. Is the program targeting a local need? What is the scope of this need? (10 points)
2. How does this project enhance or fit into your overall programming efforts? (5 points)
3. How is this program or project innovative? (10)

B. State, District, County and Local Support

1. To what extent is the program a “shared” effort? Are two or more counties working together? Is this a program shared across UWEX program areas? Are there state specialists, support staff or others (10)?
2. Are new partnerships and relationships being explored? (i.e. UWEX working with faculty at UW System schools (Madison and others) or UW Colleges, Ag. Research Stations, Technical Colleges, etc?) Is there diverse support/commitment from outside of UWEX? (10)

C. Potential Impacts and Benefits

1. Can the program be replicated within the district/have wider reaching benefits? (10)
2. Will the program significantly and positively impact target audience(s)? (5)
3. Is this building a long term project or will it be used over the long term? Is it sustainable? (5)

D. Budget/use of funds (Maximum to be awarded to each project is \$4,000)

1. Is the manner for using the IG funds clearly defined? (10)
2. Are there any in-kind resources provided to the project? (10)
3. Are the Innovative Grant (IG) funds being used to leverage additional funds?
Preference given if IG funds are being matched at a 50:50 rate or greater (10)
4. Have you received funding from the Innovative Grant Program in the past 2 years?

___Yes ___ No (add 5 points)