

State Funding Opportunities Reviewer Criteria for Funding

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 available for proposals will be \$5,000 each.

Criteria for funding:

1. All proposals will be submitted on line.
2. Maximum length of 3 pages

If these first 2 criteria are not met, your proposal will NOT be considered. Each of the following criteria are rated by reviewers.

3. Clearly states the issue to be addressed and why is it a priority.
4. Lists faculty involved. All proposals must include at least one county-based AND one campus-based OR one experiment station-based faculty.
5. Inputs and budget; provides the numeric budget and the narrative.
6. Outputs. How will these lead to a larger program?
7. What will be evaluated and how the evaluation will be done?
8. States short term outcomes.
9. Explains how this is a unique and innovative idea.

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

Criteria for funding:

1. All proposals will be submitted online.
2. Maximum length of 3 pages

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3. Working groups require: 3 or more counties involved; county and campus/experiment station collaboration.
4. What is the critical issue to be addressed? Why is it a critical issue? Who does it affect?
5. Is the working group multidisciplinary? Does it address more than one program area?
6. Inputs and budget; provides the numeric budget and the narrative.
7. Outputs; clearly states the education product and the need or justification for the educational product.
8. What will be evaluated and how the evaluation will be done.
9. States short and medium term outcomes.
10. How will funding for this working group differ from state initiative funds if you are applying for them?

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.

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.

Criteria for funding:

1. All proposals will be submitted online.
2. Maximum length of 3 pages

If these first 2 criteria are not met, your proposal will NOT be considered. Each of the following criteria are rated by reviewers.

3. The requirements for state-wide initiatives include: 5 or more of 15 counties involved; county/campus/experiment station partnership.
4. Is there an established working group addressing this topic?
5. What is the critical issue to be addressed? Why is it a critical issue? Who does it affect?
6. Is the initiative multidisciplinary? Does it address more than one program area?
7. Does the initiative address one of the priority areas (drought, obesity and health, and science and technology)?
8. Does the initiative have the expertise and research base to address the issue?
9. Inputs and budget; provides the numeric budget and the narrative.
10. What will be evaluated and how the evaluation will be done?

11. States short, medium, and long term outcomes.
12. Is there potential for future collaborations and/or future funding from other sources?
13. Letter(s) of support.
14. How will funding for this initiative differ from working group funds if you are applying for them?

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