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### News from the CRA

## USDA Value-added Ag Product Marketing Development Grant Resources Available on the Net

The Rural Business Cooperative Service announced the availability of 27.7 million in competitive grants to help independent agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. Funds may be used for (1) Developing feasibility studies or business plans needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity. (2) Acquiring working capital to operate a value-added business venture or an alliance that will allow the producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

Resources for completing the application for funding can be found at;

[www.agmrc.org/business/valueaddedgrant.html](http://www.agmrc.org/business/valueaddedgrant.html)

Templates for completing the application can be found at;

<http://fpc.unl.edu/Marketing/grant.htm#template>

## Procurement Seminar Scheduled

On November 17 and 18 in Minot, North Dakota, Senator Dorgan is hosting a Federal Government Procurement Seminar to discuss how North Dakota companies can do business with the federal government. The forum will include key procurement officials from the Department of Defense, Social Security Administration, and other government agencies. These agencies subcontract millions of dollars in work each year. The Small Business Administration will have experts there to talk about ways small businesses can work with these agencies. Learn what agencies are looking for when hiring government subcontractors. Hear what guidelines you must follow to compete for government contracts. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk directly with top government procurement officials.

<http://www.dorgan.senate.gov/features/econdevforums.cfm#procure>

to sign up for more information.

## Funding Opportunities

### Supporting the Uniqueness of Native Peoples

#### [Seventh Generation Fund](#)

The Seventh Generation Fund facilitates the self-help efforts of grassroots indigenous peoples to organize and rebuild healthy communities through an integrated program of advocacy, management support, small grants, training and technical assistance. Support is provided for projects in five primary areas: Arts and Cultural Expression, Environmental Health and Justice, Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, Sacred Earth, and Sustainable Communities. Applications are reviewed four times per year. The next application deadline is December 1. For detailed information, visit the above website.

### A Strong Commitment to Children

#### [Hasbro Children's Foundation](#)

The Hasbro Children's Foundation is committed to improving the emotional, mental and physical well-being of children up to the age of twelve and their families through the support of innovative

direct service programs in the areas of health, education and social services. The Foundation's funding helps to provide the support children need to grow up healthy and strong, to bring innovative programs to children throughout the nation, and to resolve the issues that put children at risk in the first place. There is no deadline for applications; requests are reviewed three times a year. Visit the website above for complete application information.

#### **Support for Grassroots Social Change**

##### [Ben & Jerry's Foundation](#)

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation provides support to nonprofit, grassroots organizations that facilitate progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. The Foundation focuses on the types of activities and strategies an organization uses for creating social change in a number of areas. The Foundation will only consider proposals from grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are organizing for systemic social change and whose projects are examples of creative problem solving. Both full grants ranging from \$1,001 to \$15,000 and small grants of \$1,000 or less are awarded. Letters of interest may be submitted at any time. For more information, go to the above website.

#### **Help for AIDS Victims**

##### [M-A-C AIDS Fund](#)

The M-A-C AIDS Fund makes grants to charitable nonprofit organizations worldwide that provide direct care, support and assistance to men, women, and children who are living with HIV/AIDS or impacted by AIDS. Grants are made in the following categories: basic needs; especially food, nutrition supplements and any direct physical support to people living with HIV/AIDS, prevention, education and awareness, direct service, event sponsorship directly benefiting programs and special needs. Proposals are reviewed quarterly (usually March, June, September and December) and must arrive at least one month prior to the quarterly review date. Find out much more about this fund on the website above.

#### **Assuring a Quality Life for Future Generations**

##### [The Procter & Gamble Fund/Corporate Contributions Program](#)

The Procter & Gamble Fund primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations located in the communities where the company has a major presence. The company's areas of interest include: education, arts and culture, community improvement, and environment. Some support is made to select organizations internationally. There is no deadline for applications. For further information, visit the above website.

#### **Thirty-Nine Years of Support from the Packard Family**

##### [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#)

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation works to ensure opportunities for all children to reach their potential, to protect reproductive rights and stabilize world population, to conserve and restore the earth's natural systems, and to encourage the creative pursuit of science. The Foundation works to achieve its mission through support of programs in selected issue areas, through support for special opportunities that is flexible and responsive to the institutional needs of organizations, and through targeted support in local areas of historical importance to the Packard family. There is no deadline for applications. Visit the above website for more information.

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## **In Need of News/Updates**

I am in need of news to share in my weekly emails and to post on the ndalliancelink.com website. E-mail me at [levery@gondtc.com](mailto:levery@gondtc.com)

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## **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- ✓ September 16<sup>th</sup> SW REAP Meeting in Dickinson
- ✓ October 1<sup>st</sup> Champion Alliance Strategic Plan Review in Washburn
- ✓ October 1<sup>st</sup> Innovative Leadership Australia Presentation in Washburn
- ✓ October 2<sup>st</sup> Champion Alliance monthly meeting in Washburn
- ✓ February 17, 2004 Sirolli Institute Presentation (TBA)

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## **Upcoming Training Opportunities**

### **September**

- 18- Checklist for Starting a Business: City Hall in Harvey
- 24- SBDC Quick Books for the Beginner in Grand Forks
- 25- Credit & Collections: Business Resource Center in Fargo
- 26- SBDC "Selling to Uncle Sam" Procurement Training in Grand Forks
- 29- SBA "Where's the Cash" Seminar in Lisbon, Ellendale & Jamestown
- 30- SBA "Where's the Cash" Seminar in Carrington, Valley City & Oakes

**October**

- 21- SBDC Quick Books for Small Businesses Training in Jamestown
- 28- SBDC Working with Quick Books Training in Grand Forks

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## Current and Ongoing Projects

- ✓ NDalliancelink.com maintenance and updating
- ✓ Alliance Board Strategic Plan Update
- ✓ Alliance Link Newsletter (December 2003)
- ✓ Sirolli Institute Demonstration Project
- ✓ ND Leadership Capacity Building in Designated Areas