

Diversity Grants: Diversity grants were awarded in spring, 2008. Nine proposals were funded, for a total of \$49,765. Each project had to spend the funds by June 30, 2009. All the reports are now in, and the Diversity Catalyst Team thanks Extension (Dr. Young) for the opportunity to expand programming to new and diverse audiences in Colorado. And, we congratulate the PI's who conceptualized the projects, partnered with agents, specialists, and community agencies. Immediate and short-term outcomes were demonstrated through most of the projects.

- Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Food Stamp Transactions at Farmers' Markets (Marissa Bunning & Ann Zander)
- Funding for 4-H Program Assistant to Function as a 4-H Club Organizational Leader (Isaac Munoz)
- Promoting Science/Technology Careers in Native American & Spanish Speaking Youth (Jan Miller-Heyl & Dana Cox)
- Assisting with Development of Culturally Relevant & Appropriate Programming (Ken Grimes)
- 4-H Youth & Retired Elders in the Community to Share, Learn, Teach, Encourage & Build Friendships Through Gardening (Joann Jones, Luann Boyer, David Whiting)
- Ethnic Diversity in Livestock Operation (Mike Jarosz & Jack Whittier)
- Cripple Creek Junior Master Gardener Program (JMG) (Mark Platten)
- Holyoke Community Diversity Gardening, ages 5-14, Elderly & Disabled (Linda Langelo & David Whiting)

Innovation Grants: Twelve Innovation Grants have been awarded since January, 2008, totaling \$58,857.80. Six have completed their one-year funding, and reports have been received. Due to careful planning and implementation, these projects are showing immediate and short-term outcomes to enhance work team productivity.

- Drip Irrigation (Samuel Essah & Merlin Dillon)
- Japanese Beetle (Thaddeus Gourd & Joe Julian)
- Grandparents Raising Children (Jacque Miller & Donna Liess)
- Beginning Farmer (Adrian Card & Dawn Thilmany)
- Healthy Eating Habits (Joy Akey & Linda Langelo)
- Irrigation Management (Perry Cabot & Merlin Dillon)
- Meat Quality Mobile Modular Learning Lab (Mick Livingston & Brett Kirch)
- Small Acreage Irrigation Audits (Denis Reich & Curt Swift)
- Compost as Nutrient Source in Potato Production (Samuel Essah & Merlin Dillon)
- Teens on Farms (Edward Page & Isaac Munoz, Catherine Keske)
- Small Acreage Educational Videos (Jennifer Cook & Joanne Littlefield)

This funding stream is still available. Instructions for on-line applications are at <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/staffres/funding/innovation/>. The funds can support your unique and creative idea in a short time period: funds need to be expended in one year's time from date of initial finding; funds will neither be extended nor renewed; all proposals must include at least one county-based staff and one campus (or regional or experiment station) –based faculty member; maximum funds available per project is \$5,000.

Venture Grants: Four “rounds” of Venture Capital Awards were made: August 2006, January & June 2007, and January 2008. Beginning in 2009, the funding stream is open and proposals are accepted at any time. So far, 21 proposals have been funded. Reports are coming in as projects are completed, documenting immediate and short-term results to enhance work team efforts. In addition, many Venture Capital-funded programs have leveraged Extension funds to bring new resources into Extension. Thanks to the PI’s who have put these plans into action.

- Community-Scale Bio-Diesel Enterprises in Colorado Farming Communities (Jerry Johnson & Alan Helm)
- Turf Site visit Diagnostic Project (Carl Wilson & Carol O'Meara)
- Pesticide Applicator Safety Education Programming (Sandra McDonald)
- Trainer's Toolbox: Tools for Youth Development (Kurt Jones & Gary Small)
- Creating & Enhancing Businesses Opportunities in Rural Colorado Through Agritourism & Heritage Tourism Training & Promotion (Dawn Thilmany)
- 4H Science Days (Jan Carroll & Ann Hall)
- The Home-Use Pesticide Database (Bob Hammon & Whitney Cranshaw)
- Rocky Mountain Conference on Aging: Aging in the Workplace (RMCOA) (Manfred & Laurel Kubin)
- Colorado Sustainable Pasture & Land Management Project (Ernie Marx & Joe Brummer)
- Optimal Land Use for Long-Term Community Stability (Craig Bond & Ed Page)
- Native Plant Master Program Expansion (Barbara Fahey & Irene Shonle)
- Colorado Family Development & Credentialing Program (CO FDC) (Christine Cerbana & Janet Benavente)
- Development & Evaluation of DARE to be You (Raising Grandchildren of Meth Addicted Parents) (Jan Miller-Heyl)
- Farm-Scale Oilseed Crushing Demonstration Unit & Education (Jerry Johnson)
- Native Plant Demonstration Garden (Linda Langelo)
- Effective Training: Principles & Strategies for Increasing Learning Transfer (Ann Bruce, Christine Cerbana, Lois Illick, Janet Benavente & Mary Ellen Fleming)
- House Records Organizer (Ken Tremblay & Jacque Miller)
- Animal Identification Using Retinal Imaging Technology (Steve LeValley & Brett Kaysen)
- Food Safety Works Newsletter (Edie McSherry & Marissa Bunning)
- Local Food Systems: Using Extension as a Platform to Connect & Inform Producers, Consumers & Policy (Adrian Card, Martha Sullins & Dawn Thilmany McFadden)
- Lawn Irrigation Self Audit (Curtis Swift, Linda McMulkin, Alison Stoven, Perry Cabot, Anthony Koski & Denis Reich)

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