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To: Cooperative Extension Faculty

From: Deborah Young, Associate Director

Re: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2006 - 2007

There are several opportunities for funding this year. The requirements for funding (see below) and the submittal process have changed. All proposals will be submitted on line. What has not changed is the requirement for county – campus/experiment station collaboration. All funding is available from July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. Final decisions will be made by Extension Administration.

All requests for funding are due to Extension Programs by **5 pm on May 12, 2006; reports of accomplishments for state initiatives and working groups (funded 2005 – 2006) are required in the submittal process.** If your team received funding last year and is resubmitting, your proposal will not be considered if you do not include the report.

All requests for funding will use the logic model. If you have any questions about this model, consult <http://cals.arizona.edu/extension/pda/logicmodel/> or Sheila Merrigan (merrigan@ag.arizona.edu).

Enhancement awards

Enhancement awards will be available this year. The intent of “enhancement awards” is to support a unique and innovative idea that may lead to a larger program. The proposal should address a priority issue at the county, multi-county, state, or regional level. If you were funded last year for an enhancement award, the same topic or subject area will not be considered this year. There is no requirement for multi-county collaboration for enhancement awards. However, all proposals must include at least one county-based and one campus (or experiment station) -based faculty member. Maximum funds for proposals will be \$5,000 each.

Submit proposals on line at <http://cals-cf.calsnet.arizona.edu/exact/proposals>. The user name (cals) and password (ua) are required to access this page.

Criteria can be found at <http://ag.arizona.edu/internal/programs/fundingcriteria2006.pdf>.

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Working groups

The purpose of a working group is: (1) to identify specific issues, topics, or programs that occur in a minimum of three counties; (2) to produce an educational product, such as an extension bulletin or a workshop; and (3) to enhance communication and collaboration between campus and county offices. Working groups should have regular meetings, either virtual or in-person, to develop outcomes, outputs and inputs. Participation from both county and campus (or experiment station) is required. Maximum funds of \$3,000 per working group will be available.

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It is allowable to apply for both a working group and a state initiative, or you may apply for only a working group.

Allowable expenses include travel for program planning meetings, conference calls, and support of in-service training for Extension faculty. Travel outside the state of Arizona is not included in the working group budget, and is not allowable. Once approved, the state coordinator should submit expenses to this office (Patti B) for reimbursement.

As previously indicated, all currently funded working groups must have a logic model on record and posted on the Extension website. You will not be considered for continued funding if your working group's report of accomplishments is not included in the request for 2006 – 2007. Current working groups are listed at:

<http://cals.arizona.edu/internal/programs/coordinat.html>.

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State-wide initiatives

The intent of state-wide initiatives is to support targeted priority issues that are important throughout Arizona. While all proposals will be considered, we are requesting state-wide initiatives that address one of the following areas: drought, obesity and health, and science and technology. Additionally, we are encouraging proposals which are multi-disciplinary and/or address more than one program area. Preference will be given to teams who have an established working group, with a record of accomplishments. A maximum of \$10,000 will be allocated per initiative per year.

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State-wide initiatives must have (1) at least five counties involved and (2) campus or experiment station/county partnership. As previously indicated, those who received state initiative funding in 2005 – 2006 must include a report of accomplishments (outputs and outcomes) in the request for 2006-2007 funding.