

Grant Writing for Farmers and Non-Governmental Organizations

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This workshop aims to help small farmers or groups maximize their use of a wide variety of federal programs. It will cover three topics:

- The first is designing high-quality projects.
- The second is identifying federal programs offering potentially useful resources, especially conservation incentive programs. One resource used in this discussion is *A Guide to USDA and Other Federal Resources for Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Enterprises*, published in 1998. Workshop participants will receive a free copy of the Guide, which describes program resources in value-added and diversified agriculture and forestry; sustainable land management; and community development.
- The third topic addresses ways to maximize your chances of getting proposals or projects funded or approved by federal programs. It will focus on grant-writing skills, offering examples of grant-writing dilemmas and some solutions to them, as well as tips on why proposals commonly do NOT get funded.