

# OSU CARES/OSU Extension Grants

## *Tips for Seed Grants and Faculty Support Grants*

- ▶ **Implement the spirit of OSU CARES.** OSU CARES (Community Access to Resources and Educational Services) is designed to expand the partnerships between OSU Extension and Ohio State colleges/departments and units. Your proposal should go beyond the traditional partnerships OSU Extension has historically supported with the colleges of FAES, Education and Human Ecology, Biological Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine.
- ▶ **Follow the RFP outline when you organize your proposal.** Follow the page limit guidelines in the RFP! Adding “extra” pages to the appendix DOES NOT HELP YOU! Answer the questions in the order in which they are listed on the RFP.
- ▶ **Spend the time needed to think through your project.** If you cannot clearly and concisely answer each of the questions in the proposal, have you thought and discussed what you are going to do for the project? Don’t be vague in answering the questions.
- ▶ **Have a vision for this project beyond this initial funding.** The OSU CARES grants are dollars to help move an outreach/engagement partnership forward. Establishing a long-term partnership will require more work, more dollars, and more discussions. How is this project part of a larger vision that you may have for this initiative? How does this grant proposal fit into your overall vision?
- ▶ **Have in-depth conversations with partners before you apply.** These grants are to support partnerships between OSU Extension and other units across Ohio State University. The partnering units need to have conversations that lead to the development of “mutually beneficial” partnership. The partners in this project should be equal partners who have worked together to develop the proposal and will work together to implement the proposal.
- ▶ **Have conversations with your unit leadership.** To sustain these types of partnerships requires that your unit leadership supports your effort. How can this project be incorporated into existing Extension programs and the teaching, research and service work of your department. If you were to leave your position tomorrow, would someone else in your department be interested in continuing the partnership?
- ▶ **Be specific on your timeline.** We recognize this will change, but a specific timeline reflects how well you have thought through this project.
- ▶ **Be specific on your budget.** Again, we recognize that this may change, but if you are specific, it shows you have thought it through.
- ▶ **Have a colleague who knows nothing about your project read the proposal.** Do they understand what you are proposing to do? Does the proposal give them enough information that they could decide to fund the project?

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Ready...set...Go

## **Tips for Success in Obtaining Outreach & Engagement Grants**

### **OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants**

*(up to \$10,000 each)*

Fund outreach and engagement initiatives with partners from at least two colleges/departments (including OSU Extension).

### **OSU CARES/OSU Extension Faculty Support Grants**

*(up to \$20,000 each)*

Support faculty time devoted to engagement on specific issues in partnership with OSU Extension.

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## **Outreach and Engagement**

meaningful and mutually beneficial collaborations with partners outside the academic community, such as those in education, business, and public and social service.

It is—

- ▶ That aspect of *teaching* that enables learning beyond the campus walls
- ▶ That aspect of *research* that makes what we discover useful beyond the academic community
- ▶ That aspect of *service* that directly benefits the public