

# Grants - Agriculture Focus

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# General Federal Grant/Funding Programs

## **The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

*This website gives access to a database of all Federal assistance programs.*

Assistance programs are available for:

- State and local governments
- Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments
- Territories (and possessions) of the United States
- Domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions
- Specialized groups
- Individuals

Under “Find Assistance Programs,” the database is searchable by agency, functional area, deadline dates, eligibility, beneficiary, and type of assistance and by keyword.

The website also provides:

- Name of program, agency, purpose of grant, application process and link to application, contact information, and sample grants awarded in the past
- Several aids for writing grant proposals.

Website: [www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)

## **USA.gov**

*This website provides a comprehensive listing of all types of information, services and resources.*

This website is the official U.S. gateway to all government information. Sources include federal and state governments, U.S. territories and foreign nations. Gateway searches more than 51 million web pages.

## **GovBenefits.gov**

*This website provides a personalized screening tool for individual assistance.*

The online screening tool is free, easy-to-use, and confidential as it does not require a name, phone number, Social Security number, or any other information that could be used for identification.

- “Home” section (at below link): Answer a series of questions about yourself
- GovBenefits.gov returns a list of government benefit programs you may be eligible to receive along with information about how you can apply.

The following link lists agencies and organizations that provide benefits programs:

[www.govbenefits.gov](http://www.govbenefits.gov)

### **Foundation Center**

*The Foundation Center provides information on private philanthropy in the United States. They help grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public better understand the field of philanthropy.*

Website: <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/newvisitors/>

### **Building Better Rural Places Catalogue**

*A USDA publication and website focusing on federal programs for sustainable agriculture, forestry, conservation and community development.*

- USDA agencies and programs providing major support for this publication:
- Resource Conservation and Development
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program ([SARE](#))
- Website: <http://attra.ncat.org/guide/>

### **Grants.gov**

Grants.gov is your source to FIND and APPLY for federal government grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. This website was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public.

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. Many other grants listed in this document can be found on grants.gov. The application process for many grants is also processed through grants.gov. This is a very important website to become familiar with.

# Community Development

## **Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program**

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP) has existed since 1996 as a program to fight food insecurity through developing community food projects that help promote the self-sufficiency of low-income communities. Community Food Projects are designed to increase food security in communities by bringing the whole food system together to assess strengths, establish linkages, and create systems that improve the self-reliance of community members over their food needs.

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Washington, DC 20250-2241

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E-mail: [comfood@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:comfood@csrees.usda.gov)

[www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/food/in\\_focus/hunger\\_if\\_competitive.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/food/in_focus/hunger_if_competitive.html)

## **Grants for Rural Development, Forestry, and Communities**

*Funded jointly by the USDA and the Forest Service, this grant is to help rural areas analyze and assess forest resource opportunities, maximize local economic potential through market development and expansion, and diversify communities' economic base.*

Funding may be allocated for such things as technical assistance, training and education, equipment, marketing, and all costs associated with making these services available to tribal nations, State and Federal agencies, State Foresters, local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and others who are extending services to rural communities.

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[www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=75bcb54aa364fa4bd6035f4644191e81](http://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=75bcb54aa364fa4bd6035f4644191e81)

# Conservation & Resource Management

## **Farm Service Agency**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and loan programs as laid out by Congress through a network of federal, state and county offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand. Economically, the desired result of these programs is a steady price range for agricultural commodities for both farmers and consumers. Programs vary from year to year, so contact your local office to find out what programs are currently active.

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## **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

*Provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment*

The conservation provisions in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) will provide conservation opportunities for farmers and ranchers for years to come. The new provisions build on the conservation gains made by farmers and ranchers through the 1985, 1996 and 2002 Farm Bills. They simplify existing programs and create new programs to address high priority environmental goals.

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Conservation programs under the 2008 Farm Bill are:

- [Agricultural Management Assistance Program](#) (AMA)
- [Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative](#) (CBWI)
- [Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative](#) (CCPI)
- [Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program](#)
- [Conservation Reserve Program](#) (Farm Service Agency)
- [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP)
- [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP)
- [Agricultural Water Enhancement Program](#) (EQIP)
- [Conservation Innovation Grants](#) (EQIP)
- [Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program](#) (FRPP)

- [Grassland Reserve Program](#) (GRP)
- [Healthy Forest Reserve Program](#) (HFRP)
- [Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program](#)
- [Wetlands Reserve Program](#) (WRP)
- [Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program](#) (WHIP)

For more information go to:

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmland/2008/index.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmland/2008/index.html)

**Idaho Conservation Innovation Grant**

*The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production.*

CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals or guides, or to the private sector. The three natural resource concerns for possible funding through Conservation Innovation Grants for fiscal year 2007 are: Water Resources; Soil Resources; and Atmospheric Resources. Market Based Approaches to address any or all of these three resource concern areas will be considered.

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# Financing Businesses and New Enterprises

## **Small Business Development Center Program (SBDC)**

*To provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners.*

The SBDC Program is designed to deliver up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management. SBDC services include, but are not limited to, assisting small businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems and feasibility studies. Special SBDC programs and economic development activities include international trade assistance, technical assistance, procurement assistance, venture capital formation and rural development.

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## **Quality Samples Program (QSP)**

*Assists U.S. agricultural trade organizations provide small samples of their agricultural products to potential importers in emerging markets overseas.*

### Program Information:

Focusing on industry and manufacturing, as opposed to end-use consumers, QSP permits potential customers to discover U.S. quality. It also allows manufacturers overseas to do test runs to assess how U.S. food and fiber products can best meet their production needs. In 2009, USDA provided allocations totaling \$2.027 million to trade associations and state agricultural organizations under this program.

Trade organizations and private firms can submit QSP proposals to USDA as part of the Unified Export Strategy (UES). Participants who are approved for QSP funding obtain commodity samples, export them and provide the importer the technical assistance necessary to use the sample properly. When a project is finished, USDA reimburses the participants for the costs of procuring and exporting the samples. The technical assistance component is not covered by the program.

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[www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/QSP.asp](http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/QSP.asp)

## **Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG)**

*Grants for Assisting Small and Emerging Rural Businesses to Nonprofits and Public Bodies*

Finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business enterprises located in rural areas through grants to public bodies, nonprofits, and federally recognized Indian Tribal groups.

This includes starting and operating revolving loan funds, business incubators, and industrial parks. In addition, costs that may be paid from grant funds include the acquisition and development of land and the construction of buildings, plants, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, and utility and service extensions; refinancing; fees for professional services; technical assistance and training associated with technical assistance; startup operating costs and working capital, providing financial assistance to a third party; production of television programs to provide information to rural residents; and creating, expanding, and operating rural distance learning networks.

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### National Program Office

USDA, Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Room 6868 South Building, Stop 3225

Washington, D.C. 20250

Tel: (202) 720-1400

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm)

## **Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)**

*Grants to nonprofits and public bodies for community planning, technical assistance and training for rural businesses.*

The Rural Business Opportunity Grants program (RBOG) was created by the 1996 Farm Bill to assist in the economic development of rural areas by providing grants to assist business and community development. Grant funds may be used to:

- Identify and analyze business opportunities, including export markets, that will use local natural and human resources;
- Identify, train, and provide technical assistance to existing or prospective rural entrepreneurs and managers;
- Establish business support centers and otherwise assist in the creation of new rural businesses;
- Conduct local community or multi-county economic development planning;
- Establish centers for training, technology, and trade that will provide training to rural businesses in the utilization of interactive communications technologies to develop international trade opportunities and markets;
- Conduct leadership development training of existing or prospective rural entrepreneurs and managers; and
- Pay reasonable fees and charges for professional services necessary to conduct the technical assistance, training or planning functions.

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Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rbog.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rbog.htm)

### **Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)**

*Grants for feasibility studies and product research and development to small businesses.*

Ten federal agencies grant SBIR funds. The USDA's SBIR program makes grants that are competitively awarded for feasibility studies and product research and development to qualified small businesses. SBIR funds support high quality research proposals containing advanced concepts related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefit if the research is successful.

Objectives: To stimulate technological innovations in the private sector, strengthen the role of small businesses in meeting Federal research and development needs, increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from USDA-supported research and development efforts, and foster and encourage participation by women-owned and socially and economically disadvantaged small business firms in technological innovations.

Research categories: Forests and Related Resources; Plant Production and Protection; Animal Production and Protection; Air, Water and Soils; Food Science and Nutrition; Rural and Community Development; Aquaculture; Industrial Applications; and Marketing and Trade.

The SBIR grant program is divided into two phases.

- Phase I grants support technical feasibility studies.
- Phase II grants provide financial assistance for Phase I projects to enter the development stage to the point of commercialization.
- Businesses are encouraged to pursue Phase III—commercialization—through other sources, as SBIR does not provide funding for expansion, marketing, and application of the developed technology.

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**Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program**

*Rural Cooperative Development grants are made for establishing and operating centers for cooperative development for the primary purpose of improving the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives.*

Appropriations total \$3.5 million for fiscal year 2007. Max award per grant is \$200,000, and matching funds are required. Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education, but not to public bodies. For more information you can go directly to the website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm) or contact the local office.

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Fax: (208) 378-564  
Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/id](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/id)

**Small Minority Producer Grant**

*Provides funds for cooperatives or associations of cooperatives whose primary focus is to provide assistance to small minority producers and whose governing board and/or membership is comprised of at least 75 percent minority members.*

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# Marketing & Development

## **Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)**

*Matching Grants for Marketing Agricultural Products through State Departments of Agriculture*

FSMIP funds can be requested for a wide range of marketing projects, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Developing and testing new or more efficient methods of processing, packaging, handling, storing, transporting, and distributing food and other agricultural products.
- Assessing customer response to new or alternative agricultural products or marketing services, and evaluating potential marketing opportunities for U.S. producers, processors, and agribusinesses, in domestic and international markets.
- Identifying problems and barriers in existing channels of trade and exploring improvements to marketing practices, facilities, or systems to address such problems.

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## **Foreign Market Development Program (FMD)**

*Aids U.S. farmers, processors, and exporters in the creation, expansion, and maintenance of long-term export markets for U.S. agricultural products.*

The overseas promotions focus on generic U.S. commodities (rather than individual brand-name products) and are targeted toward long-term development. A Cooperator program which enlists private sector involvement and resources in coordinated efforts to promote U.S. products to foreign importers and consumers around the world. In 2002, Cooperators and U.S. industry resource contributions totaled 121 percent of the funds provided by FAS. Preference is given to nonprofit U.S. agricultural and trade groups that represent an entire industry or are nationwide in membership and scope.

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Website: [www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/fmdprogram.asp](http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/fmdprogram.asp)

### **Emerging Markets Program (EMP)**

*To improve market access by developing, maintaining, or enhancing the exports of U.S. agricultural commodities and products to low- and middle-income countries which have or are developing market-oriented economies, and which can be viable markets for these U.S. products.*

The program funds technical assistance activities: Example are feasibility studies, market research, sector assessments, orientation visits, specialized training, business workshops, etc.

The EMP is a generic program, not a branded program. It generally works with national cooperators although technical assistance can be targeted toward specific issues for particular commodities.

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Website: [www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.asp](http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.asp)

### **Market Access Program (MAP)**

*To create, maintain and expand long-term export markets for U.S. agricultural products through cost-share assistance and the opportunity to work closely with FAS and its overseas offices for Export Market Development Activities such as Consumer Promotions, Market Research, Technical Assistance and Trade Servicing*

The Market Access Program (MAP), formerly the Market Promotion Program, uses funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to help U.S. producers, exporters, private companies, and other trade organizations finance promotional activities for U.S. agricultural products. The MAP encourages the development, maintenance, and expansion of commercial export markets for agricultural commodities. Activities financed include consumer promotions, market research, technical assistance, and trade servicing.

Funds are authorized through program agreements with nonprofit U.S. trade associations called Cooperators. To find out more contact:

The Office of Trade Programs  
Tel: (202)720-4327  
website <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/map.asp>

### **Western U.S. Agricultural Trade Association**

WUSATA's **Generic Program** sponsors industry-wide food and agricultural projects that are jointly managed by state marketing specialists and WUSATA. The projects or activities sponsored by the Generic Program include everything from reverse buying missions and in-store demonstrations, to trade shows, and market research.

WUSATA's **Branded Program** is a cost-share program that provides 50% reimbursement of pre-approved international marketing expenses to small, food and non-food agricultural companies. To be eligible, the company must be classified as small and have a product that is of at least 50% U.S. agricultural origin and is labeled as a product of the U.S.A.

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Vancouver, Washington, USA 98662  
Tel: 360-693-3373  
Website: [www.wusata.org](http://www.wusata.org)

### **Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP)**

*A competitive matching grants program which helps to underwrite the start up costs of new export marketing ventures for groups that are particularly effective in reaching small- and medium-size enterprises (SMEs).*

The program is administered through the International Trade Administration. Generally, private enterprises are not eligible. The following are usually found to be eligible:

- Trade associations
- State departments of trade
- Regional associations of trade and economic development
- World Trade Centers
- Chambers of commerce
- Small business development centers
- Non-profit industry organizations

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### **Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants (VAPG)**

*Also known as the Value Added Producers Grant (VAPG), this grant is to help producers of agricultural commodities, agricultural producer groups, farmer and rancher cooperatives and majority owned producer based business ventures develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities and develop new strategies to create marketing opportunities in emerging markets*

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Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm)

### **Forest Products Lab: Technology Marketing Unit (TMU)**

*The program is designed to assist in turning small diameter and underutilized wood species into marketable forest products, including biomass energy.*

The public goal is to reduce the cost per acre of hazardous fuel treated needed to protect communities from wildland fire and improve the overall health of the nations forest. Program may include: (1) development of potential new products; (2) projects that showcase innovative uses for small diameter and low-valued hardwoods and softwoods; and (3) reducing the challenge to economic and market barriers to the use of the material (4) provide seed money and gap funding (5) facilitating creation/expansion of harvesting/processing/transporting enterprises around wildland urban interface areas.

Technology Marketing Unit, State and Private Forestry  
Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory  
One Gifford Pinchot Dr.  
Madison, WI 53726-2398  
Tel: (608) 231-9504.  
Website: [www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu](http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/tmu)

### **Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)**

The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) was created through a recent amendment of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976. The grants, authorized by the FMPP, are targeted to help improve and expand domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Approximately \$10 million is allocated for FMPP for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. The maximum amount awarded for any one proposal cannot exceed \$100,000. Entities eligible to apply include agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public health corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers market authorities and Tribal governments.

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### **Specialty Crop Block Grants**

The United States Department of Agriculture allocates Specialty Crop Block Grant funding to the state and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture passes the funds through to the specialty crop industry as competitive grants.

Projects must solely enhance the competitiveness of U.S. grown specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets and must provide a benefit to more than just the applicant.

Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

Funds are available to interested local, state, and federal government, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and universities. Projects may include, but are not limited too, pest and disease control, enhancing food safety, developing new and improved seed varieties, increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops, market development, or developing good agricultural, handling, or manufacturing practices. Projects are evaluated on how well they enhance the competitiveness of Idaho's specialty crops, soundness and quality of the project plan, measurable outcomes and return on investment.

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# Research

## **Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program**

*Grants to Improve the Environmental and Economic Sustainability of Farming and Ranching to Educational Institutions, Nonprofits and Producer.*

Proposal guidelines for each of the grants programs are available from the regional SARE offices or the national program office. Each region solicits proposals and awards grants independently; contact the regional office for applications and deadlines.

### Western Region

Utah State University  
Agriculture Programs  
Ag Science Bldg., Rm. 305  
4865 Old Main Hill Road  
Logan, UT 84322-3944  
Tel: (435) 797-2257  
Website: <http://wsare.usu.edu/>

### National Program Office

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Washington, DC 20250-2223  
Tel: (202) 720-5384  
Fax: (202) 720-6071  
Website: [www.sare.org/](http://www.sare.org/)

## **Pest Management Alternatives Program (PMAP)**

*Competitive Grants Supporting the Development and Implementation of Pest Management Alternatives When Regulatory Action by EPA or Voluntary Cancellation by the Registrant Results in the Unavailability of Certain Agricultural Pesticides or Pesticide Uses*

The purpose of Pest Management Alternatives Program (PMAP) is to provide support for the development and implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) practices, tactics, and systems for specific pest problems while reducing human and environmental risks. Applications may be submitted by State agricultural experiment stations, all colleges and universities, other research institutions and organizations, Federal agencies, private organizations or corporations, and individuals.

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## **Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)**

*Grants to be matched by States for Projects Aimed at Reducing the Risks and Uses of Pesticides in Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Settings*

Established in 1994, the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is an EPA partnership program that works with the nation's pesticide-user community to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices.

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### **Special Research Grants Program- Potato Research**

*Grants for State agricultural experiment stations, land-grant colleges and universities, research foundations established by land-grant colleges and universities, and some other college/university research institutions.*

Supports potato research that focuses on varietal development/testing and whose output will be or include potato varieties.

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### **Biomass Research and Development Initiative**

*To promote greater innovation and development related to biomass.*

Apply for financial assistance to address research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels and related processes. DOE and USDA have separate funding allocations and make separate awards under this heading.

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### **Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)**

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

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### **Specialty Crop Block Grants**

The United States Department of Agriculture allocates Specialty Crop Block Grant funding to the state and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture passes the funds through to the specialty crop industry as competitive grants.

Projects must solely enhance the competitiveness of U.S. grown specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets and must provide a benefit to more than just the applicant. Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

Funds are available to interested local, state, and federal government, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and universities. Projects may include, but are not limited to, pest and disease control, enhancing food safety, developing new and improved seed varieties, increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops, market development, or developing good agricultural, handling, or manufacturing practices. Projects are evaluated on how well they enhance the competitiveness of Idaho's specialty crops, soundness and quality of the project plan, measurable outcomes and return on investment.

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# Technical Assistance

## **Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC)**

*Assists U.S. organizations by providing funding for projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary, and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops.*

### Program Information:

- Specialty crops including all cultivated plants and their products produced in the United States except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar and tobacco.
- Examples of activities these grants may cover include seminars and workshops, study tours, field surveys, pest and disease research, and pre-clearance programs.
- U.S. organizations, including, but not limited to: U.S. government agencies, state government agencies, non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, and private companies.

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## **Technical Issues Resolution Fund (TIRF)**

*Addresses technical barriers to trade in emerging markets worldwide by providing technical assistance, training, and exchange of expertise. Projects include plant quarantine, animal health, food safety, and other technical barriers to U.S. exports based on unsound or incomplete scientific information.*

Implementation of activities under TIRF is a joint effort between the Emerging Markets Program and the Research and Scientific Exchanges Division/ International Cooperation and Development (ICD). Two types of activities will be considered under TIRF:

- High priority or time-sensitive issues
- Strategic areas of long term interest

Limited to countries which meet emerging market requirements (population greater than 1 million and per capita income of less than \$9,265). Proposals may be submitted at any time during the year since the review panel meets on a monthly basis.

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### **Quick Response Marketing Fund (QRMF)**

*Addresses priority constraints to market access that arise because of unforeseen events; market conditions in emerging markets are often less predictable than in more developed countries.*

It allows responsiveness to time-sensitive marketing problems or opportunities, such as the lifting of a non-tariff trade barrier; a change in an import regime or the removal of a trade embargo; an unexpected or unusual change in the political or financial situation in a country; or a significant change in crop conditions--any of which may have an immediate impact on the access of particular commodities or products to specific markets. Timing concerns in and of themselves do not justify Fund use. QRMF proposals must identify specific market access issues that also face time constraints.

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### **The Cochran Fellowship Program**

*Training of agriculturalists from middle income countries, emerging markets, and emerging democracies, specifically for senior and mid-level specialists and administrators, from the public and private sectors, concerned with agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy, marketing, and technology transfer.*

All training occurs in the United States. Since its inception in 1984, the program has provided U.S.- based training for over 12,200 international participants from 103 countries worldwide.

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### **Professional Development Program**

*Assisting with market development and food security through human resource development.*

Program Information:

- Design, manage and evaluate a wide-range of training and technical cooperation programs
- Related to food industry/agribusiness development, food processing and distribution, agribusiness policy and research, business planning and management, and support services (such as credit and financial institutions, local associations and related areas).

- Available for individuals, private sector organizations or government entities, either in the U.S. or any developing, middle-income or emerging market country.
- PDP is reimbursable and can work with sponsoring organizations, such as the U.S. Agency for International Development, Development Banks, Foundations, Private Sector Organizations, or In-Country Governments, Organizations or Individuals, to reach agreement on the design and cost of the program.
- Some general types of services include:
  - U.S. training programs for foreign nationals
  - In-country, regional or third-country training and technical assistance
  - A series of U.S. and in-country training and consultant interventions
  - Developing institutional capacity and facilitating mutually beneficial linkages
  - Access to expertise from a wide range of resources
  - Management of long-term programs, including resident advisors
  - Logistical arrangements

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**Research and Scientific Exchanges Division (RSED)**

*Promotes international cooperation on sustainable agricultural and forestry systems to help secure a safe and adequate food supply.*

Supports cooperation between U.S. and foreign researchers with activities directed at potential threats to U.S. agriculture and forestry, development of new technologies, and enhancement of agribusiness and trade in foreign markets. Participating countries benefit through both short and long-term visits of U.S. and foreign scientists, collaborative research projects, and technical workshops.

With U.S. and international funding, RSED develops and implements projects as well as establishes links for the network of agricultural experts in USDA, other federal agencies, the university system and private sector organizations. RSED also provides technical support to design and facilitate project implementation from the development stage through final evaluation.

**Additional Examples of the Types of Services RSED Provides**

- Project design and evaluation teams
- Grants for research and short-term scientific exchanges
- Travel-related services for US and foreign scientists such as tickets, visas, official clearances, translators, per diem and health insurance
- Preparation and clearance of international agreements

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**Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program**

*Grants for women, limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally underserved producers of priority commodities.*

Approximately \$5 million in fiscal year 2007 is provided by USDA/Risk Management Agency for collaborative outreach and assistance programs which provide information and training necessary to use financial management, crop insurance, marketing contracts, and other existing and emerging risk management tools.

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**Technical Assistance to Cooperatives**

*Grants available to rural cooperatives, focusing on farmer's cooperatives.*

Provided by the USDA's Rural Development Business- Cooperative Service, the goal of this program is to develop and administer research, technical assistance, statistical, and educational programs on finances, organization, management, legal, social, and economic aspects of rural cooperatives, focusing on farmer cooperatives.

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