**Hoecker Extension Innovative and Replication Grants Program**

*The Dale and Alice Hoecker family established the Extension Innovative Grants Program in 2001 to encourage creative Extension programming. Creative and innovative programs are a primary way in which Extension “pushes the envelope” and tests new ideas, programs, and/or approaches. Replication Grants provide opportunities for Extension to launch new ideas, programs or approaches within their respective assignments. Grant selection will be based on a brief written proposal.*

**Purpose:** To encourage and support Extension faculty in developing/replicating and delivering programs that address a high priority need of an Oregon target audience through creative and innovative approaches. This grants program is only for new projects or programs (funding existing programs is not allowed). The project may be a replication program or of new design but must be “new” for the respective applicant.

**Eligibility:** OSU Extension faculty and staff with at least a .30 FTE Extension appointment are eligible to apply.

**Application Instructions:**

\_\_\_ Cover page – label as Hoecker Grant application, include title of project and lead PI’s name.

\_\_\_ Submit a 2-page (maximum) proposal that includes the following:

* Name and title of the primary investigator.
* Project being addressed, target audience, and current situation.
* Proposed plan of action, anticipated outcomes and process for evaluating impact.
* Timeline of project implementation – must be conducted within the next 12 months following the award.
* Description of how project demonstrates an innovative and/or creative program, approach, or delivery method or justification of replication program.
* Detailed budget for entire project even if this application is only for partial funding of a larger proposal. Identify all sources of income, in-kind support and expenses as well as grant funds requested.
* Other information relevant to the selection criteria.

\_\_\_ Abstract (150 words max.) summarizing the project.

**Reporting Requirements:** Upon completion of project, the successful recipient will provide a brief (2-page maximum) electronic written report that includes a discussion of what was learned, outcomes and impacts accomplished and implications for the future. Recipients may also be asked to present a brief oral summary at the OSUEA Awards program the following year.

**Award:** The number of grants and/or amount of the grant may vary based on funds available. The maximum award amount will not exceed $4,000. Funds may be used to support program development, marketing, delivery, evaluation, and/or equipment related to the innovative/replication project. Announcement of the awards will be made annually at a statewide Extension staff event, typically Extension Annual Conference.

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