

FCS Leaders Meeting
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Nutrition & Health Update

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- I. FY 12 Rural Health and Safety Education grant opportunity outcomes
 - A. This year, the focus of RHSE grants program was on issues related to children, youth, and adults' health and safety education in the following areas: **Individual and Family Nutrition and Health Education Programs; Farm Safety Education Programs; and Rural Health Leadership Development Education Programs**
 - B. Approximately \$1.5 million was available in FY2012. Several changes were introduced in the 2012 RFA:
 - Two distinct funding groups were created: 1862 Land-Grant Institutions (with \$200,000 funding cap per award) and 1890/1994 Land-Grant Institutions (with \$150,000 funding cap per award);
 - Only one application per institution was accepted;
 - Projects that had received funding through RHSE for two (2) or more years in the past five (5) years were not eligible to apply.
 - C. A total of 39 grant applications were received. Ten (10) projects were recommended for funding for the period of one year. The funded projects will address the following health and topics among individuals and families in rural communities: diabetes prevention and self-management education, hypertension control education, nutrition and fitness education at /near Native American reservations, farm safety education, education on healthy early feeding practices, physical activity promotion among elderly through intergenerational programming, and promotion of health through traditionally-based diet and lifestyle education.
- II. Priestler Health Conference—April 16-18, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
 - a. Need to identify future host sites, cost recovery basis, NIFA support as available
 - b. Preconference possibilities: NEAFCS, AAFCS, SOPHE...others?
- III. RFA Reviews—possibility of organizing a group of FCS Leaders to review and comment on RFAs?
 - a. FY 13 Childhood Obesity AFRI grant
 - b. NIFA Fellows AFRI grant for pre and post doctoral students
 - c. Food Safety AFRI RFA
 - d. Water Quality AFRI grant RFA
 - e. AFRI Foundational RFA
- IV. NC-1196: Food Systems, Health and Well-Being: Understanding complex relationships and dynamics of change (Approved 2011-2016)
 - a. Opportunity for collaboration with a network of scientists comprising a variety of expertise, across the country
 - b. By law, 25% of Hatch funds are set aside for multistate projects, faculty involvement opens up the opportunity to obtain Hatch funding related to this work
- V. Questions/Discussion