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Preface

Value-added enterprises are becoming increasingly recognized as an important option for both agriculture producers and local economic development practitioners in rural areas. These businesses can increase incomes for farm families at the same time that they increase employment for rural residents.

Many programs are offered by state and federal agencies to assist value-added enterprises but many agricultural groups are simply not aware of them or do not know how to access the funding or technical assistance. In some cases, local development agencies do not immediately see the potential for agriculture to create jobs off the farm and, therefore, don't spend much time working with these groups.

The consequence is that some programs that could benefit individual producers or organized producer groups may be overlooked in development efforts. This resource guide presents many programmatic efforts to assist with organization, marketing, financing, and other aspects of local value-added agencies. This volume is a subset of the *Rural Resource Guide* published by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in 2002.

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Illinois State/Public Agencies

Agriculture & Tourism Partners of Illinois

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of the Agriculture & Tourism Partners is to encourage, foster, promote, and stimulate new tourism development, especially agritourism, in rural Illinois through support of existing businesses and development of new businesses. It will provide informational, educational, and advocacy activities that foster and stimulate its purpose. This new not-for-profit organization will serve as an umbrella for all entities working toward developing and expanding tourism in rural Illinois, bringing together those wanting to start tourism ventures with those experienced in the industry.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other individuals _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Governor's Rural Affairs Council (GRAC)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Governor's Rural Affairs Council was created in 1986 by Executive Order #7. In the year 2000, the GRAC was expanded by Executive Order #1. The Lieutenant Governor serves as the chairman. The GRAC's mission is to develop and implement a comprehensive state policy for rural development, and to serve as liaison among several state boards, commissions, agencies, departments, and institutions to improve planning and delivery of all programs and services for rural Illinois. The GRAC also provides state leadership to organize public-private partnerships to improve the quality of life in rural Illinois. A 1991 executive order requires an annual report on rural economic indicators and recommendations on Illinois' rural infrastructure needs for the Governor and General Assembly. This report is prepared jointly with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. The GRAC is focusing its efforts on social and economic development.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Association of Regional Councils (ILARC)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Illinois Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) are located throughout the state and assist citizens and local governments to make better use of existing public programs. ILARC's purpose is to strengthen individual RPCs and elected local officials' capabilities in the critical areas of community planning and development. The work of the RPCs covers a wide range of community planning and development activities, including census assistance, housing rehabilitation, transportation, water quality, solid waste management planning, administration of local revolving loan funds, and general governmental technical assistance such as the development of community plans and local development ordinances. RPCs also administer local service programs, such as the Job Training Partnership Act, Community Development Assistance, and Community Services Block Grant programs, and function as Economic Development Districts when designated by the Economic Development Administration.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IDOA advocates for Illinois' agricultural industry and provides necessary regulatory functions that benefit consumers, the agricultural industry, and our natural resources. The agency promotes agribusiness in Illinois and throughout the world. The IDOA provides regulatory services in the areas of food inspection, weight and measurement device certification, motor fuel quality testing, animal health and welfare, environment, land and water resources, agricultural products inspection, and licensure and inspection of grain dealers and warehouses. It provides promotional and administrative services in the areas of market news, agricultural marketing, county and state fairs, horse racing, and agricultural statistics.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment/Recycling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Finance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

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Web: www.illinoisbiz.biz

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is Illinois' leading economic development agency. Through the Director's Office and five distinct bureaus, DCEO administers a wide array of both state and federal programs that help improve Illinois' competitiveness in a global economy. The Bureau of Business Development assists new and existing businesses to locate or expand in Illinois and also helps local leaders capitalize on their economic development efforts. The Bureau of Community Development helps local governments meet their economic development challenges, administers job training programs, provides assistance to those facing economic hardships, and assists businesses with their technology needs. The Bureau of Tourism works with local convention and visitors' bureaus and regional tourism councils and administers the state's Film Office. The Bureau of Energy and Recycling promotes sustainable economic development through recycling, waste reduction, and efficient use of energy; the development of alternative fuels and renewable fuels; and the development of the coal industry.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IDOT assists rural and small urban counties and cities in developing coordinated transportation activities and programs. Many of the projects involve improving access on existing roadway infrastructure or the construction of new access to serve the immediate needs for expanding industrial distribution or tourism developments.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The mission of the IEPA is to safeguard environmental quality, consistent with the social and economic needs of the state, so as to protect health, welfare, property, and the quality of life. The Bureau of Air works to improve air quality by identifying air pollution problems, proposing appropriate regulations, conducting inspections, and reviewing permit applications. It also operates a vehicle emissions testing program. The Bureau of Land's goals are to protect human health and the environment by ensuring that hazardous and solid waste will be managed in a sound manner, and to reduce or control risk to human health and the environment by overseeing the cleanup of contaminated sites. The mission of the Bureau of Water is to ensure that Illinois' rivers, streams, and lakes will support all uses for which they are designated; ensure that every Illinois public water system will provide water that is consistently safe to drink; and protect Illinois' groundwater resource for designated drinking water and other beneficial uses. The Office of Community Relations encourages and facilitates communication between the public and the IEPA. The Office of Pollution Prevention conducts technical assistance and educational outreach to help facilities convert to less polluting raw materials, improve housekeeping practices, and increase process efficiency. It also works with the agency's regulatory programs to integrate voluntary pollution prevention into their mainstream functions. The Office of Small Business works with small businesses in complying with environmental requirements.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other All sectors

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other air quality and waste management

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Finance Authority

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Illinois Finance Authority was created to assist smaller units of local government throughout the state obtain access to capital, reduced interest rates, and lower financing costs for public projects. It can help local government finance public capital improvement projects, refinance existing debt, or raise short-term working cash. Illinois Finance Authority can provide capital for entire projects or matching funds for projects that include water or sewer systems, school construction, fire protection equipment, correctional facilities, park improvements, streets and roads, airports, and library projects. Low-interest rates are achieved because the bonds are tax exempt and supported by the moral obligation of the state. The "costs of issue" are also reduced since local governments are not required to purchase insurance; fund debt reserves; pay for credit ratings; and only share a portion of the cost for bond counsel, financial advisor, and underwriting services. Illinois Finance Authority can work with local units of government in every county within the state and makes efforts to accommodate its financing schedule and terms in order to meet borrowers' needs.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other any public body, board, etc. _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other financial assistance for any public purpose _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Value-Added Rural Development Center (IVARDC)

Parent Organization: Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

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Web: www.value-added.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IVARDC builds relationships between production agriculture, agribusiness leaders, economic development professionals, and the scientific community to create new economic development through value-added agribusiness opportunities. IVARDC programs are designed to link agricultural producers with agriculture and economic development agencies at the federal level to spur economic development. Currently, IVARDC is focusing on Agricultural Action Program (ACAP) visioning sessions throughout Illinois, value-added conferences, site visits to investigate successful farmer-owned agricultural ventures, and technical assistance to agricultural producer/economic development groups.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other agricultural producers

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IIRA was created in 1989. IIRA works with academic and professional experts throughout Illinois on projects designed to enhance understanding of rural conditions in Illinois and policies needed to improve the quality of life. IIRA provides technical assistance in economic development and transportation, evaluates rural policies and programs, is a clearinghouse for information on rural issues, coordinates rural research, and works with the Governor's Rural Affairs Council on rural issues. Seven centers are housed at IIRA: Illinois Rural Transit Assistance Center, Illinois Value-Added Rural Development Center, MAPPING the Future of Your Community, MAPPING the Future of Your Community's Health, MAPPING the Future of Your Schools, Peace Corps Fellows Program, and the Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center. IIRA and its centers conduct research in education, health, economic development, financing services, transportation, innovative management practices, innovative housing approaches, and value-added agribusiness. For additional information on IIRA's centers, please review their individual organization entries. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has the following programs available at IIRA: Illinois Business and Industry Data Center [Phone: (309) 298-2576] and Illinois Small Business Development Center Network [Phone: (309) 298-2211].

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide, but primarily nonmetro counties and cities smaller than 25,000

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

MAPPING the Future of Your Community

Parent Organization: Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The MAPPING (Management and Planning Programs Involving Nonmetropolitan Groups) the Future of Your Community program is a strategic visioning and planning process whereby local residents of rural communities create a long-range vision for the community and economic development of their community and a plan of action for achieving it. MAPPING projects enhance local decision-making by providing accurate information, effective forums for public dialogue and problem solving, and knowledge of innovative practices that are consistent with a community's vision for growth and change. Conducted on a city, multicity, or regional cluster basis, Community MAPPING has been conducted in 75 communities located in more than 40 Illinois counties since 1991.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide; nonmetro areas under 20,000 population

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Office of the State Treasurer

Parent Organization: Economic Opportunity Division

Economic Opportunity Division

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through the link-deposit programs, the State Treasurer deposits state dollars in local financial institutions that then offer below-market loans to borrowers for bricks-and-mortar tourism, daycare facilities, job creation, and agriculture and alternative agriculture. Experience Illinois is the state's only bricks-and-mortar tourism program and focuses on historic preservation efforts, tourism development projects, and downtown community enhancement initiatives. Through the State Treasurer's Economic Loan Program (STEP), the State Treasurer helps local businesses expand their operations, thereby creating or retaining jobs in Illinois. For each permanent full-time job that is created or retained, the State Treasurer can deposit up to \$25,000 at below-market rates into the borrowers' financial institutions. To attract business from out of state to Illinois, the Economic Recovery Loan Program backs each job created with a \$50,000 deposit. The Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture Loan Program allows traditional farms to continue operating and offers loans to help further diversify the industry. The Ready Access Link-Deposit Program helps individuals with disabilities get services and devices to help them be self-sufficient. The Day Care Loan Program helps expand existing daycare facilities and build new daycare facilities.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other constitutional office

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center (RETAC)

Parent Organization: Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

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Western Illinois University

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Macomb, IL 61455-1390

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Fax: (309) 298-2162

E-mail: retac@wiu.edu

Web: www.retac.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

RETAC seeks to strengthen the development capacities of communities in rural Illinois through technical assistance, research, and dissemination of information. RETAC's mission is to strengthen the decision-making process at the local level by providing quality information, technical assistance, and education to rural communities in Illinois. RETAC helps rural communities capitalize on the expertise and research available at the university. It provides community/economic development workshops, on-site technical assistance, and communication assistance between consumers and resource providers.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other regional planning agencies _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Nonmetro Illinois

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other economic development _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Rural Partners

Executive Director

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Rural Partners is a member-driven forum that links individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities with public and private resources to maximize the potential for rural Illinois. Formed in 1989, Rural Partners is a not-for-profit corporation designated as the Illinois Rural Development Council of the National Rural Development Partnership. The diversity of its members, which include industry; business; local, state, and federal government; education; health; as well as others interested in rural development, allows Rural Partners to collaborate on the provision of coordinated leadership for community development and economic progress in small towns and rural areas in Illinois. Its membership network allows Rural Partners to draw on a wide diversity of resources in support of rural communities as well as to have input into state and federal policy issues that impact rural Illinois. Rural Partners is currently focusing on increasing connectivity and telecommunications technology, public transportation, leadership development/capacity building, affordable housing, and access to daycare services.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other linking needs to resources _____

Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)

110 E. Fayette Street
Pittsfield, IL 62363
Phone: (217) 285-4114
Fax: (217) 285-5121
E-mail: info@2riversrcd.org
Web: www.2riversrcd.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The RC&D is a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that was authorized under the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. It is a program governed by local people to help communities and organizations improve their economy and environment through conservation, development, and better utilization of natural and human resources. There are over 368 similar programs nationwide. Each RC&D area is governed by an RC&D council made up of representatives of County Boards, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and at-large members. The major objectives are (1) to bring about economic growth and development, (2) to help solve social concerns, and (3) to provide for environmental protection.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other not-for-profit organization

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other individuals
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Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Two Rivers RC&D covers the five counties of Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Pike, and Schuyler.

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____
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Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____
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University of Illinois Extension

Parent Organization: University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign

University of Illinois, College of ACES

214 Mumford Hall

1301 W. Gregory Drive

Urbana, IL 61801

Phone: (217) 333-9025

Fax: (217) 244-5403

E-mail: megray@uiuc.edu

Web: www.extension.uiuc.edu/

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The mission of University of Illinois Extension is to enable people to improve their lives and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work. Administratively assigned to the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES), University of Illinois Extension has developed formal linkages with the College of Veterinary Medicine, the College of Applied Life Sciences, and a number of outside agencies and universities. University of Illinois Extension delivers research-based information in four core program areas: (1) Community and Economic Development, (2) Agricultural and Natural Resources, (3) 4-H Youth Development, and (4) Nutrition and Family Consumer Sciences. University of Illinois Extension includes campus-based extension specialists as well as field-based professionals located in counties throughout the state of Illinois. Many extension educators are located in one of 13 regionally focused Extension Centers. More than 7,000 volunteers assist Extension in educational program planning, including 1,300 who serve as members of local stakeholder advisory councils.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other all residents of Illinois _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide; many of our programs also serve regional and national audiences.

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

USDA – Rural Development

2118 W. Park Court, Suite A

Champaign, IL 61821

Phone: (217) 403-6200

Fax: (217) 403-6243

Web: www.rurdev.usda.gov/il

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

USDA – Rural Development Illinois operates loan programs designed to strengthen rural businesses, finance new and improved rural housing, develop community facilities, and maintain and create rural employment. Direct and/or guaranteed loans are available for housing, water, and waste; rural businesses; community facilities; and telecommunications. A limited amount of grant funds are also available for some programs. Rural Development is a mission area under USDA and includes the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Housing Service, and Rural Business-Cooperative Service; however, Rural Development works to provide more than just financial assistance. It works with many agencies and groups to help provide a starting point to address business, community, or housing needs. The Cooperative Development Specialist is also available upon request to help individuals or groups with questions about cooperatives. Rural Development’s mission is to enhance the ability of rural people to create, build, and sustain ventures and communities by building partnerships and investing financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other individuals

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Nonmetro areas under 20,000 population

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other rural utilities and community facilities

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers’ Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____







Association Resources

Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD)

2520 Main Street

Springfield, IL 62702

Phone: (217) 744-3414

Fax: (217) 744-3420

E-mail: aiswcdtd@aol.com

Web: www.ilconservation.com

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The AISWCD is a nonprofit organization serving its 98 member Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). The AISWCD serves as a catalyst in the development of new and innovative approaches to reduce soil erosion, increase conservation application, encourage soil erosion control for water quality improvement, and protect our prime farmlands. The AISWCD assists local SWCDs in securing technical, financial, educational, and scientific services. It facilitates cooperation between SWCDs and local, state, and federal agencies in gaining public understanding of the essential role of SWCDs for erosion control, water quality improvement, farmland protection, and flood control. Contact information for local SWCDs can be found at <www.ilconservation.com/districtinfo.asp>.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other 98 county SWCDs and the public _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Grain and Feed Association of Illinois

3521 Hollis Drive
Springfield, IL 62707
Phone: (217) 787-2417
Fax: (217) 787-8671
E-mail jeffa@fgi.net

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This association represents nearly 500 grain and/or feed dealers and associate members. The purpose of the association is to advance and promote the common interests of its members engaged in marketing, handling, and storage of grain, and in the manufacture, sale, and distribution of feed and farm supplies. It also promotes the betterment of conditions in the industry. The association provides assistance in the form of information to legislators, both state and federal, whenever possible.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Grain elevators and feed dealers throughout Illinois

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation (IALF)

P.O. Box 160

Macomb, IL 61455

Phone: (309) 837-7711

Fax: (309) 836-2259

E-mail: leaders@macomb.com

Web: www.agleadership.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The IALF is designed to develop the leadership qualities of promising agricultural leaders while allowing them to continue to manage their farming and/or business operations. Recognizing the need for strong agricultural leaders and industry spokespersons, the IALF's goals are (1) to increase and expand the participants' understanding of U.S. and international economic, political, and social systems; (2) to increase the participants' communication and leadership skills; and (3) to increase the participants' ability to make sound decisions on issues which will shape the agricultural community and beyond. Participant eligibility for this two-year program includes men and women ages 25-49 on September 1 of the year in which selection occurs; full-time employment in production agriculture or agri-related occupations; U.S. citizen or permanent resident and Illinois resident; demonstrated leadership qualities and potential; and commitment to attend all seminars, including travel seminars. Applications are accepted every even-numbered year.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other Leadership education
with participation fee

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other production agriculture

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other Leadership skills and issues

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Agri-Women (IAW)

15559 Melledgeville Road

Polo, IL 61064

Phone: (815) 946-2632

Fax: (815) 946-2632

E-mail: sbartelt@essex1.com

Web: www.svonline.net/~iaw

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Members of IAW are spokespersons for Illinois agriculture. They tell the story of agriculture across the state to consumer groups, schools, meetings, workshops, and legislative hearings. This organization emphasizes agricultural education throughout the state. Members benefit from seminars and classes on the business aspects of farming and other topics. The group promotes consumer awareness of the importance of agriculture and the impact it has on the economic makeup of the state.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Aquaculture Industry Association

70 Sandy Point

Goreville, IL 62939

Phone: (618) 995-1375

E-mail: dselock@siu.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This association was formed in the fall of 1987 to promote the growth and development of aquaculture in Illinois. The association also provides a forum for those involved in the Illinois aquaculture industry. It assisted with an aquaculture expo in March 2003 and is planning a four-state Aquaculture Associations meeting for January 2004 at Rend Lake Resort and Conference Center. Participants from Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Indiana will meet to update regional fish farmers on new and emerging aquaculture species and technologies, marketing opportunities, the role of the Illinois Fish Farmers Coop, and the fish processing plant in Pinckneyville.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other farmers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other alternative agriculture _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other networking _____

Illinois Association of Meat Processors (IAMP)

1177 S. Springfield Road
Freeport, IL 61032
Phone: (815) 232-1006
Fax: (815) 233-6299
E-mail IAMP@mwci.net

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this association is to advance and improve the industry by encouraging and fostering high ethical standards of good business practices in meat processing and merchandising. The association also facilitates the cooperation of all those engaged in the industry by the interchange of ideas and business methods, and serves as a means of increasing the efficiency and usefulness of the industry to the consuming public. IAMP represents small to mid-sized meat establishments statewide.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Beef Association (IBA)

2060 W. Iles Avenue, Suite B
Springfield, IL 62704
Phone: (217) 787-4280
Fax: (217) 793-3605
Web: www.illinoisbeef.com

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IBA is a grassroots membership trade association and marketing organization that represents the interests of beef producers and the beef industry in Illinois. IBA includes 60 county, multicounty, and breed affiliate organizations. IBA also represents the Illinois beef industry's interests in national policy and program development as the Illinois affiliate of the National Cattleman's Beef Association. Currently, IBA is involved in supporting Value-Added Beef Marketing Programs, including the Five State Beef Initiative and the Iowa Beef Supply Network; facilitating promotions to retail and food service; communicating diet/health messages to health influencers and consumers; and educating youth on the beef industry and agriculture.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other livestock producers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Cooperative Council (ICC)

1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701
Phone: (309) 557-3703
Fax: (309) 557-3729
E-mail: fraley@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilcoop.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

ICC serves as a clearinghouse on issues affecting cooperatives in Illinois. ICC's objectives are to promote cooperative education, publicity on cooperatives, communications among cooperatives, and the development and dissemination of information related to cooperatives in Illinois. ICC's efforts are directed toward promoting a positive climate for cooperatives and increasing public understanding of the value and importance of cooperatives in our everyday lives.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other organizations supportive of cooperatives

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA)

P.O. Box 1623

Bloomington, IL 61702-1623

Phone: (309) 557-3257

Fax: (309) 827-0916

E-mail: ilcorn@ilcorn.org

Web: www.ilcorn.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This association works to maximize the profitability of Illinois corn producers. In order to fulfill its mission, the organization conducts governmental affairs activities at all levels, market development projects, and educational and member service programs primarily in the State of Illinois. The ICGA serves the interests of all Illinois corn producers but is accountable to its membership.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other agricultural community _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Corn Marketing Board (ICMB)

P.O. Box 487

Bloomington, IL 61702-0487

Phone: (309) 827-0912

Fax: (309) 827-0916

E-mail: ilcorn@ilcorn.org

Web: www.ilcorn.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This association works to maximize profitability of Illinois corn producers. In order to fulfill its mission, the organization administers the state check off program; identifies and invests in market development and research activities; evaluates the impact each investment generates; cooperates with major commodity organizations on state, national, and international market development efforts; and disseminates timely information. The ICMB serves the interests of and is accountable to all Illinois corn producers. Currently, the ICMB is working on research on ethanol production efficiency and market development.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other agricultural community

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other research

Illinois Council on Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR)

Executive Administrator
1101 W. Peabody Drive
Urbana, IL 61801
Phone: (217) 244-4232
Fax: (217) 244-8594
E-mail: cfar@aces.uiuc.edu
Web: www.ilcfar.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

C-FAR is a not-for-profit corporation that was established in 1993. Its mission is to secure additional resources to adequately fund relevant and high-quality research and related outreach programs that lead to profitable, consumer-sensitive, and environmentally sound food and agricultural systems in Illinois and the nation. C-FAR works to foster public confidence in food and agricultural research through public participation in planning and evaluating the process and impact of research activities. Research is funded on a wide range of food and agriculture areas under the broad categories of (1) expanding agricultural markets; (2) rural economic development; (3) ag production systems; (4) human nutrition and food safety; and (5) natural resources.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other universities and researchers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Farm Bureau® (ILFB)

P.O. Box 2901
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-3272
Fax: (309) 557-3729
E-mail: vale@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Illinois Farm Bureau® is the state's largest general farm organization. There are county Farm Bureau® organizations in all counties that provide programming and information to members and the community. ILFB® works in Springfield and Washington to represent farmers' interests and assists county Farm Bureaus® on local issues. The organization is concerned not only about economic issues, but also quality of life issues such as health care and rural development. The ILFB® is currently working on issues related to the implementation of the farm bill, international trade, property taxation, water quality, and transportation.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other farmers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Farmers Union (IFU)

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Springfield, IL 62703
Phone: (217) 786-4220
Fax: (217) 585-1486
E-mail: larry@ifu.org
Web: www.ilfu.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The IFU, which is affiliated with the National Farmers Union, has as its primary purpose service to family farmers and rural Americans through legislation, education, and cooperation. IFU supports family farmers and rural Americans who know what it is like to make a living as stewards of the land. It is the intent of the organization to provide a representative voice in the state legislature, shift the method of taxation responsibility for public schools from property owners, and pursue more affordable health care for rural America.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other farmers and rural citizens

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA)

P.O. Box 1326

1201 E. Bell

Bloomington, IL 61702

Phone: (815) 427-6644 or (800) 892-7122

Fax: (815) 427-6573

E-mail: lloyd@ifca.com or jeant@ifca.com

Web: www.ifca.com

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IFCA provides educational and informational outreach services, especially to members, but it serves the general public as well. The Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, Inc. is the only statewide organization serving the agricultural supply industry in Illinois. Over half of the 1,000 plus members are directly responsible for serving the needs of Illinois producers. Members deal daily with the stewardship responsibilities necessary so that all citizens may enjoy the benefits provided by the judicious use of these food and fiber production tools. A major portion of the membership is comprised of local businessmen strongly tied to the communities in which they serve. The IFCA has been a leader in developing and helping implement programs that upgrade the expertise in safe handling and efficient use of agricultural chemicals. Through its professional activities, IFCA hopes to lessen public concerns about the products that members handle.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Grape and Wine Resources Council (IGWRC)

Southern Illinois University
College of Agricultural Sciences
Mail Code 62901
Carbondale, IL 62901
Phone: (618) 536-4972
Fax: (618) 453-8428
E-mail: igwrc@siu.edu
Web: www.illinoiswine.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The IGWRC was established in 1997 to provide technical and educational support and growth services to the grape and wine industry in Illinois. Services include marketing Illinois wineries and vineyards; training and outreach to grape growers and vintners; and research in enology, viticulture, and other areas.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other state-funded council

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other farms

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other economic and rural development

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE)

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE)

200 S. Fredrick

Rantoul, IL 61866-2433

Phone: (217) 893-0091

Fax: (217) 893-0024

E-mail: jrunner@agriculturaleducation.org or sscott@parkland.cc.il.us

Web: www.agriculturaleducation.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

ILCAE is a voluntary grassroots agricultural industry group focused on the expansion and improvement of agricultural education programs at all levels. It is primarily an advocacy group focused on legislation, funding, and promotion. It is responsible for legislation that established the Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) and the Agricultural Education line item in the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) budget. ILCAE provides for the continuous support, evaluation, and expansion of the total agricultural education process. More than 175 leaders in agricultural industry and education from throughout the state serve on this council. ILCAE is revising and expanding the agricultural curriculum, kindergarten through adult. It is also promoting the multifaceted food and fiber industry.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other general public

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Milk Producers' Association (IMPA)

1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701

Phone: (309) 557-3703

Fax: (309) 557-3729

E-mail: fraley@ilfb.org

Web: www.illinoismilk.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IMPA is an association of dairy cooperatives, independent producers, and affiliated industry personnel. Collectively, IMPA represents more than 80 percent of the state's milk that is marketed. IMPA provides legislative, informational, and educational support for Illinois' dairy producers.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other dairy farmers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Nurserymen's Association (INA)

1717 S. Fifth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

Phone: (217) 525-6222 or (888) 525-3900

Fax: (217) 525-6257

E-mail: dbender@ina-online.org

Web: www.ina-online.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The main objective of the INA is to serve the state's ornamental horticulture industry, which includes tree nurseries, garden centers, and landscaping firms. INA provides marketing assistance, publicity, and educational programs for its members, as well as sponsoring one of the largest horticultural trade shows in the nation. The association also funds research and awards scholarships and is very active in the area of legislative and governmental affairs.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA)

6411 S. 6th Street Road
Springfield, IL 62707-8642
Phone: (217) 529-3100
Fax: (217) 529-1771
E-mail: jim@ilpork.com
Web: www.ilpork.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IPPA represents nearly 5,000 members statewide and comprises members actively engaged in pork production as well as members from most of the agribusiness sectors of the State of Illinois. The association promotes membership, takes a strong interest in government affairs, and informs members on current issues affecting Illinois agriculture. Through the constant involvement of the Illinois Pork Political Action Committee (PAC) organization and the newly formed National Pork Producers Council Pork Political Action Committee (PAC), the association continues to recognize the vital importance of general farm policy to the pork industry.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other producers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Soybean Association

1605 Commerce Parkway
Bloomington, IL 61704
Phone: (309) 662-3373
Fax: (309) 663-6981
E-mail: ilsoy@ilsoy.org
Web: www.ilsoy.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This membership organization is primarily interested in developing foreign markets for soybeans and soybean products, providing funds for soybean production and utilization research, increasing producer profitability, and supporting favorable legislative activities pertaining to soybeans and soybean products. The Illinois Soybean Association is affiliated with the American Soybean Association, which is actively involved in conducting a worldwide market development program for soybeans and soybean products and expanding soybean research.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other soybean producers in Illinois

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Specialty Growers Association (ISGA)

1701 N. Towanda Avenue

Bloomington, IL 61701

Phone: (309) 557-2107

Fax: (309) 557-3729

E-mail: handley@ilfb.org

Web: www.specialtygrowers.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

ISGA is an organization of affiliated associations which includes the Illinois Vegetable Growers Association, Illinois State Horticulture Society, Illinois Herb Association, and Illinois Irrigation Association. This association encourages the promotion and development of the specialty crop industry in Illinois. ISGA is currently working on legislative issues such as H2A Reform (immigration labor issues), child labor laws, OSHA, market loss assistance program for apple producers, publication of a quarterly newsletter, and refinement of the newly implemented website. It also offers summer field days (educational sessions) for its member associations and an annual convention for all affiliated associations each January.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other specialty crop producers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide, with a few members in neighboring states

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois State Turkey Growers Association

9193 Tampico Road
Rock Falls, IL 61071
Phone: (815) 438-2580

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This association benefits from the national check-off program, which allots \$.025 per Illinois turkey processed. A portion of the proceeds of the check-off program are used to participate in National Turkey Growers Association advertising and promotional campaigns that promote turkey consumption and use. Funds are also used to fund conferences that provide education and present innovative ideas to members.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other individuals

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Wheat Association (IWA)

740 Harvard Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
Phone: (618) 692-6612
Fax: (618) 692-6722
E-mail executivedirector@illinoiswheat.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The IWA, founded in 1994, is a member organization representing all aspects of the Illinois wheat industry. Its purposes are to foster development of new markets for wheat and wheat products; provide for research on production, marketing, and utilization of wheat; promote more efficient and economical production of wheat; and foster communication and cooperation in all phases of the wheat industry.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other wheat producers _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other market development _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Illinois Wood Products Association

Department of Forestry
Southern Illinois University
Mail Code 4411
Carbondale, IL 62901-4411
Phone: (618) 453-3341
Fax: (618) 453-7475
E-mail: jphelps@siu.edu
Web: www.illinoiswoodproducts.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Illinois Wood Products Association comprises more than 120 individuals and manufacturing firms involved directly or indirectly in the growing, harvesting, manufacturing, and marketing of wood and wood-based products. The association keeps members abreast of current issues affecting the industry and supports beneficial policies. The association also provides opportunities for members to gain knowledge and develop skills needed to improve their operations.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other industry issues _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other _____

Midwest Equipment Dealers Association (MEDA)

5330 Wall Street, Suite 100

Madison, WI 53718-7929

Phone: (800) 236-6332 or (608) 240-4700

Fax: (608) 240-2069

E-mail: midwestequ@aol.com

Web: www.meda-online.com

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

MEDA promotes the general welfare of retail farm, construction, forestry, lawn and garden, consumer products, and turf equipment dealers throughout the state. The association disseminates information and data of value or interest to its members; aids its members collectively in any and all of their proper business relations; fosters cooperation and fair practices between manufacturers, distributors, retail dealers, and customers; encourages and supports equitable practices and high business standards within the industry; and cooperates with other trade groups and organizations in matters of mutual interest and concern.

Type of organization:

- State Agency Federal Agency Membership Organization without dues
 Membership Organization with dues Education Institution Other _____

Constituency:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Townships
 Other _____

Geographic/Service area of the organization:

Statewide

Main issues with which the agency/organization is involved:

- Taxes Telecommunications Environment/Recycling Regulation
 Transportation Business Finance Tourism Agriculture
 Conservation Job Training Water Quality Community Development
 Housing Energy Technology Research
 Education Health Care Other _____

Types of services provided:

- Technical Assistance Speakers' Bureau Financial Assistance
 Seminars/Training Assistance with Grant Application Legislative Liaison/Lobbying
 Permitting/Licensing Other products to run profitable member businesses _____







Programs

Small Farm Program

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Mail Stop 2220

Washington, DC 20250-2220

Phone: (202) 401-4385 or (800) 583-3071

Fax: (202) 401-5179

E-mail: debodaghe@reeusda.gov

Web: www.reeusda.gov/smallfarm

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

CSREES' Small Farm Program, an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is committed to meeting the needs of the small farm community. The goal of the Small Farm Program is to improve the income levels and the economic viability of small farm enterprises through partnerships with the land-grant university system and other public and private sectors, including farmers, community-based organizations, foundations, and others by encouraging research, extension, and education programs that meet the specific needs of small farmers.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Alternative Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Program

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 785-3969

E-mail: dave_loos@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to manage numerous alternative energy demonstration projects, including several designed to foster the usage of ethanol, thus encouraging the relationship between industrial manufacturing and rural development. In addition, DCEO supports the research and development of new technologies to reduce the cost of producing ethanol and other alternative fuels.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Economic Summaries/Reports

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 785-6117 or (217) 524-6493

Fax: (217) 524-3701

E-mail: azachary@commerce.state.il.us or joconner@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us/bus/research/econ.html

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to provide valuable information and statistics through the monthly Illinois Economic Bulletin newsletter, the quarterly Illinois Economic Summary, and specialized countywide data reports on business, the workforce, and other county statistics. Some of this information is available via the DCEO website.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1983

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Entrepreneurship Centers

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 524-5700

Fax: (217) 524-0171

E-mail: mark_petrilli@illinoisbiz.biz

Web: www.commerce.state.il

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Entrepreneurship Centers are being established around the state to serve as new, regional hubs for coordinating all small business development, entrepreneurship training, and entrepreneurial development activity in Illinois. The program builds on the existing infrastructure of the Small Business Development Center Network, coordinates services and programs currently available, and provides targeted accelerated services to entrepreneurs and companies with high-growth potential whether they are starting up, expanding, or exiting. Services include identifying company needs, strengths, and weaknesses; creating action plans; determining capital needs; assisting with investor introductions and legal documentation; validating market feasibility; identifying customer focus; developing marketing strategies; and providing investor boot camps, seminars, and coaching. One of the tools available through the Entrepreneurship Centers is Award grants. Entrepreneurs and small firms are eligible for Award grants of up to \$5,000 in matching funds to help them get to the next step.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups individuals
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Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____
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Year program established: 2003

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Individual entrepreneurs and small businesses must demonstrate the potential to become high-growth businesses. The client must match the award dollar for dollar. The awards are not paid to the client, but to the entity providing the service.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$5,000

How must the funds be used?

Award grants may be used for obtaining professional services for comprehensive business planning assistance, evaluating proposed start-ups or expansion, training, or for achieving other accelerated support purposes. Clients must demonstrate that the award's targeted use will facilitate the achievement of a significant business milestone.

First-Stop Business Information Center of Illinois

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (800) 252-2923 TDD: (900) 785-6055

Fax: (217) 524-0171

E-mail: firststop@illinoisbiz.biz

Web: www.illinoisbiz.biz

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

First-Stop is the gateway to free service for individuals and small businesses in Illinois. First-Stop provides information and assistance in state licensing, permitting, and the regulatory processes. The program offers several free publications, including Business Startup Kit, a 40-page handbook with a business plan, a checklist, and key information for new business ventures; business profiles for child care, restaurants, convenience stores, wineries, and e-businesses; database of all state business permits, licenses, and other business requirements; and help for small businesses dealing with regulatory issues.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other advocacy _____

Year program established: 1996

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

No restrictions

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Agriculture & Technological Guide

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-400

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (312) 814-2315

Fax: (312) 814-5970

E-mail: laura_george@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

DCEO's Illinois Trade Office produces the Illinois Agriculture and Technological Guide that showcases agricultural and technical tour destinations throughout the state by interest category for international visitors. The main contact is usually through the local convention and visitors bureau or regional tourism development office. The tours serve mainly visitors from Germany, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Besides listing tour companies and public resources, the guide provides contact information and a description of services for attractions and tours on agriculture and farms, education and research, business and technology, and vineyards and wineries. Those businesses or sites who want to be considered for the guide can contact DCEO.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Capital Access Program (CAP)

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-400

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (312) 814-8534 TDD: (800) 419-0667

Fax: (312) 814-2686

E-mail: ktompkin@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

CAP is designed to encourage lending institutions to make loans to new and small businesses that do not qualify for conventional loans. The program is based on a portfolio insurance concept wherein the borrower and DCEO each contribute a percentage of the total loan amount into a reserve fund established at the lender bank. The reserve provides coverage to the lender should a default occur on any loans made under the program.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1999

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The Illinois based business must be for-profit and have fewer than 500 employees, including its affiliates.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Loan enrollments can be submitted to DCEO by any participating financial institution throughout the year.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

There is no minimum or maximum loan amount under the program. The loan is a private market transaction between the lender and the borrower. The lender determines which loans would be best suited for enrollment in CAP.

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Small Business Development Center Network (ISBDCN)

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street, S-4

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 785-6310 TDD: (900) 785-6055

Fax: (217) 524-0171

E-mail: rlegrand@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

In partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Department of Defense, colleges, universities, and local economic development organizations, DCEO and the ISBDCN provide prospective and existing business owners with a variety of business resource programs. The ISBDCN centers, located throughout the state, include SBDCs, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, International Trade Centers, NAFTA Opportunity Centers, Small Business Technology Centers, and Small Business Incubators.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1985

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (800) 252-3998 (in-state only); (217) 785-3117 (if calling from out of state) TDD: (9

Fax: (217) 557-2853

E-mail: env_asst@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of the program is to offer services to help small businesses understand regulatory requirements under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Program staff are available to answer environmental compliance questions. The program also provides fact sheets on various environmental rules, a list of environmental consultants in the state, and permit assistance for Clean Air Act permits.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established: 1994

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Must be a small business as defined by the SBA.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

N/A

International Trade Centers (ITCs)

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (800) 252-2923 TDD: (900) 785-6055

Fax: (217) 524-0171

E-mail: firststop@illinoisbiz.biz

Web: www.illinoisbiz.biz

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

ITCs help prepare companies for long-term international success through their export readiness and expansion programs. ITC counselors provide individualized assistance for small- and medium-sized firms looking to expand into the global marketplace.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups small- and medium-sized Illinois businesses

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

No restrictions

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Renewable Energy Resources Program

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 557-1925 TDD: (900) 785-6055

Fax: (217) 785-2618

E-mail: rbuhrmes@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.illinoisenergy.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The program provides for proven projects that are focused on increasing utilization of alternative energy technologies in Illinois. These include wind, solar thermal energy, photovoltaic cells and panels, dedicated crops grown for energy production, organic waste biomass, and hydropower.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups residential customers
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Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other
-

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible applicants include local governments, associations, public and private schools, colleges, universities, nonprofit organizations, private companies, and individuals located in or doing business within the state of Illinois. Owners of renewable energy systems purchased after January 1, 1998, are eligible for grants or rebates.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

The application process is ongoing. Guidelines can be obtained from the Renewable Energy Resources Program.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Maximum funding varies depending on the type of project and whether it is a grant or rebate.

How must the funds be used?

The funding may only be used for the purchase of equipment.

Renewable Fuels Development Program

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 785-3969

Fax: (217) 785-2618

E-mail: dave_loos@commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Governor Blagojevich signed House Bill 46 on June 11, 2003, creating the Renewable Fuels Development Program. This program will provide funding support for the construction, modification, alteration, and retrofitting of renewable fuels production plants which produce over 30 million gallons.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups agricultural groups

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established: 2003

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

To be determined.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

To be determined.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

FY 2004 appropriation of \$15 million

How must the funds be used?

The funds can be used for the construction costs of renewable fuels production facilities.

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
620 E. Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701
Phone: (800) 252-2923 TDD: (900) 785-6055
Fax: (217) 524-0171
E-mail: firststop@illinoisbiz.biz
Web: www.illinoisbiz.biz

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

SBDCs provide services statewide to assist both new and existing business ventures in management, business planning, marketing, licensing, and financing programs. Through the ISBDCN individuals can access quality business education and training sessions.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
- Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
- Other _____

Year program established: 1986

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

No restrictions

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Tourism Attraction Development Grant Program

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 785-6337

Fax: (217) 785-6336

E-mail: gmitialic@commerce.state.il.us

Web: www.commerce.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of the program is to assist in the development and improvement of tourist attractions in Illinois, thus increasing hotel/motel stays and providing economic impact for the state.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1993

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

An applicant must be an Illinois-based, not-for-profit corporation or organization; a municipal, township, or county unit of government; or a for-profit business developing a new tourism attraction in Illinois.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applications under this program will be accepted on an ongoing basis beginning May 1, with grants awarded July 1 through the end of each state fiscal year or until all appropriated funds have been awarded.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Grants shall not exceed \$1,000,000 nor shall they exceed 50 percent of the entire amount of the actual expenditures for the development or improvement of a tourism attraction.

How must the funds be used?

Projects and activities eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, the following: capital projects, equipment, tourism training programs, studies, and interpretive programs.

Tourism Promotion

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 E. Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 785-6276 TDD: (800) 406-6418

Fax: (217) 785-6336

Web: www.enjoyillinois.com

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of the program is to annually oversee a multimillion dollar advertising and promotion effort designed to attract visitors to Illinois. Through a toll-free telephone number, website, publications, and various other customer services, consumers are directed to Illinois travel information.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established: 1965

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

No other state agency funds can be used as match.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

No deadlines

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

25 percent for-profit; 50 percent not-for-profit

How must the funds be used?

Tourism-related projects

Conservation 2000 – Natural Resources Cost-Share Program

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Division of Resource Protection and Stewardship
One Natural Resource Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271
Phone: (217) 785-8774 TDD: (217) 782-9175
Fax: (217) 785-2438
Web: www.dnr.state.il.us/

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to use Ecosystem Partnerships to promote conservation and responsible use of natural resources. Furthermore, the program provides ways and means to assist Ecosystem Partnerships participating in the Ecosystems Program of Conservation 2000 in implementing ecosystem management practices and strategies. An Ecosystem Partnership is a coalition of local interests within a watershed-based ecosystem.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups private landowners and the public in general

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1997

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

A landowner must have five or more acres to enroll in the program and also must have an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan approved by DNR to be eligible to participate in the cost-share program. The success of each Ecosystem Partnership in contributing to an ecosystem-based management strategy will depend to a great extent on the cooperation, commitment, and contributions of private landowners within each Ecosystem Partnership area. A cost-share incentive program is established to implement natural resource conservation practices on lands within these areas.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

The deadline for applications is February 16, annually.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Forest Development Act (IFDA) Cost-Share Program

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Division of Resource Protection and Stewardship
One Natural Resource Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271
Phone: (217) 785-8774 TDD: (217) 782-9175
Fax: (217) 785-2438
Web: www.dnr.state.il.us/

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This cost-share program awards grants in the form of cost shares to timber growers for the implementation of acceptable forestry management practices.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups private landowners
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other cost share for approval practices
-

Year program established: 1983

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

To be eligible, a landowner must have a minimum of five acres under a management plan. In addition, forest land or reforested land enrolled in the IFDA is guaranteed a one-sixth equalized assessed real estate tax value.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

No deadlines – administered through district foresters on a first-come/first-served basis.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Approximately \$600,000 is available annually for these cost-share grants.

How must the funds be used?

Approved forestry practices

Agricultural Products Inspection

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Agricultural Products Inspection examines feed, seed, and fertilizer products for quality and inspects ammonia applicators to ensure safety. Staff test seed for purity, noxious weed content, and germination. They also test seed conditions for shipping purposes, check seed bag labels for accuracy, and analyze seed quality for individual producers on a fee-for-service basis. Agricultural Products Inspection evaluates feed content and fertilizer quality. It issues certificates of free sale which verify that seed for export meets state and federal quality standards. Agricultural Products Inspections also publishes a directory of limestone sales outlets and product quality.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups consumers and farmers
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other regulatory oversight
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

AgriFIRST

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6675 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 524-5960

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

AgriFIRST is a grant program designed to help spur innovation and profitability for the agriculture industry in Illinois. The funds are distributed to farmers and agriculture-related businesses to create additional uses for commodities and increase profitability for farmers. There are two kinds of grants. Technical assistance grants cover up to 75 percent of the cost of developing a value-added project, have a cap of \$25,000, and are available only one time to a grantee. Competitive assessment grants fund up to 50 percent of the cost of feasibility studies, business and marketing plans, technical advice, and other types of financial assistance needed to initiate or expand innovative food and fiber enterprises.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmer-owned cooperatives and agricultural organizations

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 2002

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The AgriFIRST grant program will not provide funding for technology research or for the promotion of proprietary products. AgriFIRST monies cannot be used for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Livestock Management Facilities Act.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applications are available by phone or on the website.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Annual funding has ranged from \$400,000 to \$1,455,000.

How must the funds be used?

Funds can be used for feasibility studies, market assessments, competitive assessments, consulting or productivity services, and technical assistance.

Animal Health and Welfare and Animal Disease Laboratories

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IDOA monitors, controls, and helps prevent the spread of animal diseases such as pseudorabies, brucellosis, and tuberculosis in swine and cattle; equine infectious anemia in horses; and various poultry diseases. Illinois has achieved disease-free status in regards to bovine tuberculosis, bovine and swine brucellosis, and two poultry diseases: pullorum-typhoid and mycoplasma gallisepticum. Animal disease laboratories in Centralia and Galesburg offer diagnostic services for livestock and pet owners. The labs perform autopsies; diagnose diseases; and analyze samples to assist regulators, meat inspectors, veterinarians, and Illinois citizens. IDOA administers regulations concerning animal care and control. It promotes proper care of pets and livestock through licensure and inspection of pet shops, kennels, catteries, pounds, shelters, and guard dog services. Department staff also regulate livestock auction markets and dealers, animal transportation, and livestock branding and oversee the proper disposal of dead animals and inedible animal products.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups animal commodity groups, pet and livestock owners, and veterinarians

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1919

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Conservation 2000 – Conservation Practices Program

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6297 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 557-0993

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The primary purpose of the Conservation Practices Program is to provide cost-share assistance and financial incentives to eligible landowners for (1) constructing conservation practices that conserve soil and protect water quality by reducing sheet, rill, ephemeral, or gully erosion on cropland; and (2) implementing nutrient management conservation practices that protect water quality in high-priority, eligible watersheds of the state. The program is administered by the Bureau of Land and Water Resources.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers, rural landowners, and general public

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other cost-share dollars and financial incentives

Year program established: 1995

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

All land users are eligible to apply for and receive cost-share assistance provided they are a Cooperator with the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and have on file a conservation plan approved by the SWCD. To be eligible for cost-share assistance or financial incentives, the land upon which a land user intends to install or implement eligible conservation practices must (1) be experiencing sheet, rill, ephemeral, or gully soil erosion; or (2) be located in a high-priority, eligible watershed if implementing nutrient management conservation practices. Eligible cost-share projects are prioritized and selected by each SWCD based on the soil savings and acres benefited, per dollar cost, and/or water quality benefits.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Available from the IDOA by phone, fax, or website. Also available from the SWCD office in each county.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$5,250,000 in FY 2002

How must the funds be used?

Conservation 2000 – Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program (SSRP)

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6297 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 557-0993

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Streambank erosion, when left unchecked, can be responsible for the loss or damage to valuable farmland, wildlife habitat, plants, fish, buildings, roads, bridges, and other private structures and property. Streambank erosion is also a major source of sediments deposited in Illinois lakes, streams, and backwater areas, potentially reducing stream channel capacity, increasing flooding and streambank erosion, and reducing the depth and holding capacity of lakes and reservoirs. Excessive sedimentation can degrade water quality and destroy fish and wildlife habitat. The primary purpose of the SSRP is to demonstrate effective, low-cost vegetative, stone structure, and other bio-engineering techniques that may be used for stabilizing streambanks in suitable locations statewide. The program provides full funding for select demonstration projects and makes available cost-share funding to Illinois landowners to stabilize or restore qualifying severely eroding streambanks.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers, rural landowners, and general public

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other cost-share dollars

Year program established: 1995

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

All landowners and project sites (rural and urban) throughout Illinois are eligible for either cost-sharing or demonstration program assistance. The project site must meet the assessment and selection criteria for streambank stabilization and use approved low-cost, vegetative, stone structure, and/or other bio-engineering techniques. All project proposals must be sponsored and submitted by the local Soil and Water Conservation District. Technical assistance will be provided by qualified SWCD or Natural Resources Conservation Service employees.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Available from the Department of Agriculture by phone or fax or at the SWCD office in each county.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$800,000 in FY 2002

How must the funds be used?

The program emphasizes the use of cost-effective streambank stabilization techniques using vegetative materials, stone structures, and other bio-engineering techniques. Labor, equipment, and material costs are eligible for all SSRP projects.

Conservation 2000 – Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6297 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 557-0993

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

As concern for the environment grows in both urban and rural areas, the sustainable agriculture movement will play a major role in efforts to maintain agricultural productivity and protect natural resources. Sustainable agriculture is any management system which protects the environment by holding soil erosion to tolerable limits, by keeping pollutants out of surface and groundwater, and by employing pest control strategies that are not harmful to natural systems, farmers, their neighbors, or consumers. The primary purpose of the program is to implement the Sustainable Agriculture Act of 1990 which calls for research, education, and demonstration of sustainable agriculture systems. The Sustainable Agriculture component of Conservation 2000 supports (1) program outreach and administration, (2) on-farm research and demonstration, (3) education, and (4) university research.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers, rural landowners, and general public

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1995

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Any governmental unit, organization, educational institution, nonprofit group, or individual is eligible to receive funding through the Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program provided they can demonstrate (1) an understanding of sustainable agriculture practices/systems and (2) the ability/skills to carry out the project in a timely and professional manner.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Available from the Department of Agriculture at (217) 782-6297 or fax (217) 557-0993. Also available from the Soil and Water Conservation District office in each county.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$750,000 in FY 2002

How must the funds be used?

For sustainable agriculture research, education, or demonstration

County Fair Program

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOIA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The County Fair Program distributes funds to 12 county fairs and expositions each year, 100 4-H Clubs, 25 vocational agricultural section fairs, and 93 county fairs.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups 4-H Clubs, vocational agricultural section fairs, and county fairs

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other funding for premiums and construction/maintenance

Year program established: 1903

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Programs are restricted to county fair boards, 4-H Clubs, and vocational agricultural section fairs recognized by the IDOAC.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

County fair declaration of intent for premiums – December 31; report requesting reimbursement – between June 30 and October 15; county fair facility rehabilitation funds – open, but before funds are spent and no later than June 30; 4-H report and request – December 31; vocational agricultural section fair premium list for intended payout – 10 days before the fair; final report for reimbursement – June 30.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Disbursements are dependent upon budget allocations, number of applicants, and the county fair match. In FY 2002, reimbursement of premiums and related expenses for county fairs equaled \$4,381,596.00; rehabilitation of county fair facilities – \$2,739,000; 4-H premiums – \$762,000; and premiums for vocational agricultural section fairs – \$179,500.

How must the funds be used?

Premiums, construction, and maintenance

Environmental Programs

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-2427 or (800) 641-3934 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 524-4882

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The agency administers programs directed toward control and eradication of plant pests and disease. It regulates pesticide use by registering products, certifying and licensing applicators, and investigating suspected misuse. Staff also administer programs concerning proper pesticide record keeping and waste reduction; pesticide and fertilizer storage, containment, and disposal; pesticide container recycling; noxious weed control; and other groundwater protection initiatives. A department laboratory tests groundwater, plant, animal, and soil samples for pesticide residues. The department also oversees the Livestock Management Facilities program. This program regulates many aspects of livestock production, including facility setback distances, design standards for waste storage structures, waste management plans, and livestock manager certification.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups individuals
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other licensing, registration, and regulation
-

Year program established: 1968

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

N/A

Farmland Preservation

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6297 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 557-0993

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IDOA works with other state agencies, planning commissions, and county governments to help reduce the extent to which farmland is affected by conversion or development. Department policy is not designed to limit or stop development, but to minimize its impact on agricultural land, both in terms of acres lost and secondary impacts that may adversely affect farming operations. Staff review plans submitted by agencies, commissions, and other governmental units and recommend changes to encourage contiguous, compact development. The Ag Areas program is designed to help keep farming operations in agriculture for an extended period of time. Land enrolled in an ag area must remain in agricultural use for at least 10 years. Land within an ag area is protected from locally initiated projects that would convert the land to other uses. Landowners in these areas are exempt from local laws that would unreasonably restrict normal farming practices and from special benefits assessments that not in the farmer's best interest. Farmland Preservation assists county governments adopt and implement ag areas and adopt appropriate land evaluation site assessment (LESA) systems. Often used in rezoning matters, these county-specific systems help local officials determine if land should remain in agricultural use or if another land use would be suitable. Staff assist county officials choose relevant assessment criteria such as compatibility with surrounding land use, planned land use, road systems, and distance from city limits. The property is scored using the county's LESA system that helps local officials decide which use is most appropriate.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Grain Dealer/Warehouse and Personal Property Licensing and Inspection

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This program licenses and inspects grain dealer/warehouse and personal property storage facilities. The department administers the Illinois Grain Insurance Fund which protects producers against certain losses associated with failed grain facilities and enhances the stability of the grain industry. The staff also registers agricultural cooperatives and specialty farm product buyers.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups general public
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other regulatory oversight
-

Year program established: 1963

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Licensing and registration information can be found at <www.agr.state.il.us/whsgdinsp.html>.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Application and guidelines information can be found at <www.agr.state.il.us/whsgdinsp.html>.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Centennial and Sesquicentennial Farms Program

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6675 and (800) 273-4763 in Illinois TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 524-5960

E-mail: centfarm@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Centennial and Sesquicentennial Farms Program honors generations of farmers who have worked to maintain family farms in Illinois. To qualify for Centennial Farm status, an agricultural property must have been owned by the same family of lineal or collateral descendants for at least 100 or 150 years. A lineal descendant is a person in the direct line of descent such as a child or grandchild. A collateral descendant is not a direct descendant but is otherwise closely related such as a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or cousin. Participants receive display signs for their farms.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers and farmland owners
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other recognition program for landowners whose families have owned a farm for 100 or 150 years

Year program established: 1973

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Agricultural property must have been owned by the same family of lineal or collateral descendants for at least 100 years.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Complete an application form available from the IDOA. You can receive an application by logging onto the IDOA's website at www.agr.state.il.us or by writing to Illinois Centennial Farm Program, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Marketing and Promotion, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281. Upon completion of the application, applicants are charged an \$18 administrative fee to offset the cost of the Centennial Farm sign.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Products Logo Program

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6684 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 524-7801

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Today, more than ever, consumers want to support their local economy by purchasing products from their own state. IDOA's Illinois Products Logo Program helps consumers identify and purchase Illinois food and agribusiness products. There is no cost to participate in the program. Participants are encouraged to help promote the idea of Illinois Products by using the logo on their packaging or promotional items.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other registration and promotion of Illinois products _____

Year program established: 1989

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Any entity that produces, processes, packages, or manufactures a food or agribusiness product in Illinois can be authorized to participate in the logo program free of charge. Although there are no specifications that require the use of a certain percentage of state-produced ingredients, IDOA encourages the use of in-state resources and can help locate Illinois suppliers.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

For information on registering, contact the IDOA's Bureau of Marketing and Promotion by mail, phone, or fax. The application period is open.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Illinois State Fairs

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Illinois State Fairs office administers and promotes the 11-day Illinois State Fair in Springfield in mid-August and the DuQuoin State Fair in southern Illinois in late August. The fairs offer competitions of all kinds, exhibits, rides and attractions, special event competitions, and daily entertainment at numerous sites.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups all visitors to the state and county fairs

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other provides an environment for exhibits and direct sales

Year program established: 1854

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Established per event. Rule books available at the State Fairs office and online.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

State Fair deadlines change annually. Contact the State Fairs Office to inquire about a specific event or check the website.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Land and Water Resources

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6297 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 557-0993

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The IDOA staff work in cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) programs to reduce erosion and sedimentation; protect water quality; control flooding; plan land use; and enhance woodland, wildlife, and recreational resources. IDOA staff also administer the agricultural components of Conservation 2000, a long-term state initiative to protect natural resources and improve outdoor recreational opportunities in Illinois. IDOA helps organize an annual statewide soil conservation survey which tracks Illinois' progress toward its goal of reducing soil loss on cropland to tolerable levels. It reviews and comments on state-funded and state-regulated projects to protect Illinois' agricultural land from unnecessary conversion to other uses. It works with other state agencies to develop agricultural land preservation policies and tracks the amount of farmland converted by state action. IDOA staff also provide technical assistance to landowners and local governments wishing to establish farmland protection programs. To ensure that farmland disturbed by mining is restored to its pre-mining production capability, IDOA reviews coal mining permit applications and inspects mines.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers, rural landowners, and the general public

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1994

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The 98 SWCDs receive grants from the IDOA to administer programs at the local (county) level.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Conservation 2000 grant applications are available from the IDOA or the SWCD office in each county.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$8,750,000 in FY 2002 for the Conservation 2000 programs listed

How must the funds be used?

Marketing and Promotion – Agricultural Marketing

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6675 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 524-5960

E-mail:markets@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Bureau of Marketing and Promotion provides assistance to Illinois farmers, agribusinesses, food companies, and other agricultural organizations in developing and expanding markets for agricultural products worldwide. Marketing and Promotion staff also help develop new uses for traditional farm commodities and markets for alternative agricultural products. The Department coordinates participation of Illinois businesses in Department-sponsored exhibits providing companies with economical ways to participate in international and domestic promotional events such as food and agribusiness trade shows, trade missions, reverse trade missions, buyers missions, and industry tours. The Department sponsors informational seminars to assist Illinois companies in learning about basic exporting, domestic marketing, and market trends and opportunities. The Department provides useful advice to companies on export procedures, import requirements, and how to respond to a variety of challenges and barriers related to international trade. Offices are located in Springfield and Chicago as well as in Canada, Mexico, Hong Kong, and Belgium.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other assistance in locating funding from USDA and other organizations _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

IDOA programs are available to any Illinois agribusiness or food producer or company.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Deadlines vary. Check the website for the calendar of events. Guidelines for financial support for agribusiness and food company participation in international shows is available by e-mail or phone.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Guidelines are available from the Bureau of Marketing and Promotion by phone or e-mail.

Meat and Poultry Inspection

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

To ensure product quality, the Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection annually examines more than 280 establishments that wholesale meat or meat products to hotels, restaurants, institutions, and other establishments. The bureau enforces regulations on meat and poultry slaughter, labeling, and processing. Staff also license more than 600 meat brokers who buy boxes of labeled meat and sell it in bulk to wholesale or retail establishments.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1962

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

State-inspected meat and poultry products cannot enter Interstate commerce.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Requests for applications should be submitted to the Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection, Illinois Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281. Pending applications will be kept on file for twelve months.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Online Marketing Tools

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 782-6675 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 524-5960

E-mail: markets@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IDOA has developed a number of online tools to help farmers market what they produce and help consumers access what they need. By using the Farmers Market Search, consumers can search by county to find the location, contact information, hours of operation, and available products for community and roadside farmers markets. Developed with the Illinois Specialty Growers Association, the roadside farmers market information can also give you directions and let you know whether you can pick your own produce. The Farmers Market Search is available at www.agr.state.il.us/markets/farmers/. The Hay and Straw Directory serves hay producers and buyers. This interactive system allows sellers to update their own listings in an effort to help all Illinois hay producers who direct market their hay. The directory is available at www.agr.state.il.us/markets/hay/. Two guides that are also available in print format help bring buyers and sellers together. The Agribusiness Guide gives the buyer access to a comprehensive list of Illinois agribusinesses, their contact information, and websites. The guide provides information on hundreds of Illinois agribusinesses that offer the resources farmers need to produce their commodities. Entries in the guide range from seed, chemical, and feed companies to equipment manufacturers and implement dealers. It is available at www.agr.state.il.us/markets/AgGuide/index.html. The Illinois Food Guide provides information on nearly 1,000 Illinois food companies by product category. This guide is available at www.agr.state.il.us/markets/FoodGuide/index.html.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers and consumers
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Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Weights and Measurements Device Certification

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

P.O. Box 19281

State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 785-9272 TDD: (217) 524-6858

Fax: (217) 782-9857

E-mail: pio@agr.state.il.us

Web: www.agr.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The agency annually tests and certifies more than 120,000 commercial weighing and measuring devices such as gasoline pumps, scales for groceries, freight, coal and trucks, and grain moisture meters. Inspections benefit both buyers and sellers of goods by ensuring the accuracy of the devices.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups consumers
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other regulatory oversight
-

Year program established: 1933

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Bureau of Statewide Program Planning

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62764

Phone: (217) 782-9612 or (217) 785-8695

Web: www.dot.state.il

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of the EDP is to provide state assistance in improving highway access to new or expanding industrial distribution or tourism developments. The intent is to make available state matching funds that will be a positive contribution in the location-selection process and to target those projects which will expand the state's existing job base or create new employment opportunities. The focus of the program is on the retention and creation of primary jobs.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other Funds provided through EDP are given to the local sponsor in accordance with provisions in
the required Intergovernmental Agreement.

Year program established: 1991

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Projects providing access to retail establishments, office parks, government facilities, or schools/universities are not eligible for funding. Examples of non-eligible items are land acquisition, building demolition, landscaping, sidewalks, street lighting, and utility adjustments. The EDP is designed to provide up to 50 percent state matching funds for eligible local agency roadway-related construction and engineering items. The remaining funding will be provided by local or private sources. Local matching funds cannot include grant funds from other state agencies.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Required information for an EDP application is listed on the EDP website. A notification form is also provided there. Just click on Economic Development Application. Please notice that IDOT may require additional information before project eligibility can be determined. There are no deadlines for an EDP application; however, work done prior to IDOT issuing a formal commitment letter and/or executed Intergovernmental Agreement will not be eligible for reimbursement. The cost effectiveness of each investment of EDP dollars is a major factor in the evaluation of proposed projects. Eligibility criteria are listed on the website.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

EDP funds are provided on an annual basis. Current statewide funding levels are at \$10 million annually. Some projects are programmed at the district level as well. There is no established funding limit for individual projects; however, due to the limited funds, projects may be capped on a case-by-case basis. The amount of EDP funds for a given project will be capped based on the cost estimate provided in the formal application. The EDP will provide up to 50 percent of state matching funds on eligible items. Consideration for up to a 100 percent of state funds will be given for projects on state highways.

How must the funds be used?

Funding will be available to construct highway facilities that provide direct access to industrial, distribution, or tourism developments. The program is designed to assist in those situations where development of these types of facilities is imminent. A firm commitment from the company/business will be required.

Rail Freight Program (RFP)

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Bureau of Railroads

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Room 302

Springfield, IL 62764

Phone: (217) 782-2835

Fax: (217) 524-1889

E-mail: smithdk@nt.dot.state.il.us

Web: www.dot.state.il.us/rfp.html

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

RFP's purpose is to provide capital assistance to communities, railroads, and shippers to preserve and improve rail freight service in Illinois. The primary role of the program is to facilitate investments in rail service by serving as a link between interested parties and channeling government funds to projects that achieve statewide economic development.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups railroad companies and rail shippers

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1976

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Financing is made available primarily through low-interest loans from the RFP. All projects financed by IDOT must be analyzed and found eligible through the use of a benefit/cost analysis. Projects with a benefit cost ratio of one or greater are eligible; however, additional criteria must be met before any project funds are obligated.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Requests for RFP funds should be sent to Mr. John Schwalbach, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Railroads and should include the following information: (1) a general description of the project and a location map depicting the beginning and ending points; (2) benefits expected from the project (e.g., job creation and retention, transportation savings, etc.); (3) the name of the industries involved, and the name, title, address, and telephone number of the principal contact for the project; and (4) an engineer's cost estimate, if available.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

The program provides funds for capital improvements to rail lines, or for construction or rehabilitation of industrial service tracks and related facilities.

Truck Access Route Program (TARP)

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Division of Public Transportation

310 S. Michigan, Room 1608

Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: (312) 793-2184

Fax: (312) 793-1251

E-mail: kadleccs@nt.dot.state.il.us

Web: www.dot.state.il.us/tarp.html

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of TARP is to assist local governments in upgrading roads to accommodate 80,000-pound trucks and to enhance local transportation and economic development. Applications must include a general description of the project and a map showing project site; total mileage, including lane miles and number of intersections; description of truck generators and number of trucks per day; total cost of the project along with the local funding share; and anticipated letting date.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other cost share funds _____

Year program established: 1990

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible applicants are local governments that need assistance upgrading roads to accommodate 80,000 pound trucks. Projects must connect to a truck route and end at another truck route or truck generator.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

IDOT annually solicits local projects that can be constructed during the upcoming fiscal year. Applicants should initiate inquiries and requests for assistance at the appropriate District Engineer's office for their county. The following information is needed for applications: a general description of the project and a location map, an engineer's cost estimate of the improvement, and the amount and source of local matching funds.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

IDOT will provide up to \$30,000 per lane mile and \$15,000 per intersection or up to 50 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less.

How must the funds be used?

The routes are to provide access to points of loading and unloading and to facilities for food, fuel, truck repair, and driver rest.

Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Program

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

1021 N. Grand Avenue East

P.O. Box 19276

Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Phone: (217) 782-3362 TDD: (217) 782-9143

Fax: (217) 785-1225

E-mail: bruce.yurdin@epa.state.il.us

Web: www.epa.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to provide financing through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act for water pollution control projects that demonstrate cost-effective solutions to NPS problems and promote the public's knowledge and awareness of NPS pollution.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups watershed groups and environmental organizations

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1991

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Grant recipients must not only develop, implement, and administer a project, but also must ensure its long-term maintenance. Applicants must provide a 40 percent match of the funds requested.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Grant application packets must be submitted by August 1 of each year and should identify the type and location of water resources at risk or adversely affected by NPS pollution, the water quality impact, and the causes and sources of that impact. The application packet and additional information is available at www.epa.state.il.us/water/forms.html#watershed-management.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

In 2001, approximately \$6.8 million were eligible for programs through local groups and stakeholders.

How must the funds be used?

Office of Small Business

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

1021 N. Grand Avenue East

P.O. Box 19276

Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Phone: (888) 372-1996 TDD: (217) 782-9143

Fax: (217) 785-8346

E-mail: norma.van_valkenburg@epa.state.il.us

Web: www.epa.state.il.us/small-business/

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Office of Small Business promotes voluntary compliance among the small business community and offers assistance to help small businesses meet their environmental obligations. It publishes a directory to provide small businesses with quick and easy access to IEPA personnel; an explanation of acronyms; environmental topics, key words, and whom to call for information concerning a specific topic; regional and county offices; helpful Internet addresses; and vehicle emissions testing station locations.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1996

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Regulatory Innovation Pilot Program

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

1021 N. Grand Avenue East

P.O. Box 19276

Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Phone: (217) 785-5735 TDD: (217) 782-9143

Fax: (217) 785-1312

E-mail: roger.kanerva@epa.state.il.us

Web: www.epa.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to promote the creation of innovative environmental measures to better achieve environmental protection.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other regulatory flexibility _____

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible applicants include those parties regulated under the Environmental Protection Act, who have a good compliance record.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Beginning Farmer Bond/Contract Bond Programs

Illinois Farm Development Authority (IFDA)

427 E. Monroe Street, Suite 201

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 782-5792 or (800) 406-IFDA or (800) 406-4332

Fax: (217) 782-3989

Web: www.state.il.us/ifda

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through this program, the borrower can get a lower interest rate loan. IFDA issues a tax-exempt bond for the amount and in the terms of the loan. The bank or contract seller receives federal tax-exempt income from the issue of a tax-exempt bond and, thus, is able to offer a reduction in interest rates. All credit and loan term decisions are made by the bank or contract seller.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers and local banks
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other tax exempt bonds to lenders
-

Year program established: 1985

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The program is designed for the farmer who has not owned a significant amount of farmland and whose net worth is less than \$250,000.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applicants and their local lenders work together to fill out an application which is then reviewed by IFDA.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Yes

How must the funds be used?

The funds must be used for agriculture related capital purchases.

State Guarantee Program for Agri-Industries

Illinois Farm Development Authority (IFDA)

427 E. Monroe Street, Suite 201

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 782-5792 or (800) 406-IFDA

Fax: (217) 782-3989

Web: www.state.il.us/ifda

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This program is designed to provide lenders with a guarantee on loans to diversified types of agribusinesses or to farmers diversifying their operations.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers, agribusinesses, and local lenders

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other guaranteed loans

Year program established: 1988

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

To be eligible, a project must further process or add value to commodities produced in Illinois and/or raise products not commonly produced in Illinois. The interest rate must be less than the market rate of interest generally available to the borrower. The maximum loan term is 15 years. The state guarantees 85 percent of outstanding principal and interest.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applicants and their local lenders work together to fill out an application which is then reviewed by IFDA.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Yes

How must the funds be used?

The funds must be used for capital purchases of business assets

State Guarantee Program for Restructuring Agricultural Debt

Illinois Farm Development Authority (IFDA)

427 E. Monroe Street, Suite 201

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 782-5792 or (800) 406-IFDA

Fax: (217) 782-3989

Web: www.state.il.us/ifda

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This program is strictly for refinancing existing agricultural debt.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups farmers and local banks

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other guaranteed loans

Year program established: 1988

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

An eligible applicant is an Illinois farmer who is the principal operator of a farm, who has a debt-to-asset ratio between 40 and 65 percent, and who has collateral sufficient to secure the loan. Repayment schedules are determined based on the collateral and the borrower's ability. The interest rate must be less than the market rate of interest generally available to the borrower. The maximum loan is \$500,000. The state guarantees 85 percent of outstanding principal and interest.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applicants and their local lenders work together to fill out an application which is then reviewed by IFDA.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Yes

How must the funds be used?

The funds must be used to restructure existing agricultural debt.

State Guarantee Program for Specialized Livestock

Illinois Farm Development Authority (IFDA)

427 E. Monroe Street, Suite 201

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 782-5792 or (800) 406-IFDA

Fax: (217) 782-3989

Web: www.state.il.us/ifda

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This program is designed to help family-size livestock operators gain access to capital needed to enter, upgrade, expand, or improve their livestock production business. This can include an investment in a value-added entity. The maximum loan is \$1,000,000. The state guarantees 85 percent of outstanding principal and interest. The maximum loan term is 15 years. The interest rate must be less than the market rate of interest generally available to the borrower.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers and local banks
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other guaranteed loans
-

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Applicants must be Illinois residents at least 18 years old, principal operators of farm, and other restrictions apply – please call us or visit our website for more information.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applicants and their local lenders work together to submit an application which is then reviewed by the IFDA.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Yes

How must the funds be used?

The funds must be used for capital purchases of assets related to the livestock industry.

Young Farmer Guarantee Program

Illinois Farm Development Authority (IFDA)

427 E. Monroe Street, Suite 201

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 782-5792 or (800) 406-IFDA

Fax: (217) 782-3989

Web: www.state.il.us/ifda

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through this program, farm operators are allowed to make capital purchases, including value-added stock purchases, at reduced interest rates. Lenders receive an 85 percent guarantee of principal and interest. The interest rate must be less than the market rate of interest generally available to the borrower. The maximum loan amount is \$500,000.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers and local banks
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other guaranteed loans
-

Year program established: 1995

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

This program is designed for farm operators who will derive 50 percent or more of their gross income from farming and whose net worth is greater than \$10,000.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applicants and their local lenders work together to fill out an application which is then reviewed by IFDA.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Yes

How must the funds be used?

The funds must be used for capital purchases of farm assets.

Illinois Value-Added Rural Development Center (IVARDC)

Illinois Value-Added Rural Development Center (IVARDC)

203 Seal Hall

Western Illinois University

1 University Circle

Macomb, IL 61455-1390

Phone: (309) 298-2674 or (800) 526-9943

Fax: (309) 298-2520

E-mail: ML-Holmes@wiu.edu

Web: www.value-added.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IVARDC builds relationships between production agriculture, agribusiness leaders, economic development professionals, and the scientific community to create new economic development through value-added agribusiness opportunities. IVARDC programs are designed to link agriculture and economic development agencies at the state and federal level, with agricultural producers to spur rural economic development.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The program focuses on agricultural economic development.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

MAPPING the Future of Your Community

MAPPING the Future of Your Community (MAPPING)

518 Stipes Hall

Western Illinois University

1 University Circle

Macomb, IL 61455-1390

Phone: (309) 298-2648 or (800) 526-9943

Fax: (309) 298-2142

E-mail: NE-Richman@wiu.edu

Web: www.mappingthefuture.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

MAPPING the Future of Your Community is an interactive strategic visioning and planning process for rural community and economic development. MAPPING projects enhance local decision-making by providing accurate information, effective forums for public dialogue and problem solving, and knowledge of innovative practices that are consistent with a community's vision for growth and change.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1991

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The program can accommodate five to eight communities per year, the communities must be rural, and there is a sponsorship fee.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applications are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis throughout the year.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center (RETAC)

Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center (RETAC)

318 Stipes Hall

Western Illinois University

1 University Circle

Macomb, IL 61455-1390

Phone: (309) 298-2372 or (800) 526-9943

Fax: (309) 298-2162

E-mail:retac@wiu.edu

Web: www.retac.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

RETAC seeks to strengthen the development capacities of communities in rural Illinois. This mission is addressed within three basic categories: (1) technical assistance, (2) research, and (3) dissemination of information. Established by the Economic Development Administration, these categories are broadly based to capitalize on assets accessible to centers in a university setting. RETAC's mission is to strengthen the decision-making process at the local level by providing quality information, technical assistance, and education to rural communities in Illinois. It is pursued through an aggressive program of work heavily based on educational activities and technical assistance in terms of acquiring and interpreting information.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other economic development workshops and training seminars _____

Year program established: 1991

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

None

Application guidelines and deadlines:

None

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grants

Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation

2 N. LaSalle Street, #950

Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: (312) 372-5191

Fax: (312) 372-5190

E-mail: info@illinoiscleanenergy.org

Web: www.illinoiscleanenergy.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation invests in clean energy development and land preservation efforts, working with communities and citizens to improve environmental quality in Illinois. The foundation supports programs and projects that will improve energy efficiency, develop renewable energy resources, and preserve and enhance natural areas and wildlife habitats throughout the state. Eligible applicants may apply for grants from the foundation to complement funding being sought from the USDA – Rural Development through the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program (created under Sec. 9006 of the Farm Bill). The foundation also supports efforts to educate farm community leaders about the potential of wind, biomass, and other clean energy technologies. Other foundation grant programs support energy efficient lighting upgrades for schools, libraries, park district facilities, colleges, and childcare centers throughout Illinois, including many in rural communities.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 2001

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Grant applicants must be tax exempt nonprofit organizations recognized by the IRS under Section 501©(3) of the Federal Tax Code or local units of government. The foundation will not provide funding for remediation of environmentally impaired properties, technology research, promotion of proprietary products, reoccurring operating costs, political campaigns or lobbying, capital campaigns or support for an organization's endowment, or projects undertaken by individuals.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Varies by funding category; check www.illinoiscleanenergy.org for details. Aside from lighting upgrade projects, most grant applications begin with three-page letters of inquiry that are accepted January 15 and July 15 each year and reviewed as a group on a competitive basis.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

For purposes that advance the foundation's program priorities and that are consistent with Section 501©(3) of the Federal Tax Code.

Agricultural Areas Presentation

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Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-3274
Fax: (309) 557-3729
E-mail: rund@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This presentation includes an introduction to the ins and outs of establishing Agricultural Areas. The information is geared toward farmland owners and county board members – the two groups most directly involved. Agricultural Areas can be a means of helping to preserve farmland and minimize conflicts with non-ag uses of land. Information about Agricultural Areas can be accessed directly on the web at <www.ilfb.org/viewdocument.asp?did=190>.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups land owners
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Agricultural Trade Options Presentation

Illinois Farm Bureau®
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Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-3109
Fax: (309) 557-3279
E-mail: fraley@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Off-exchange agricultural trade options are a new marketing concept just being developed to provide producers of grain and livestock with new risk management techniques. Ag trade options allow producers to negotiate with local commodities buyers and avoid the use of futures exchanges in the development of optional delivery contracts. The program will educate producers about ag trade options and provide examples of their use. There is no charge.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups producer groups
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Contact the local Farm Bureau office.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Land Evaluation & Site Assessment (LESA) Presentation

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Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-3274
Fax: (309) 557-3729
E-mail: rund@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This presentation will introduce the land use planning tool known as LESA (Land Evaluation and Site Assessment). It can be used by local planners to objectively measure the suitability of land for agriculture, or conversely, for development. This can be an extremely helpful tool for those working on comprehensive planning, zoning, and rural development.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups farmers
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

None

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

N/A

Livestock Industry Trends Presentation

Illinois Farm Bureau®
P.O. Box 2901
Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-3109
Fax: (309) 557-3279
E-mail: fraley@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This presentation will focus on the competitive challenges and opportunities for individual livestock producers. Discussions may include such topics as packer concentration, contract feeding, and opportunities by the Interstate Producers Livestock Association (IPLA). IPLA staff members present this seminar. There is no charge to attend.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups producer groups
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

None

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Contact the local county Farm Bureau office.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

N/A

Livestock Regulations Workshop

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Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

In this workshop, participants learn the latest regulations and laws that affect a livestock operation. Information includes the Illinois Fence Law, proper disposal of potentially infectious medical waste, livestock waste management, dead animal disposal, and the Humane Care for Animals Act. There will be no charge for attending.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups producer groups
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

None

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Contact the local county Farm Bureau office.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

N/A

The Code of Country Living Publication

Illinois Farm Bureau®
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Bloomington, IL 61702-2901
Phone: (309) 557-3274
Fax: (309) 557-3729
E-mail: rund@ilfb.org
Web: www.ilfb.org

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This presentation covers the publication called The Code of Country Living, a booklet designed to help bring the expectations of would-be first-time rural homeowners into line with the realities of living in rural Illinois. For potential rural home buyers, the presentation looks at how rural and urban living differ. For local planners and land use specialists, it addresses how the publication might be used as a part of rural housing programs. The publication can be accessed directly on the Web at <www.ilfb.org/viewdocument.asp?did=4286>.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups home buyers
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other information
-

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Contact the local county Farm Bureau office. Interested out-of-state parties should contact the Illinois Farm Bureau® at the above phone number.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Land and Water Reserves Program

Illinois Nature Preserves Commission

One Natural Resources Way

Springfield, IL 62702

Phone: (217) 785-8686

Fax: (217) 785-6040

E-mail: cgrosboll@dnrmail.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this voluntary joint program offered by the Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission is to protect areas supporting significant natural or archaeological resources that are in public or private ownership. The agreement includes a management program and may be for a number of years or permanent.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups not-for-profits, private landowners, or any other entity that owns land

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other property tax breaks and land protection

Year program established: 1996

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The owner gives up certain rights to develop the land in order to protect important habitat. The agreement can be for a term of years or permanent. Land must meet certain criteria in order to qualify.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission meets quarterly to determine eligibility of land.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Property tax reduction if permanent protection

How must the funds be used?

Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture Link Deposit Loan Program

Illinois State Treasurer's Office

1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 814

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 557-6436 TDD: (217) 557-9366

Fax: (217) 557-6439

Web: www.state.il.us/treas

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

With more than \$1 billion invested in the state's agriculture community, the State Treasurer's Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture Link Deposit Loan Program allows traditional farms to continue operating and offers loans to help further diversify the industry. The program has helped fund fish farms, vineyards, and other alternative agriculture businesses. More than 1,000 financial institutions, including the Farm Credit Service, participate in this program, one of the largest in the nation. Agriculture is a major component of Illinois' economy. Lending operational and long-term money at a rate that is attractive to both agriculture lenders and farmers assists in keeping the agriculture backbone of Illinois strong. A borrower may receive these loans by completing a simple application form with his or her financial institution and certifying that he or she will be using the funds for goods and services related to the production of agriculture products and alternative agriculture products. Program loans are made for one year for the operating loan program, one to five years for the long-term loan program, and one to seven years for grape and vineyard production.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups Illinois residents

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1993

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

A project is eligible for financing through this program if it can be shown that the project will create or enhance the borrower's production of agriculture or alternative agriculture products on land wholly located in the State of Illinois. The producer has to be an Illinois resident and own land in Illinois.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

You may call the State Treasurer's office to receive an application packet for the program. Rates, terms, and limitations are available on the website.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

There is a \$200,000 cap per borrower on the operating portion of the loan program.

How must the funds be used?

The Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture Link Deposit Loan Program offers short-term, low-interest loans for producers in Illinois for operating expenses and alternative agriculture/value-added projects.

Experience Illinois Low-Interest Link Deposit Loan Program

Illinois State Treasurer's Office

1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 814

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: (217) 557-6436 TDD: (217) 557-9366

Fax: (217) 557-6439

Web: www.state.il.us/treas

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Experience Illinois program is designed to provide funds to further enhance tourism-oriented projects with the strongest potential to increase the economic impact; improve the well-being; and enhance the cultural base of Illinois communities, regions, and the state. The program focuses mainly on those projects dealing directly with historic preservation, tourism development, and community enhancement.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups individuals
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Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____
-

Year program established: 2001

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

The applicant must be an individual, group, or organization residing in or lawfully doing business in Illinois such as an Illinois-based not-for-profit corporation or organization; a local government; or an independent developer, joint venture association, or corporation. Restrictions for the Historic Preservation Component: The project must be designated as a historical landmark by either the National Park Service or by a certified local government entity; eligible projects must follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and will be reviewed for compliance by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency; and a detailed description of the project or architectural plans, with photographs of the interior and exterior, must be provided. Restrictions for the Tourism Development Component: The project must be able to increase the likelihood that travelers will invest entertainment dollars in an Illinois community rather than out-of-state and must be able to demonstrate that a tourism destination is being created. Restrictions for the Community Enhancement Component: The project should demonstrate a role in developing or enhancing the quality of a designated area or region.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Applications may be requested from the State Treasurer's Office by calling (217) 557-6436. The applications are accepted at any time; there are no deadlines.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Historic Preservation loan applications have a minimum level of funding of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$2 million. Tourism Development loan applications have a minimum level of funding of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$5 million. Community Enhancement applications have a minimum level of funding of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$2.5 million. The term of the loan ranges from one to five years.

How must the funds be used?

State Treasurer's Economic Program (STEP)

Illinois State Treasurer's Office
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 4-100
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 814-1700
Fax: (312) 814-2765
E-mail: jcieslik@mail.state.il.us
Web: www.state.il.us/treas/

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through STEP, state dollars are deposited in a local financial institution which can then loan money at below market rates to help local businesses expand their operations – creating or retaining jobs in Illinois. For each permanent full-time job that is created or retained, the State Treasurer can deposit up to \$25,000 at below market rates into the borrower's financial institutions. The lending institution is allowed certain markups, but the final rate to the borrower still remains below market rates. Loans range from one to five years, and even though the State Treasurer's Office approves or denies the project, the borrower's credit worthiness is determined by the lender. About 7,000 new jobs have been created through STEP, including high-tech jobs and computer-support services.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1983

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Every project must create or retain permanent jobs. The borrower must have the financial ability to carry out the project. A minimum of five full-time jobs must be created; two part-time jobs equal one full-time job. The financial institution must be located in Illinois and be willing to participate in STEP.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Each application for STEP funding is reviewed by the State Treasurer's Loan Committee for approval or denial.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Funding is available based on the number of jobs that is created and/or retained.

How must the funds be used?

Treasurer’s Access to Capital

Illinois State Treasurer’s Office
Program Administrator
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph, Suite 4-100
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 814-1788 TDD: (312) 814-6592
Fax: (312) 814-2765

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to enhance local economic development activities and the overall business climate throughout Illinois.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible institutions include banks, savings and loans, and credit unions.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Leadership Development Initiative

Laboratory for Community and Economic Development (LCED)

222 Bevier Hall

905 S. Goodwin Avenue

Urbana, IL 61801

Phone: (217) 244-0120

Fax: (217) 244-7877

E-mail: a-silvis@uiuc.edu

Web: www.ag.uiuc.edu/~lced

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through this program, LCED is developing tools for community leaders, agency professionals, and others. Short, discreet components of training that are most useful to communities are being developed in cooperation with the state agencies and community leaders who will use them. The program focuses on the design of new delivery mechanisms for providing educational materials and programs to rural residents.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other educational programs _____

Year program established: 1998

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Strategic Planning

Laboratory for Community and Economic Development (LCED)

274 Bevier Hall

905 S. Goodwin Avenue

Urbana, IL 61801

Phone: (217) 244-0433

Fax: (217) 244-7877

E-mail: lced@mail.aces.uiuc.edu

Web: www.communitydevelopment.uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Strategic Planning, which includes an assessment of needs and resources; an assessment of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; and a realistic set of goals is critical. LCED offers community strategic planning which is inclusive and forward-thinking. To access the LCED interactive, online, strategic planning facilitation tool, go to <www.ag.uiuc.edu/~lced/cdo/>.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other educational programs _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Small Business Information

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

511 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 302

Springfield, IL 62704

Phone: (217) 492-4416 TDD: (217) 492-4418

Fax: (217) 492-4867

E-mail: walter.hanke1@sba.gov

Web: www.sba.gov

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This program provides information to callers interested in starting a small business in their community. Callers can get information on financial assistance and loan programs, counseling, seminars and training sessions, and general business information.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Individuals interested in starting a small business

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Small Business Loans

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

511 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 302

Springfield, IL 62704

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Fax: (217) 492-4867

E-mail: walter.hanke1@sba.gov

Web: www.sba.gov

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This program provides guaranteed loans to small businesses that cannot obtain financing in the private credit marketplace, but can demonstrate an ability to repay loans.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible applicants are small businesses that are independently owned and operated but not dominant in their field. Generally, the SBA's size standards for manufacturers range from 500 to 1,500 employees, depending on the industry, and up to 500 employees for wholesalers. Retailers and service concerns with revenues of \$3.5 million, and in certain cases up to \$21.5 million, may be considered small. Depending on the type of industry, agricultural enterprises that have from \$500,000 to \$5 million in annual receipts also may be considered for an SBA loan. This program excludes gambling establishments, nonprofit enterprises, speculators in property, lending or investment enterprises, and financing of real property held for investment. Funds also may not be used to pay off a loan to an unsecured creditor who is in a position to sustain loss. The maximum loan available is \$1,000,000.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Open – applicants must provide a statement of personal history, a personal financial statement, company financial statements, a summary of collateral, and a résumé.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Rural Enterprise and Alternative Agricultural Development Initiative (READI)

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

150 E. Pleasant Hill Road

Carbondale, IL 62901-6891

Phone: (618) 536-4451

Fax: (618) 453-5040

E-mail: readi@siu.edu

Web: www.siu.edu/~readi

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

READI's mission is to expand income and job opportunities in rural alternative agricultural enterprises through a systematic program of research, outreach, and education. Components of the project include aquaculture, viticulture/wineries, alternative crops, and communications.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups individuals
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other research and education
-

Year program established: 1999

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

None

Application guidelines and deadlines:

See website.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

None

How must the funds be used?

N/A

Rural Illinois Cooperative Development Center

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

150 E. Pleasant Hill Road

Carbondale, IL 62901-6891

Phone: (618) 536-4451

Fax: (618) 453-5040

E-mail: greenst@siu.edu

Web: www.siu.edu/~econdev/cbs/ricdc

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The Rural Illinois Cooperative Development Center serves rural Illinois by providing assistance and advisement to new and existing cooperatives in all aspects related to the establishment and operation of a cooperative entity. These services range from the development of feasibility studies to consultation regarding incorporation, and most of these services are provided to cooperative groups at low or no cost.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups cooperatives

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 2001

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

New and existing cooperatives

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Contact the director.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

None

How must the funds be used?

N/A

Agritourism and Community Festivals

University of Illinois Extension

Department of Leisure Studies

104 Huff Hall, MC-584

1206 S. Fourth Street

Champaign, IL 61820

Phone: (217) 333-4410

Fax: (217) 244-1935

E-mail: bew@uiuc.edu

Web: www.agritourism.uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Support for agritourism is provided through the maintenance of an Agritourism database as well as through group consultation and the provision of resource materials. The Community Festival's program helps train community leaders about festivals and events that will provide opportunities for communities to showcase their assets, preserve local culture, develop community pride and spirit, market the community to potential residents and businesses, and enhance economic and community development efforts.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Certified Livestock Manager Training Program

University of Illinois Extension
Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering
332K AESB
1304 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Champaign, IL 61801
Phone: (217) 333-2611
Fax: (217) 244-0323
E-mail:ref@sugar.age.uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

University of Illinois Extension specialists in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering offer a 3.5 hour workshop for livestock producers. While producers with over 1,000 animal units must be certified, many producers with fewer than 1,000 animal units also participate. Each year, approximately 3,000 producers are recertified by participating in the workshop.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups livestock managers
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Rural Recreation Development Project (IRRDP)

University of Illinois Extension

Department of Leisure Studies

University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign [104 Huff Hall, MC-584]

1206 S. Fourth Street

Champaign, IL 61820

Phone: (217) 333-4410

Fax: (217) 244-1935

E-mail: Lpayne@uiuc.edu

Web: www.ilruralrec.uiuc.edu/

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IRRDP develops sustainable local recreation and leisure services through collaboration with organizations and individuals in rural communities.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups park districts
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other
-

Year program established: 1995

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

See IRRDP website.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

See IRRDP website.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

N/A

Initiative for the Development of Entrepreneurs in Agriculture (IDEA)

University of Illinois Extension

Rock Island Extension Unit

4550 Kennedy Drive, Suite 3

Rock Island, IL 61244

Phone: (309) 796-0512

Fax: (309) 796-0673

E-mail:basic@uiuc.edu

Web: web.extension.uiuc.edu/iidea

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

IDEA is an online resource directory <web.extension.uiuc.edu/iidea> that provides assistance in financing and developing a business plan. The directory provides information on new crops, livestock, organic farming, and marketing channel alternatives. It also provides places to go for business start-up questions, regulatory information, and sources of funding. The site emphasizes Illinois resources, but includes other similar sites across the Midwest.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Market Maker

University of Illinois Extension

Quad Cities Extension Center

4550 Kennedy Drive, Suite 2

East Moline, IL 61244

Phone: (309) 792-2500

Fax: (309) 792-2602

E-mail: dknipe@uiuc.edu

Web: www.marketmaker.uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Extension created a new online marketing tool known as Market Maker, linking producers, buyers, and sellers with distributors. The website provides an interactive mapping system that locates businesses and markets of agricultural products in Illinois, providing an important link between producers and consumers.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Pesticide Safety Education Program

University of Illinois Extension
Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering
338 AESB
1304 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Champaign, IL 61801
Phone: (217) 333-3570
Fax: (217) 244-0323
E-mail: bode@uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Extension personnel conduct educational programs for both commercial and noncommercial applications of pesticides. IDOA conducts the examinations. Private and commercial applicators must renew their certification every three years. U of I Extension educators train approximately 20,000 noncommercial applicators and 23,000 commercial applicators in the three-year cycle.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups private and commercial pesticide applicators
-

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____
-

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Small Business Development Center

University of Illinois Extension
2525 Federal Drive, Suite 1105
Decatur, IL 62526
Phone: (217) 875-8284
Fax: (217) 875-8288
E-mail:wwilkins@uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

University of Illinois educators provide leadership in the development of business plans for entrepreneurs. These professionals offer high-quality assistance to community groups, existing businesses, and pre-business ventures through educational programs and counseling. These services may be accessed through any of the 77 University of Illinois Extension Unit offices throughout the state.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established:

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

How must the funds be used?

Illinois Forestry Development Council

University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign

W-503 Turner Hall

1102 S. Goodwin Avenue

Urbana, IL 61801

Phone: (217) 493-6736

Fax: (217) 726-6547

E-mail:dlittle4@uiuc.edu

Web: ifdc.nres.uiuc.edu

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

This council is responsible for evaluating Illinois' forest resources. The council's goals include identification of the economic, environmental, and conservation benefits to the state that could be realized by developing both the state's forest resources and the forest products industry; evaluation of the adequacy and appropriateness of current governmental policies and educational programs in enhancing forestry development; and recommendation of solutions to improve the management, utilization, and profitability of growing, harvesting, and processing forest products in Illinois.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1983

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Business and Industrial (B & I) Guaranteed Loans

USDA Rural Development

2118 W. Park Court, Suite A

Champaign, IL 61821

Phone: (217) 403-6209 TDD: (217) 403-6240

Fax: (217) 403-6243

E-mail: gerald.townsend@il.usda.gov

Web: www.rurdev.usda.gov/il

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The B & I Guaranteed Loan program is designed to assist eligible public and private organizations in rural areas to obtain quality loans for the purpose of improving, developing, or financing business, industry, and employment, as well as for improving the economic climate in rural communities.

Constituency served by the organization:

Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township

Other Groups lenders

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals

Other _____

Year program established: 1973

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible applicants are any legal entity, including individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other public and private organizations located in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as cities of less than 50,000 and open country.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

The B & I Guaranteed Loan program has been funded at about \$1.5 billion nationally. Generally, the maximum loan is \$10 million. For loans of \$5 million or less, the maximum guarantee is 80 percent; the percentage declines for larger loans.

How must the funds be used?

Funds may be used for acquisitions, construction, expansion, modernization, purchase of equipment and machinery, working capital, refinancing of viable projects, and other related project costs. Interest rates may be fixed or variable.

Illinois Agricultural Statistical Services

USDA Rural Development

P.O. Box 19281

Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Phone: (217) 492-4295

Fax: (217) 492-4291

E-mail: nass-il@nass.usda.gov

Web: www.agstats.state.il.us

Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through a cooperative agreement between the state and federal agricultural departments, the agency publishes weekly weather and crop information; bimonthly farm reports; and an annual summary of Illinois agricultural statistics on crops, livestock, and prices. In addition, the Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years, providing detailed statistics for every county in Illinois.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups agricultural community
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Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other agricultural statistics
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Year program established: 1865

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

N/A

Application guidelines and deadlines:

N/A

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

N/A

How must the funds be used?

Intermediary Relending Program

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Through the Intermediary Relending Program, USDA Rural Development provides direct loans to intermediaries that establish low-interest loans for rural businesses and community development projects.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups not-for-profits

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1989

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Intermediaries must have recent experience in loan making and servicing of loans for similar purposes, an acceptable delinquency rate in its portfolio, a staff experienced in loan making and servicing, and capitalization of the intermediary acceptable to Rural Development. Loans to ultimate recipients must be made in cities with a population of less than 25,000.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

In recent years, about \$38 million has been available annually in Rural Development's national Intermediary Relending Program.

How must the funds be used?

Loans are made to eligible intermediaries at 1 percent interest for up to 30 years to capitalize on a revolving loan program. The intermediary makes loans to businesses and eligible community development project sponsors generally in amounts of \$150,000 or less.

Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant Program

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of this program is to assist agricultural producers and rural small businesses in purchasing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements. The program is designed to help reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the nation's critical energy needs.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups agricultural producers

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 2003

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Grants are restricted to 25 percent of the eligible project cost. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount that equals up to at least 75 percent of the eligible project cost. Business headquarters and the project to be funded must be located in a rural area.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

USDA Rural Development solicits applications on a competitive basis by publication of a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) that is to be published in the Federal Register.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$23 million

How must the funds be used?

Funds must be used to purchase a renewable energy system (energy derived from wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal) or to make energy efficient improvements that conserve energy in an amount equal to 15 percent of at least the last 12 months usage and pay for itself within 11 years or less through energy cost savings.

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

The purpose of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program is to facilitate the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment and thereby improve the economy of rural communities.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups _____

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1973

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Eligible grant applicants are public bodies and nonprofit corporations serving rural areas.

Beneficiaries are generally any private business that will employ 50 or less new employees, has less than \$1 million in projected revenue, or will utilize technological innovation and commercialization of new products that can be used in rural areas and new processes that can be used in such production.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

In federal FY 2001, the program received \$40,664,000 on a national basis; Illinois received \$750,000.

How must the funds be used?

Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Rural Cooperative Development Grants are used to facilitate the creation or retention of jobs in rural areas through the development of new rural cooperatives, value-added processing, and rural businesses.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups institutions of higher education and nonprofit corporations

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 1997

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Grants must be for one year or less, and funds must be used in a rural area. The grantee must provide a 25 percent match (95% where the grantee is a 1994 institution) of the cost of establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

USDA Rural Development solicits applications on a competitive basis by publication of one or more Requests for Proposals which are published in the Federal Register.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

Funding varies from year to year. \$5,250,000 was available in FY 2003.

How must the funds be used?

Funds may be used for research, feasibility, and environmental studies. In addition, funds may be used to provide training and technical assistance or other information for the purpose of cooperative development.

Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grant (VAPG)

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Briefly describe the purpose of the program:

Grants are made to enable producers to develop businesses that produce and market value-added agricultural products.

Constituency served by the organization:

- Businesses Municipalities Community Organizations Counties Township
 Other Groups independent producers; farmer cooperatives; agricultural producer groups; and
majority-controlled, producer-based business ventures

Type(s) of assistance that the program offer(s):

- Technical Assistance Grants Loans Referrals
 Other _____

Year program established: 2001

Eligibility requirements or restrictions:

Grants are restricted to 50 percent of the eligible project cost. Applicants must provide matching funds at least equal to the amount of the grant. Grant and matching funds cannot be used to pay any expenses related to the production of any commodity or product to which value will be added.

Application guidelines and deadlines:

USDA Rural Development solicits applications on a competitive basis by publication of one or more Requests for Proposals that are published in the Federal Register.

Funding cap per application or fiscal year program funding:

\$40 million is available each fiscal year.

How must the funds be used?

An application may be for either a Planning Grant or a Working Capital Grant, but not both. Planning Grant funds may be used to hire a consultant to develop a business plan, complete a feasibility study, or develop a marketing plan. Working Capital Grants may be used to hire an attorney or a Certified Public Accountant, and to pay salaries, utilities, and other operating costs such as the purchase of office equipment, computers, and supplies and finance other related activities.





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