**DO YOU HAVE A FOOD OR FARM BUSINESS?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT A NEW IDEA?**



Join us for a workshop designed to help you identify which grants or other financial options might be right for you. This workshop will address ways to plan your project and strengthen your application.

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**Dates & Locations**

**Friday, September 21st – Western WI – La Crosse County**

Room 0430, La Crosse County Admin. Building, 212 6th St., North La Crosse, WI 54601

*\*Early-bird registration closes on Sept 14th*

To register, contact: 608-785-9593 or email [uwexmail@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:uwexmail@lacrossecounty.org)

Para más información sobre este evento, comuníquese con Jay Lema al 608.800.6726.

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**Saturday, September 22nd – Southern WI – Iowa County**

Iowa County Health and Human Services Building, Community Room, 303 W. Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533

*\*Early-bird registration closes on Sept 14th*

To register, contact: Barry Hottmann or Gene Schriefer at [barry.hottmann@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:barry.hottmann@ces.uwex.edu) or [gene.schriefer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:gene.schriefer@ces.uwex.edu) or 608-930-9850.

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**Friday, September 28th – Eastern WI – Brown County**

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, 2740 Mason St., Green Bay, WI. Enter

at the "Student Center" main door and proceed to the Eagle Event Center Room.

*\* Early-bird registration closes on Sept 20th*

To register, contact: Liz Binversie at [elizabeth.binversie@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:elizabeth.binversie@ces.uwex.edu) or 920-391-4612

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**Thursday, October 11th – North-central WI – Taylor County**

USDA/County Service Center, 925 Donald St., Medford, WI 54451****

*\* Early-bird registration closes on Oct 4th*

To register, contact: Cathy Mauer, 715-748-3327 ext. 3, [cathy.mauer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:cathy.mauer@ces.uwex.edu)

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REGISTRATION FEE OF $15 WILL COVER THE COST OF LUNCH AND MATERIALS

*Scholarships are available to help cover the registration fee. Please ask for more information during registration.*

If you are interested in attending and need accommodations, please let your local registration contact know.

Successfully Applying to Agricultural Grant Programs

2018 Workshop Agenda

This workshop is designed to give farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs information, tools, and hands-on training to strengthen grant and loan applications. This workshop will help you create a competitive application and get the financial resources you need to fuel your business.

9:00 AM Check-in

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions

Participants are invited to give a brief introduction to their projects

Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension/SARE

10:00 AM Designing a sound project, identifying funding sources and grant-writing basics

Margaret Krome, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

12:00 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Lunch Program – Perspective from a grant recipient:

“How I applied for and used a grant in my agriculture business”

1:15 PM Grant Programs Highlights

* USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant
* DATCP Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Grants
* USDA SARE Farmer-Rancher Grant
* DATCP Farmer-Led Watershed Grants

2:00 PM Hands-on Grant Proposal Evaluation & Development

* Review and evaluate an actual proposal in groups.

Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension/SARE

3:00 PM Additional Financial Options

* Farm Service Agency – Farm Loans & Micro-loan Program
* Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cost Share Programs
* Farm Credit System Bank – Loan Programs

3:45 PM Networking and one-on-one Q&A with presenters

4:00 PM Adjourn

PARTNERS:

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