

Successfully Applying to Agricultural Grant Programs

2017 Workshop Agenda

This workshop is designed to give farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs information, tools, and hands-on training to strengthen grant and loan applications. This workshop will help you create a competitive application and get the financial resources you need to fuel your business.

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
Participants are invited to give a brief introduction to their projects
Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension/SARE

10:00 AM Designing a sound project, identifying funding sources and grant-writing basics
Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

12:00 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Lunch Program – Perspective from a grant recipient:
“How I applied for and used a grant in my agriculture business”

1:15 PM Grant Programs Highlight Panel

- USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant – Juli Speck
- USDA Value Added Producer Grant – Mike Daniels
- USDA SARE Farmer-Rancher Grant – Diane Mayerfeld

2:00 PM Hands-on Grant Proposal Evaluation & Development

- Review and evaluate an actual proposal in groups.
Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension/SARE

3:00 PM Additional Financial Options

- Farm Service Agency – Farm Loans & Micro-loan Program
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cost Share Programs
- Farm Credit System Bank – Loan Program

3:45 PM Networking and one-on-one Q&A with presenters

4:00 PM Adjourn



PARTNERS:

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