

LOOKING FOR FUNDS TO DEVELOP YOUR INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS?

This workshop is designed to help you identify grants and other financial options to fund your business ideas. We will discuss ways to plan your project and strengthen your grant application.

Specific programs to be covered include:

USDA Value Added Producer Grant

- provides planning and working capital funds to farmers and farmer-based enterprises to develop and implement value-added ventures.

USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

- funds research, demonstration projects, and marketing.

USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant

- funds endeavors to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin

- funds projects to increase demand for

DIRECTIONS:



ANGIE'S MAIN CAFÉ

132 South Main Street
Shawano, Wisconsin

Additional public parking is available behind the restaurant, near Shawano City Hall. This lot can be accessed from South Sawyer Street.

Agricultural Grant Program Workshop

November 12, 2014



Federal and State Grant Programs for Farmers & Food Entrepreneurs

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Successfully Applying to Agricultural Grant Programs - November 12th - Shawano

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Wednesday, November 12th—Angie’s Main Cafe, Shawano

Name: _____

Farm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to request a vegetarian lunch.

\$15 for each person: _____

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**UW-Extension Shawano County
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166**

Questions?? Contact:
Jamie Patton

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Welcome – Andrew Bernhardt, UW-Extension/SARE
(Participants are invited to give a brief introduction to their projects)

10:00 AM Project design, identifying funding sources and grant-writing basics
– Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

12:00 PM Lunch Program – Perspective from a grant recipient
“How I applied for and used a grant in my agriculture business”

1:00 PM Grant Programs Highlight Panel

- WI DATCP Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin – Teresa Engel
- USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant – Juli Spek
- USDA Value Added Producer Grant – Mike Daniels
- USDA SARE Farmer and Rancher Grant – Andrew Bernhardt

1:45 PM Hands-on Grant Proposal Evaluation & Development

- Review and evaluate an actual proposal in groups

2:45 PM Additional Financial Options Panel

- Farm Service Agency – Farm loans & micro-loan program
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cost share programs
- Farm Credit System Bank (GreenStone Farm Credit) – Loan programs
- WI DATCP – *Got Moo-la Business Resource Guide* – Carl Rainey

3:30 PM Network and meet with grant representatives

4:00 PM Adjourn

PARTNERS: Michael Fields Agricultural Institute – USDA, Rural Development – USDA, SARE – UW-Cooperative Extension – WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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