

# Institute for Rural America-- *Seize the Moment Grants*

## **Purpose:**

The Institute for Rural America is pleased to announce it has a limited number of grants available to assist rural focused nonprofit organizations and projects. These are small grants designed for groups needing to take quick action on issues that arise.

## **Guidelines:**

Seize the Moment grants are for educational, leadership, and organizing in response to an unanticipated project, challenge, opportunity, or threat to a rural organization's work and/or undertaking urgent action in response to extraordinary conditions. **We are selective and prefer agriculture related proposals. Projects must focus on assisting groups and have a rural and agriculture supportive purpose.** We prefer proposals that include:

- Educational and leadership related projects.
- Public events and rallies.
- Time specific special projects with a rural focus.
- Capacity building rural projects or training programs.
- Public policy advocacy.

## **These Grants Are Not For:**

- Operational or budget emergencies.
- Travel, unless compelling needs require travel.
- Emergency needs for Food Banks.
- Projects that do not focus on rural agriculture educational , leadership, or organizing needs.
- Intervening in a political campaign of any candidate for public office, or engaging in partisan activity of any kind.
- Lobbying for federal funds or grants.

The maximum Seize the Moment Grant is \$250 and it is to be used within six months of receipt. A report on how grant funds are used is required within 60 days of completion of the award. Grants are awarded with equal opportunity with no bias for any protected class of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. Funds are limited and when they are expended for a year, the grants will cease until the following fiscal year.

## **To apply**

- Inquiries acceptable prior to application.
- Application can be made at any time by e-mail or FAX--no more than two pages.

## **The letter should include:**

- Name, address, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address of applicant.
- Include name and Federal Identification number of organization, regarding 501 © 3 status. *NOTE: It is possible for the Institute to accept applications from groups that do not have a 501 C 3 status.*
- Include amount requested.
- Include description of the grant request, including how the grant meets the Institute's guidelines and will assist your organization in its efforts.
- Include a description of the need or threat, and why quick action is needed and your organization's plan for urgent response and action.
- Attach a copy of the completed conference registration form if appropriate.
- Include a signature and title.
- Include Fiscal Agent information if applicant does not have a 501 C 3 status. **If Using a Fiscal Agent, We Need:** Fiscal Agent Federal Identification number, address, contact person and contact information, and Fiscal Agent signature which can be added as an attachment.

## **For More Information, or to Submit an Application, Contact:**

- **E-mail** to: SeizetheMomentGrant@gmail.com
- **Postal mail** your application to: Institute for Rural America, PO Box 566, Ames, Iowa 50010
- **Fax to:** 866-629-3976. Attn. Dave Reed

## **Deadline**

Proposals are accepted at anytime. Successful applicants will generally be notified within 2 weeks.