

**Southern District Resource Management Team Meeting
March 3, 2008**

Present: Peggy Compton, Deb Ivey, Mindy Habecker, Lee Cunningham, Peg Reedy, Alissa Grenawalt, Lesly Scott, and Angela Flickinger

Meeting Called to Order: Scott called the Wisline meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Review of Innovative Grant Proposals: The 15 applicants were reviewed by the set criteria and tallied on a 100 point total. After the final tally and discussion, the following motion was made by Habecker and seconded by Ivey to fully fund the following proposals:

- Susan Nagelkerk \$3128
 - Provide a Family Camp experience for a minimum of 10 limited resource families in Sauk or Columbia Counties at Upham Woods and a Camp Reunion to increase support and impact.
- Peggy Compton and Paul Ohlrogge \$4000
 - Provide an “Iowa County...Where Water Matters” folder of educational materials to every household in Iowa County and to have 50% of the households return a Water Quality Pledge sheet that ask individual to pledge to change personal behaviors to preserve water quality.
- Gail Roberts and Debra Ivey \$4000
 - Prepare three Geospatial 4-H project resource kits to be shared by 14 counties; develop and distribute Geospatial activities that can be used at Project Learning Days, 4-H Camp and at other 4-H events; and train Southern District 4-H staff on the use of Geospatial resources.
- Joan Laurion and Kristina Stadler \$2595.82
 - Provide a half day training in Emotion Coaching and its support materials at a 2008 Southern District Family Living monthly training to increase the knowledge of staff about the importance of social emotional development of young children.
- Bridget Mouchon \$1417.50
 - Support a suite of educational efforts designed to continue work related to Green County’s growing Latino population through the following programs: Hacienda Amigos (a one-page newsletter), Latinos in the U.S. Literature Series, 2008 Rural Immigration Summit and a Community Development Field Trip.

In addition we will provide \$620 to each of the following projects:

- Mary Krisco \$620
 - Promote physical activity in Dane, Dodge, Columbia, Iowa, Rock and Walworth Counties by compiling, publishing and distributing a local “Get Active” guide in English and in Spanish in each county.
- Linda Marshall \$620
 - Develop and implement 2-4 summer day camps at Rotary Botanical Gardens for Janesville youth in 3rd-5th grades that involved a total of 60-120 youth new to UW-Extension programs in the day camps.
- Mary Knellwolf \$620

- Work with UW-Platteville, Southwest Technical College, and UW-Extension/UW Colleges Multi-Cultural training staff to develop a curriculum that meets the needs of county officials, school officials, and potentially business owners in building cultural competence.

This motion was unanimously approved. A total of \$17,001.32 was awarded. Scott will send out letters to all the applicants. Letters to applicants who did not receive grants will be given the information of who received the grants. Scott will be the contact for questions regarding the awards. SDRMT members who have specific notes regarding criteria ratings for the applicants should forward that information to Scott so that she can better respond to any questions.

Ideas for Future Review of Innovative Grant Proposals: Generated ideas included the following:

- Suggest that we have specific criteria for applications on page length (2 pages or less plus an one budget page with match information), font size (Times Roman 12 point font), and margins (1") so that all are on a similar informational level
- Only award points once for provide match dollars and in-kind services as separate items in the budget and support section
- Will need to redo the numbers for the tally of points
- Do we want to review them to consider geographic diversity or attempt to provide a variety of different recipients over time?
- Will need to revisit our criteria again next year.
- The specific criteria were modified as follows:

2009 Innovative 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)
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 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)

D. Budget/use of funds (Maximum to be awarded to each project is \$4000)

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)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on April 14, 2008 from 11:00-3:30 at the Dane County UW-Extension Office in conference room 1C.

Flickinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Cunningham seconding. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mindy Habecker