

New Funding Opportunities
December 7, 2010

Aloha,

Here are some current funding opportunities that might be of interest to you. Please pass this information on to anyone else who might be able to use it. If the deadline is too short for this year, it is still a good indication of the likely due date for next year. **Let me know if I can be of any assistance with developing and submitting a grant application.**

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For information on submitting grants electronically on grants.gov the following publication may be useful.

USDA, NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide – A guide for the preparation and submission of NIFA applications via grants.gov:

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppUSDA-NIFA-CGP-002644-cfda10.217-instructions.pdf>

NIFA Help Desk - Phone: 202-401-5048 (M-F 7:00 am -5:00 pm ET)

UH Office of Research Services (ORS) Grants.gov Cover Page Information:

http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/library/documents/SF424_Instructions.pdf

UH ORS Institutional Profile Information:

<http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/institutional-profile.asp>

UH ORS Help Desk – Phone: 956-5198 (M-F 7:45-4:30 pm HST)

**\$ - NFWF & NOAA - Coral Reef Conservation Fund Announces Request for Proposals
Deadline: December 15, 2010 (Pre-proposals)**

Administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, the Coral Reef Conservation Fund provides grants to public-private partnerships working to reduce and prevent degradation of coral reefs and associated reef habitats (e.g., seagrass beds, mangroves, etc).

Funding is available for conservation projects in Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, **Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**. Projects must implement watershed management plans and local action strategies designed to improve water quality, enhance coral reef ecosystem resilience, and improve the management of protected marine areas that harbor key coral reef ecosystem components and functions. Funding is also available for activities that support the priority goals and objectives with respect to international coral reef locations identified in NOAA CRCP's [International Strategy](#).

All persons, organizations, and non-U.S. federal agencies are eligible to apply, including parties based within and outside the U.S. Proposals requesting funding for land or easement acquisition, political advocacy, lobbying, or litigation will not be considered.

The majority of awards under the program will fall in the range of \$20,000 to \$70,000. The total amount of all awards made under this RFP is not expected to exceed \$500,000. **Matching funds from non-federal sources are required at a 1:1 ratio for all proposed projects.**

All applicants are required to submit an online pre-proposal application form and include the proposal category to which they would like to apply, the requested grant amount, sources and amounts of matching funds, and general project information.

The complete request for proposals, including proposal categories and priority funding areas, is available at the NFWF Web site. **Contact:** [Link to Complete RFP](#) or URL:http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=60&ContentID=17700

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

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Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-BFR-003356
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Oct 26, 2010
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Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$19,000,000
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

The U.S. agricultural population is poised to make a dramatic change - half of all current farmers are likely to retire in the next decade. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the average age of farm operators was 57 years. Farmers over the age 55 own more than half the farmland in the U.S. But the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 is increasing, as does the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide. To address the needs of this changing generation, Section 7410 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub .L. No. 110-234) amended Section 7405 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and made available in Fiscal Year 2009, \$17.2 million to fund a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP). According to these legislations, a beginning farm is considered to be one that is operated by one or more operators who have **10 years or less of experience operating a farm or ranch**. In 2007, approximately 21 percent of family farms met that definition. Applications may be submitted by a collaborative state, tribal, local, or regionally-based network or partnership of public and/or private entities. Inclusion of beginning and/or non-beginning farmers and ranchers as part of the collaborative group is strongly encouraged.

URL: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/bfrdp.html> or [**Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program**](#)

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants

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Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-SAECP-003355
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
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Current Closing Date:	Jan 18, 2011
Archive Date:	Feb 19, 2011
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$1,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$300,000
Award Floor:	\$25,000
CFDA Number(s):	10.226 -- Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECA) program seeks to: (a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and (b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences.

URL: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec_challenge.html
[Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants](#)

\$ - USDA, NIFA - International Science and Education Grants Program

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Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-CIP-003379
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Nov 17, 2010
Current Closing Date:	Jan 19, 2011
Archive Date:	Feb 20, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,900,000
Award Ceiling:	\$150,000
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

The International Science and Education Competitive Grants Program (ISE) supports research, extension, and teaching activities that will enhance the capabilities of American colleges and universities to conduct international collaborative research, extension and teaching. ISE projects are expected to enhance the international content of curricula; ensure that faculty work beyond the U.S. and bring lessons learned back home; promote international research partnerships; enhance the use and application of foreign technologies in the U.S.; and strengthen the role that colleges and universities play in maintaining U.S. competitiveness.

Link to Full Announcement: [International Science and Education Grants Program](#) or http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/intl_science.html

\$ - USDA, NIFA – Competitive Grant Workshops

Session 2: January 25th -26th 2011

The goals of the workshop are to provide an overview of the competitive funding opportunities at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture; present tools and tips to write outstanding grant applications to NIFA; and to develop a better understanding of the level of coordination, planning and management needed to deliver high impact outcomes to US agriculture. A major focus of the workshop will be on developing large multidisciplinary, and multi-institutional grants. Additional time has been built into the workshops to allow the opportunity for participants to interact with program leaders at NIFA as well as to network with a diversity of potential collaborators on future grants.

The workshop focuses on NIFA-USDA Funding Opportunities, which includes the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), Higher Education, Multicultural Alliances and International Programs, Integrated Research, Education and Extension Programs, Children Youth and Families at Risk Program, Pest Management Alternatives Program (PMAP), and Small Business Innovation Research Programs (SBIR). NIFA staff responsible for the administration of the various programs will make presentations. By attending this workshop, participants will gain a complete understanding of the grant writing process. The workshop is designed for an audience of researchers, extension specialists, educators, administrators, and small businesses. Both workshops will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

For additional information contact: Alissa VanDeventer, Outreach Program Development (540) 231-2014, avandeve@vt.edu.

URL: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/usdagrant/>

\$ - Corporation for National and Community Services Invites Applications for AmeriCorps Grants

Deadline: January 25, 2011

The Corporation for National and Community Service is seeking applications from high-impact organizations across America that would like to use [AmeriCorps](#) members to address pressing social problems. If the president's fiscal year 2011 budget request is fully funded, CNCS anticipates that approximately \$311 million in total funding will be available for new, re-competing, and continuation grants in all AmeriCorps State and National grant categories, along with \$1 million for AmeriCorps planning grants. The funds will be used to make focused investments in the six national issue priorities identified in the Serve America Act: improving education, energy conservation, the health of all Americans, and economic opportunity for economically vulnerable individuals; increasing service by and for veterans; and providing disaster services. Public or private nonprofit organizations — including labor organizations, faith-based and other community organizations, institutions of higher education, government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties), Indian tribes, partnerships and consortia, and intermediaries planning to subgrant funds awarded — are eligible to apply. CNCS encourages organizations that have never received funding from the corporation or AmeriCorps to apply for these grants.

Contact: [Link to Complete RFP](#) or http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=83

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)

The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) was established to solve critical industry issues through research and extension activities. SCRI will give priority to projects that are multistate, multi-institutional, or trans-disciplinary; and include explicit mechanisms to communicate results to producers and the public. Projects must address at least one of five focus areas: research in plant breeding, genetics, and genomics to improve crop characteristics; efforts to identify and address threats from pests and diseases, including threats to specialty crop pollinators; efforts to improve production efficiency, productivity, and profitability over the long term; new innovations and technology, including improved mechanization and technologies that delay or inhibit ripening; and methods to prevent, detect, monitor, control, and respond to potential food safety hazards in the production and processing of specialty crops.

Solicitation Date (Opening)	October 29, 2010
Letter of Intent Due Date	November 30, 2010 (not required)
Due Date (Closing)	January 31, 2011
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$47,300,000.00
Range of Awards	\$0.00 to \$10,000,000.00
Percent of Applications Funded Last Fiscal Year	19%
Cost Sharing Requirements	100 %
For More Information Contact	Thomas (Tom) Bewick
Funding Opportunity Number	USDA-NIFA-SCRI-003357

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/specialty_crop.html

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program (BRAG)

Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-BRAP-003381
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Nov 19, 2010
Current Closing Date:	Feb 02, 2011
Archive Date:	Mar 04, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Expected Number of Awards:	40
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$5,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$1,000,000
Award Floor:	\$50,000
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

The purpose of the BRAG program is to support the generation of new information that will assist Federal regulatory agencies in making science-based decisions about the effects of introducing into the environment genetically engineered organisms (GE), including plants, microorganisms (including fungi, bacteria, and viruses), arthropods, fish, birds, mammals and other animals excluding humans. Investigations of effects on both managed and natural environments are relevant. The BRAG program accomplishes its purpose by providing Federal regulatory agencies with scientific information relevant to regulatory issues.

URL: [Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program - FY '11 RFA](#) or http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/biotech_risk.html

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-CGP-003378
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Nov 15, 2010
Current Closing Date:	Feb 04, 2011
Archive Date:	Mar 05, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$5,200,000
Award Ceiling:	\$750,000
Award Floor:	\$30,000

Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a State, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support.

URL: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/higher_education_challenge.html

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Organic Research and Extension Initiative

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-ICGP-003388
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Nov 30, 2010
Current Closing Date:	Feb 10, 2011
Archive Date:	Mar 14, 2011
Award Ceiling:	\$19,000,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number(s):	10.307 -- Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

The OREI seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research and extension activities. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. The OREI is particularly interested in projects that emphasize research and outreach that assist farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning, especially those relating to climate change. Projects should plan to deliver applied production information to producers. Fieldwork must be done on certified organic land or on land in transition to organic certification, as appropriate to project goals and objectives. Refer to the USDA National Organic Program (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>) for organic production standards.

Link to Full Announcement: [Organic Research and Extension Initiative](#) or <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/OREI.html>

\$ - USDA, NIFA - New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program (RTP)

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-RTP-003380
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Nov 17, 2010
Current Closing Date:	Apr 15, 2011
Archive Date:	May 16, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$875,000
Award Ceiling:	\$300,000
Award Floor:	\$10,000
CFDA Number(s):	10.314 -- New ERA Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligibility: Applications may be submitted by either: (1) public or private nonprofit community colleges, or (2) postsecondary, degree-granting advanced technological centers, either of which must: a. be located in a rural area (see definition in Part VIII, E.); and b. have been in existence as of June 18, 2008; and c. participate in agricultural or bioenergy research and applied research; and d. have a proven record of development and implementation of programs to meet the needs of students, educators, business, and industry to supply the agriculture-based, renewable energy or pulp and paper manufacturing fields with certified technicians; as determined by the Secretary and e. have the ability to leverage existing partnerships and occupational outreach and training programs for secondary schools, 4-year institutions, and relevant nonprofit organizations. Applicant Eligibility Verification: To verify the applicant institution is located in a rural area and is eligible to receive RTP funding, NIFA requires a signed statement from the Authorized Representative (AR) of the applicant institution that signifies compliance with the rural area definition in Part VIII. E. Please submit this verification on signed letterhead as an attachment in Field 12 of the Other Project Information Form. Applicant institutions/organizations must demonstrate capacity for and a significant ongoing commitment to, the teaching of agriscience or agribusiness generally, and to the specific need and/or discipline(s) for which this grants program supports. In accordance with 7 CFR Part 3430, for community colleges, as defined in this RFA, applying as an Eligible Applicant, individual branches of a State university system or public system of higher education that are separately accredited by nationally recognized accrediting agencies or associations as degree granting institutions are treated as separate institutions, and are therefore eligible for RTP. Separate branches or campuses of a college not individually accredited as degree-granting institutions are not treated as separate institutions.

Description: The New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program will make grants available to community colleges or advanced technological centers, **located in a rural area**, for technology development, applied research, and training necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's technical, scientific and professional workforce in the fields of bioenergy, pulp and paper manufacturing, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources. Rural Areas are defined as: any locality that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, and is generally characterized as having fewer than 1,000 inhabitants per square mile (U.S. Census Bureau).

Agriculture-based renewable energy offers many rural areas a means of strengthening their economy while helping meet the nation's energy demands. Many rural communities have struggled for decades with the loss of jobs and income from restructuring in the agricultural and manufacturing sectors. Rural community colleges and postsecondary, degree-granting advanced technological centers promote access to educational programs and aid in workforce development that is vital to creating rural economies that are competitive in the global marketplace.

Link to Full Announcement: [New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program \(RTP\)](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/new_era.html)
or http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/new_era.html

\$ - RWJF - Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Deadline: July 1, 2011 (Letters of intent)

Rapid-Response Call for Proposals Released. *Active Living Research* is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youths ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key

URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121&cid=xem-emc-fapolicydecisions>

\$ - USDA, NIFA – Western SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Tour Grants

Deadline: applications accepted year round

Sustainable Agricultural Tour Grants are funded for only one year. Any agriculture/natural resource professional in the Western region may apply. These professionals are cooperative extension educators/agents and specialists, USDA-NRCS field staff, agricultural consultants, nonprofit staff members or other agricultural professionals assisting producers at the local level. The grant applicant's institution and or organization are fiscally responsible for the project. These grants are offered as a cost reimbursable contract. Applicants are required to have at least one past or current Western SARE-funded project as part of the tour. Preference will be given for the more Western SARE-funded projects visited. The maximum amount per grant application is \$2,000. These grants are to provide opportunities for producers to:

- Interact and network with producers
- Assist producers in adoption of sustainable agricultural production.

URL: https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/RFA/TRG_2010.pdf