



Newsletter for Western Agricultural Educators

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2012 Extension Risk Management Education Competitive Grants Program Timeline

The Western Center for Risk Management Education will announce its 2012 Request for Applications (RFA) on November 1. Center staff will offer two webinar training sessions (see insert at right) to help lead applicants through the results based grant making process. Essential components for writing a successful application will be addressed as well as orienting attendees to the online application system and showing them how to access proposal resources.

The Western Center's website also contains learning modules for building a successful pre-proposal. These are available by clicking on the Grant Resources tab, located on the navigation bar of the Western Center's home page (<http://westrme.wsu.edu/grant-resources/>). Center staff will be available to discuss project ideas and to field questions arising from the application process.

Investment Criteria and Economic Viability

The Extension Risk Management Education Competitive Grants Program is placing a greater emphasis in this year's RFA on project results that will help farmers and ranchers improve their economic viability. Economic viability refers to the producers' ability to improve profitability and to increase opportunities for equity growth over time.

Regional Risk Management Priorities

This year the Western Center's RFA will include regional risk management priorities in three risk topic areas. Proposals submitted in these areas must be able to effectively compete with other applications through demonstrating clear risk management results for producers that improve their economic viability.



Webinar Information

Thursday, November 10, 2011 @ 9:00 am PST
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 1:00 pm PST

Email warnerj@wsu.edu by close of business on Monday, November 7 to register or call 509-477-2168.

Sign-in information for each session will be sent on November 9 and November 15 (respectively).

An additional training will be scheduled if the meeting room exceeds capacity.

2012 RFA Timeline

Click on Competitive Grants Program (westrme.wsu.edu/grants-program/) from our home page for more information.

RFA Announcement

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Closing Date for Pre-Proposal Submission

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Finalists Selected to Submit a Full Proposal

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Closing Date for Full Proposal Submission

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Award Decisions Announced

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

The Washington State University Western Center for Risk Management Education is one of five USDA NIFA competitively awarded Extension Risk Management Education Centers that conduct a regional results and outcome based competitive risk management education grant program serving agricultural producers. State university Extension educators and other partners in the public and private sector in the west have provided tools and training for producers to support them in establishing long-term risk management strategies, strengthening economic viability of their farm and ranch enterprises.



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Projects Funded by the Western Center in 2011

Congratulations to project leaders and teams as they begin to lead producers to the achievement of risk management results!

Wyoming Master Woolgrower <i>Awarded to:</i> University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension	<i>\$11,500</i>
Biosecurity Proficiency Project for Beginning Producers in California 4-H <i>Awarded to:</i> Veterinary Medicine Extension, University of California-Davis	<i>\$49,484</i>
Increasing Farm Sustainability Through Risk Management Education Marketing Strategies for Wyoming Producers <i>Awarded to:</i> Wyoming Business Council-Agribusiness Division	<i>\$31,479</i>
Barley Risk Management Education Project: Phase IV <i>Awarded to:</i> Idaho Barley Commission	<i>\$15,000</i>
Educational Opportunities for Women Involved in Agriculture <i>Awarded to:</i> Washington State University Extension	<i>\$48,214</i>
Diversified Business Planning Workshop: Turning financial risks in to profit for small to mid-size farms and ranches in Alaska <i>Awarded to:</i> Alaska Farmland Trust	<i>\$25,885</i>
Managing the Risks of Agritourism as an Income Diversification Strategy for California Producers <i>Awarded to:</i> University of California Small Farms Program	<i>\$49,716</i>
Financial Analysis and Benchmarking Education: Tools for Risk Management for South Central Utah Beginning Farmers and Ranchers <i>Awarded to:</i> Snow College	<i>\$49,925</i>
Zuni Youth Agriculture Enterprises: Planning for Success <i>Awarded to:</i> New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service	<i>\$8,990</i>
Using Advanced Whole Farm Planning to Reduce Financial, Market, and Legal Risks <i>Awarded to:</i> Rural Roots Inc.	<i>\$49,217</i>
Hopi Ranching Improvement Program through Livestock and Financial Management Records, Beef Quality Assurance, and Herd Health <i>Awarded to:</i> University of Arizona Agricultural and Resource Economics	<i>\$13,142</i>
Managing Young Stands: Forest Management for New Forest Owners <i>Awarded to:</i> Northwest Natural Resource Group	<i>\$40,000</i>
Using Season Extension and Winter Production to Manage Marketing and Production Risk <i>Awarded to:</i> Oregon State University Extension	<i>\$29,899</i>
Risk Management Education for Eastern Washington Wheat & Barley Producers <i>Awarded to:</i> AgVentures NW LLC	<i>\$47,500</i>
Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Results Oriented Financial Planning Workshops <i>Awarded to:</i> Glenn County Resource Conservation District	<i>\$49,535</i>
Managing Risk with Food Safety Education and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Implementation <i>Awarded to:</i> Fort Lewis College	<i>\$34,082</i>
Farm Direct Marketing: Best Practices for Small & Medium Farms <i>Awarded to:</i> Western Nevada College	<i>\$37,865</i>
Northern Wyoming High Plains Ranch Practicum <i>Awarded to:</i> University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service	<i>\$26,526</i>
Riparian grazing and water quality risk management strategies <i>Awarded to:</i> Washington State University Extension	<i>\$49,982</i>