



FUNDING SOURCES

Potential sources of grants:

- **Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Matching Grants-** \$500 in matching grants. There is \$8000 budgeted for this project for 2006. Due date is April 1.
- **White-Reinhardt Fund for Education-** established by the American Farm Bureau (AFB) Women's Committee. The funds are being distributed in two program areas: teacher scholarship winners and mini-grants for educational projects.
- **Local community foundations-** check in your area to see what might be established and if any qualify for educational projects.
- **Local companies and businesses-** some companies have funds available for projects and community related activities.
- **Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge Grants Program-** This program seeks to promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agri-science and agribusiness. More information at <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1083>

Other sources of funds:

- County Farm Bureau Board budget
- Local FFA Alumni affiliates and FFA Chapters
- Commodity groups i.e. dairy, pork, cranberry
- Promotional groups in your county or area
- Fair stand proceeds
- Special fundraising efforts – cookbooks, dances, cook-outs, calendars
- Silent Auctions
- Memorial contributions
- County Extension
- Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board
- Donations at various Farm Bureau events

Making your funds go farther:

- Co-sponsor events and projects with other groups
- Ask for donations in your county newsletters and publications
- Some businesses will donate product for farm tours and classroom presentations i.e. pizza, dairy products, soy products
- Some schools budget for activities and trips. Don't be shy to ask if they have funding to help cover some of the costs.
- Use media and publicity to promote your activities. Sometimes sponsors will come to you when they see positive activities happening!
- Give follow-up reports to groups that currently give you funds so that they are willing to renew funding for future years.
- Apply for grants with another group.