



**THE TOBACCO TRUST FUND
COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
AND THE CHAIRS OF THE HOUSE AND
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEES**

November 1, 2016

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The Honorable Tim Moore
Speaker
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Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on
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Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Berger and Representative Moore:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-722(a), the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission hereby presents a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations from the Chairman, William H. "Bill" Teague. As specified in the legislation, this report contains an update on grant activity and operating expenditures.

If we can provide any further information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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As the Chairman of the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, I am pleased to present our annual report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Co-Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Farmers continue to be challenged with commodity prices and environmental burdens. Recently many of our agriculturalists in the eastern part of the state were hit with Hurricane Matthew devastating late season crops like peanuts and sweet potatoes. Dedication will be required by many to assist our rural areas with record flooding. One saving grace to these obstacles has been our producers hard work to help diversify their operations. No longer are the majority of producers depending on one commodity to carry their business through the hardships faced each season. The Tobacco Trust Fund Commission has continued to gain knowledge in understanding as to what it takes to help members of the agricultural family diversify successfully, through our grant program and our relationships with other expert organizations.

The Tobacco Trust Fund Commission's work is **critical** because agriculture remains a very important part of our state's economy, contributing **\$84** billion annually, accounting for over **17%** of the state's income and employing **17%** of the workforce. Our board and staff have worked very hard in the past year to make investments that strengthen a core business with limited funding. We have accomplished this by implementing projects to support diversification, education, job creation/sustainability and environmental preservation. We applaud our legislative leadership for allowing the Commission to continue to serve the number one industry of our state's economy.

Active grant information, the 2016 grant awards, and information showing the impact of our funds are included in this report. We have provided a synopsis of each recipient's project and, with the guidance of the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, their impressive results with the financial assistance provided.

We are very proud of our work and humbled to play a part in helping our great state move forward.

Sincerely,

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2016

Background

North Carolina's share of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) was divided into three different parts. Under the terms of the consent decree in North Carolina, 50% of the funds are directed to a non-profit corporation, Golden LEAF, to be used for economic development in tobacco-dependent communities. By statute the remaining 50% is equally divided between two state Commissions. The Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission utilizes their portion for health-related needs (HWTFC). The final portion is allocated to the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission (TTFC). With the passage of the 2011 budget, the TTFC now receives funding via appropriations and the HWTFC is no longer in existence.

The TTFC was created on August 2, 2000 with the approval of House Bill 1431. The purpose of the Commission is to assist tobacco farmers, former tobacco quota holders, persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses, individuals displaced from tobacco-related employment, and tobacco product component businesses in this State due to the adverse effects of the MSA. Funds can be disbursed through **compensatory programs** and **qualified agricultural programs**.

Membership is made up of 18 people, six appointed by the Governor, six by the Speaker of the House and six by the President Pro Tem of the Senate. The board met for the first time February 15, 2001 at which the members were given their charges and sworn in.

Since November 1, 2015

The TTFC has met **four times** this past year. During these meetings, board members awarded grant funds, received grantee updates and took action on grant amendment requests.

In 2016, a total of **41** grant applications were received requesting over **\$8.3** million in funding. After a very detailed review process, the TTFC approved grants totaling **\$4.5 million for 22 projects**. The limitation of funds prevented the board from addressing many more of these worthy applications.

Even with the limitation of funds, the TTFC is very proud of the investments made this past year to help people in North Carolina continue to move forward. Below are examples of positive impacts in just a few of our ongoing projects.

- Through the Agri-Safe NC and Certified Safe Farm program over 12,000 farmers, family members and workers have been served so far through health educational events. Over 1,000 people have received personal health screenings and 30 farms have undergone Certified Safe Farm audits.
- 1,305 students received job training and tuitions assistance through the NC Community College Systems Project Skill-Up.
- The NC Wildlife Federation helped provide 5,200 people 75,000 meals by partnering with Hunters for the Hungry. They were able to reduce the amount of crop damage and number of deer/car accidents.
- Ag-Options has awarded 33 cost share grants in 20 Western NC counties. Projects featured innovative ideas using new farm equipment, refurbishing an old grist mill for agri-tourism, improved livestock handling facilities and more.
- The Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, NC State Cooperative Extension, USDA Farm Service Agency and the NC Forest Service now occupy a new building in Yadkin County. The County Farm Bureau has also scheduled community meetings for over 100 attendees. Many college classes are utilizing the building as well, with a goal of 1,000 early college students and 5,000 corporate and continuing education programs.

New enterprises are continuing to take hold, new markets are being developed, and new job opportunities are being provided. These contributions, detailed throughout this report, illustrate the passion of North Carolinians to restore prosperity to former tobacco-dependent communities and businesses. Agriculture is still a key industry in the state driving an important economic engine in the rural areas. Our state leaders have shown their ability to address current challenges and future opportunities by providing financial resources through our program that will pay dividends for years to come. On behalf of the board and the many people we serve, the TTFC thanks you for your support.

NC TOBACCO TRUST FUND COMMISSION
2012 CYCLE ACTIVE GRANTS: COMPLETED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2015
AND/OR ACTIVE as of OCTOBER, 2016

Project: JSCC Diesel Mechanic Program

Contact: Mr. Jeffery Myers
James Sprunt Community College
PO Box 398
Kenansville, NC 28349
910-296-2531

Grant Amount: \$100,000

This project established a nationally recognized Continuing Education Diesel Mechanic Program at James Sprunt Community College. This grant project built a new facility on existing land owned by Duplin County in Warsaw, NC. Mechanics were trained and placed into high demand jobs in the region.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Duplin and surrounding counties

www.jamessprunt.edu

Project: Adding Value to WNC Livestock

Contact: Mr. L.T. Ward
WNC Communities
594 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806
828-252-4783

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Project will help about 350 WNC livestock producers earn higher prices for their cattle by delivering a series of educational workshops and one-on-one guidance on proven ways to add value to their livestock.

Status: Several seminars for livestock farmers have been held in the region and have reached over 3,504 producers. The extension livestock specialist has conducted meetings on several areas of interest for local producers. The project received approval for a contract extension to June, 2017.

Area Served: Western NC counties

www.wnccommunities.org

Project: **Yadkin Valley Agriculture Center**

Contact: Ms. Lisa Hughes
 Yadkin County
 PO Box 146
 Yadkinville, NC 27055
 336-679-4200

Grant Amount: \$100,000

The scope of the project consists of constructing a two story multi-purpose Agricultural center at the Yadkin County Center. Classroom space for Surry Community College will be included. It will provide office space for NC State Cooperative Extension, NC Forestry, Soil & Water, and other agencies, as well as a 300 person conference center, commercial kitchen and lecture halls. Grant funds will be leveraged with other funding for completion.

Status: The Soil and Water Conservation District /USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, NC State Cooperative Extension, USDA Farm Service Agency and the NC Forest Service now occupy the building. The County Farm Bureau has scheduled meetings (estimated 100+ attending). Many college classes are utilizing the building as well with a goal of 1,000 early college students and 5,000 corporate and continuing education programs.

Area Served: Yadkin and surrounding counties

<http://www.yadkincountync.gov/>

NC TOBACCO TRUST FUND COMMISSION
2013 CYCLE ACTIVE GRANTS: COMPLETED AFTER
NOVEMBER 1, 2015 AND/OR ACTIVE as of OCTOBER, 2016

Project: **AgriSafe-NC and Certified Safe Farm Expansion**

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
 NC Ag Foundation
 Box 7645 NCSU
 Raleigh, NC 27695
 919-515-9262

Grant Amount: \$300,000

Farmers, their families and their workers will benefit from learning how maintaining a healthier lifestyle can reduce medical expenses. On-site health screenings, seminars and ag-related events will be utilized to reach thousands of people. Farmers in 18 counties can apply for free farm safety evaluations and can qualify for up to \$500 in cost-share funds to make safety improvements on their operations.

Status: Over 12,000 farmers, family members and workers have been served so far through educational events or farm visits. Over 1,000 people have received health screenings and 30 farms have undergone Certified Safe Farm audits.

Area Served: 18+ key agricultural counties

www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ag_fnd.htm

Project: **Got to Be NC Marketing Program**

Contact: Mr. Joe Sanderson
 NCDA&CS
 1020 Mail Service Center
 Raleigh, NC 27699
 919-733-7912

Grant Amount: \$200,000

The project supported the “Got to Be NC” marketing campaign. Cooperative marketing funds supported efforts in the grocery and foodservice industries as well as through various commodity associations.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Statewide

Project: **Promoting North Carolina's Agriculture Community**

Contact: Ms. Melody Worthington
Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Inc.
PO Box 88
Kenly, NC 27542
919-284-3431

Grant Amount: \$50,000

The educational facility touts the history of tobacco and agriculture in NC and serves as an economic driver for the region. A major television campaign ran reaching 340,000 households within one hour of the museum. Attendance increased by 30% from 2014 to 2015. Local visitors increased. More motor coach tours were planned for 2016. Grantee feels that campaign was very successful in attracting new and returning visitors. Social media efforts grew and grantee believes it will be a major force in attracting more visitors.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Johnston and surrounding counties

www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org

NC TOBACCO TRUST FUND COMMISSION
2014 CYCLE ACTIVE GRANTS - COMPLETED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2015
AND/OR ACTIVE as of OCTOBER, 2016

Project: **Appalachian Grown Marketing Support**

Contact: Mr. Charlie Jackson
 Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
 306 West Haywood Street, Suite 200
 Asheville, NC 28801
 828-236-1282

Grant Amount: \$76,000

Project provided cost-share funds for marketing and promotional costs incurred by WNC farmers. In addition, ASAP provided produce boxes under a group buying plan that lowered costs for farmers. Both programs were designed to reduce expenses and increase sales and income for farm families. Farmers provided 50% of the total marketing costs.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: 23 Western NC counties

www.asapconnections.org

Project: **Local Produce Safety Initiative**

Contact: Ms. Karen McSwain
 Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
 PO Box 448
 Pittsboro, NC 27312
 919-542-2402

Grant Amount: \$45,000

CFSA targeted smaller farmers who applied for assistance to develop food safety plans. Farmers are better prepared to implement Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) audits.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Selected counties

www.carolinafarmstewards.org

Project: **Martin County Farmers Market Manager**

Contact: Mr. Al Cochran
County of Martin
104 Kehukee Park Rd.
Williamston, NC 27892
252-789-4370

Grant Amount: \$5,000

The project established a part-time farmer's market manager position at the market located in Williamston. The manager implemented several community outreach events, organized food safety classes for vendors and worked to promote the market. Overall, about 2,000 customers were served during the year and the market had 10-15 vendors consistently each weekend.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Martin County

www.martin.ces.ncsu.edu

Project: First On Scene

Contact: Mrs. Robin Tutor-Marcom
East Carolina University - NC Agromedicine Institute
1157 VOA Site C Road
Greenville, NC 27834
252-744-1008

Grant Amount: \$140,000

Farms will learn the critical steps in addressing on-farm emergencies and accidents. "First on Scene" training will be provided to emergency responders. Cost share for emergency equipment will be available to participants.

STATUS: Personnel have improved their outreach to county extension and EMS/Fire departments. First aid kits and fire extinguishers have been secured for distribution. Presentations have been underway to various farm and FFA groups.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncagromedicine.org

Project: Buy Local, Cut Fresh

Contact: Ms. Misty Gil
Eastern North Carolina Christmas Tree Growers Association
1713 NC 55 E
Dunn, NC 28334

910-658-8759

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Grant funds will be used to develop regional marketing campaigns to encourage consumers to visit and purchase “choose and cut” Eastern Christmas trees. The grantee’s website will be improved for more complete consumer information.

Status: Radio ads ran in 4 markets with an estimated reach of over 777,000 listeners. The associations’ website has been updated and modified.

Area Served: Eastern tree growing regions

www.nc-chooseandcut.com

Project: Agricultural Plastics Recycling

Contact: Terry Albrecht
Waste Reduction Partners, Land of Sky Regional Council
339 New Leicester Hwy., Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806
828-251-6622

Grant Amount: \$40,000

The project will develop a pilot demonstration program that will promote the cost benefits and increased marketing potential of discarded agricultural plastics and overwintering film for recycling.

Status: The scope of the project expanded beyond a few counties. Container collection sites were established at the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market. The group continues to work with nurseries and growers to assist in recycling their plastic containers, row covers and drip tape. A new website has been devoted to project: ncagplastics.org. Various growers/nurseries being assisted on ways to recycle drip tape/containers/mulch. An unexpected result of the Triad Market recycling center has been the desire by the public to re-use old containers that are left there (hard to track tonnage). Plastic from dairy farms are now being collected in Iredell county.

Area Served: Various Counties

www.wastereductionpartners.org

Project: FPP: Expansion to Year-Round Operation

Contact: Ms. Amanda Carter
Foothills Pilot Plant
PO Box 1289
Marion, NC 28752
828-803-2717

Grant Amount: \$75,000

Funds assisted Foothills Pilot Plant with expansion into pork processing and serve the needs of small pork producers.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Statewide

www.foothillspilotplant.com

Project: Developing Future NC Farmers

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
NC Ag Foundation
Box 7645 NCSU
Raleigh, NC 27695
919-515-9262

Grant Amount: \$209,150

This new program will identify up to 20 NCSU Agricultural Majors who plan to enter farming upon graduation. Students will be matched with established farming operations for summer apprenticeships.

Status: 15 students secured internships during the 2015 summer. Eight students were approved for 2016 program. 16 are identified for future interns. All reported on their work experiences and valuable lessons learned. Students assisted with a variety of farm tasks and were able to work with farm/business owners and learn about all aspects of their operation. All students will provide business plan presentations in Fall after internship.

Area Served: Statewide

www.go.ncsu.edu/agfoundation

Project: NC AgVentures

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
NC Ag Foundation
Box 7645 NCSU
Raleigh, NC 27695
919-515-9262

Grant Amount: \$304,365

Farmers in targeted counties qualified for cost-share grants designed to support innovative projects and ideas that increased farm income. Over 20 projects were implemented assisting.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Anson, Stanley, Richmond, Cabarrus, Nash, Edgecombe, Union, Wilson, Pitt, Martin

www.go.ncscu.edu/agfoundation

Project: Project Skill-UP

Contact: Ms. Barbara Boyce
NC Community College System
5001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
919-807-7158

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Qualifying community college students received financial assistance towards tuition, books and/or supplies. The project targeted short term training opportunities designed to get students into the workforce.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Specific community colleges in tobacco-connected areas

www.nccommunitycolleges.edu

Project: Agricultural Emergency Response Teams Expansion Project

Contact: Ms. Sharron Stewart
NCDA&CS - Emergency Programs Division
1035 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
919-807-4300

Grant Amount: \$90,000

The project will establish protocols for agricultural emergency preparedness. Targeted areas will receive assistance on best coordination and communication of activating and deployment of emergency plans to farms and agricultural communities.

Status: The first AERT meeting was held in Western NC with good results. Project leaders will focus on partnering with established groups and sharing resources.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncagr.gov

Project: NC REAL Ag-Entrepreneurship

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
NC Ag Foundation
Box 7645 NCSU
Raleigh, NC 27695
919-515-9262

Grant Amount: \$65,000

144 Agricultural education instructors were trained on how to better teach entrepreneurship to their students. The curriculum will be utilized in high schools to reach thousands of students.

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncreal.org

Project: Farmers and Communities Manage Deer

Contact: Mr. Dom Canavarro
North Carolina Wildlife Federation
1024 Washington St
Raleigh, NC 27605
919-833-1923

Grant Amount: \$130,350

The project will expand the successful Farmers Manage Deer program to establish specific community programs which implement deer reduction programs on farms, further processing opportunities and expand the distribution of protein to the food insecure. A key goal will be a reduction in crops lost to deer and an increase in yields.

Status: The project has conducted over 20 program presentations. 13 mobile and stationary cooler sites were established for the 2015 hunting season. An estimate 200-300 deer were processed, as deer season nears, promotion of the coolers has been underway. Hunters for the Hungry expects a large amount of donated venison which will help feed the food insecure throughout the state.

Area Served: Columbus, Wilson, Edgecombe, Bladen, Beaufort and surrounding counties

www.ncwf.org

Project: Keep on Truckin'

Contact: Mr. Caleb Crowell
New River Organic Growers
PO Box 1223
West Jefferson, NC 28697

336-384-2546

Grant Amount: \$55,800

Expand the sales and distribution of NROG products into the Winston-Salem and Charlotte regions. Over 60 farmers will be impacted.

Status: Expansion plans into new markets have gone well, having secured 26 buyers in the Charlotte market. The group has added meat and dry goods to its list of products. Over \$636,000 in product had been sold year to date. Projects to be profitable by late summer of next year

Area Served: Farmers in northwestern NC and targeted regions

www.newrivergrowers.com

Project: Agricultural Reinvestment Fund

Contact: Mr. Scott Marlow
Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA
PO Box 640
Pittsboro, NC 27312
919-542-1396

Grant Amount: \$220,000

20 projects received a total cost share funding amount of \$162,697. Investments by the farmers and collaborative groups totaled \$126,416. Projects included implementation of agri-tourism operations, custom meat processing, growth in produce markets, a first regional “show-pig” sale, expansion of natural pork production and more. Projects took place in nine counties and impacted over 5,000 acres. 51 jobs were sustained while 49 jobs were created (based on extensive surveys of cost share recipients).

Status: Completed.

Area Served: Piedmont and Coastal Plain region

www.rafiusa.org

Project: From Tobacco to Family Forests

Contact: Mr. Derek Halberg
Tar River Land Conservancy
PO Box 1161
Louisburg, NC 27549
919-496-5902

Grant Amount: \$41,000

TRLC personnel will assist landowners with forest management plans and provide cost-share towards consultation costs of plan developers.

Status: Plans are underway to contact a large number of forest landowners in the targeted counties. Partnerships with the NC Forest Service have not been established to carry out the program and provide assistance for management plans. Time was spent trying to work out this relationship but were unable to do so satisfactorily. They have elected to continue with the original plan of working with consulting foresters.

Area Served: Granville, Person, Warren, Franklin, Halifax, Vance, Edgecombe, Nash

www.tarriver.org

Project: **Troutman Farmers Market & Park Pavilion**

Contact: Ms. Erika G Martin
Town of Troutman
PO Box 26
Troutman, NC 28166
704-508-3012

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Funds will be used towards construction of a new pavilion that will serve as a farmers market and concession area at the new Troutman Town Park.

Status: Structure near completion. Additional farmers are starting to attend market events. Dedication ceremony was held September 13, 2016.

Area Served: Iredell

www.townoftroutman.org

Project: **Revitalizing NC's Working Forest Landowner Summits**

Contact: Dr. Sandy Maddox
The University of Mount Olive, Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center
634 Henderson St.
Mt. Olive, NC 28365
919-658-7682

Grant Amount: \$65,000

The project will implement up to four regional seminars that target forest landowners. The summits will feature industry speakers and education on how landowners can benefit from forest management plans, estate planning and other areas.

Status: Two summits were held during the year and reached over 875 people. Forest landowners received vital information on taxation, management, conservation and more. One more summit is still planned.

Area Served: Statewide

www.mocagbiz.com

Project: WNC Agricultural Options Program

Contact: Mr. L.T. Ward
WNC Communities
594 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806
828-252-4783

Grant Amount: \$440,000

Funding will allow the WNC AgOptions program to continue for over two years. By offering cost-share grants to farmers and communities, qualified farmers will be able to diversify or expand operations and replace tobacco income

Status: 33 cost share grants were awarded in 20 Western NC counties. Projects featured innovative ideas using new farm equipment, refurbishing an old grist mill for agri-tourism ventures, improved livestock handling facilities and more. Grantees are preparing their final reports and data.

Area Served: 22 W NC Counties

www.wncagoptions.org

Project: TRACTOR

Contact: Mr. Tres Magner
Yancey County Government
10 Orchard Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
828-682-6186

Grant Amount: \$71,860

The project will enhance the objectives of the TRACTOR produce distribution facility and provide support for personnel and cold storage equipment.

Status: Access to Bowditch Bottoms farm allowing five experienced producers and the local FFA Chapter access to the land it increase production. Two chefs and two sales associates from the Biltmore Estate visited to understand more about the produce that the intend to Purchase. Over 581 acres are in production.

Area Served: Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties

www.yancey.ces.ncsu.edu/

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2015 CYCLE ACTIVE GRANTS - COMPLETED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2015
AND/OR ACTIVE as of OCTOBER, 2016

Project: **Cost Shares for Mountain Farms**

Contact: Ms. Molly Nicholie
Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP)
306 West Haywood Street
Asheville, NC 28801
828-236-1282

Grant Amount: \$60,000

This project will provide a marketing cost share program to farmers, including current and former tobacco farmers. The goal is to empower farmers to increase the visibility of their products in local markets and improve their ability to compete more effectively. The program will offer a one-to-one match up to 50% of the cost of promotional materials, assisting 75 farmers.

Status: 18 farms and farmers marked were selected. Over \$6,000 leveraged for promotion during first few months of growing season.

Area Served: 23 WNC counties

www.asapconnections.org

Project: **Whirligig Park Farmers Market Shelter**

Contact: Ms. Kimberly Van Dyk
City of Wilson
PO Box 10
Wilson, NC 27894
(252) 315-9395

Grant Amount: \$160,000

The Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park, is being developed by a partnership between the City of Wilson, Wilson Downtown Properties, and Wilson Downtown Development Corporation. Grant funds will aid in the construction of a new farmer's market shelter which will be open 1-2 days in the upcoming Whirligig Park. The shelter will also be used for community events at the park. This new location is geared toward developing the downtown area of this "former tobacco town."

Status: City of Wilson has authorized remaining needed funds of over \$1.2 million. 75% funding stipulation has been met and USDA grant is contingent upon TTFC authorization. Bids were over estimated costs. Working to secure additional funds.

Area Served: Wilson, Nash, Johnston, Wayne, Greene, Pitt, Edgecombe

Project: Mobilized Agricultural Machinery Rescue Training

Contact: Mr. Jimmy Hensley
Cleveland Community College
137 South Post Road
Shelby, NC 28152
(704) 669-4192

Grant Amount: \$50,000

The initiative places high quality agricultural machinery rescue instruction into tobacco-dependent and agricultural-dependent communities throughout NC. The goals are to mobilize the agricultural machinery rescue introductory and certification courses by purchasing specific equipment and to strengthen the rescue and emergency response needs in NC communities. The project is needed throughout NC to support the efforts of local emergency personnel and to alleviate the unattainable financial burden to community colleges to purchase dedicated equipment and other highly-specified course materials

Status: Trailer has been purchased and wrapped. No tractor purchased yet. Four agricultural machinery rescue courses are being offered and are scheduled.

Area Served: Select NC counties based on training needs and their tobacco industry

www.clevelandcc.edu

Project: Martin County Farmers Market Manager

Contact: Mr. Al Cochran
County of Martin
104 Kehukee Park Road
Williamston, NC 27892
(252) 789-4370

Grant Amount: \$5,500

The funding will continue support of a part-time market manager. The market serves Martin County as a resource for fresh produce and local grown meat products and is open every Saturday.

Status: Manager will continue with work at the market and in community.

Area Served: Martin

www.martin.ces.ncsu.edu

Project: Skilling Up

Contact: Ms. Mary Moore
Durham Technical Community College
1637 East Lawson Street
Durham, NC 27703
(919) 536-7222

Grant Amount: \$30,000

Skilling Up is a workforce development initiative that provides training, skills assessment and financial assistance for students so that they can enhance their skills and/or move into new careers. Students must have an agricultural connection whether through their family or through previous employment. Students with ties to the tobacco industry will be given priority. The program will also implement a Small Food Business Conference to train new and emerging food businesses.

Status: Enrolling participants for Summer and Fall Classes. To date grantee has held, 14 SBC seminars and workshops were offered on various food/ag topics, are in planning stages of Small Food Business Conference.

Area Served: Durham and Orange counties

www.durhamtech.edu

Project: Off the Ground

Contact: Ms. Sally Elliott
Forsyth Technical Community College
2100 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
(336) 593-5402

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Off the Ground will create an agricultural training center in Stokes County to educate transitional farmers, high school students and recent graduates, entrepreneurs and others in the techniques and profitability of an agricultural model that embraces sustainable, small-acreage farming. Forsyth Tech along with other partners will develop, promote and deliver credit and non-credit courses showing new ways to profit from the sustainable use of land once designated for tobacco. The grant will fund ag-related training classes and supplies.

Status: Workshop dates have been finalized, have begun site work on hoop house and fenced area.

Area Served: Stokes

www.forsythtech.edu

Project: Financial Literacy for Disadvantaged Farmers

Contact: Mr. Rick Larson
Natural Capital Investment Fund
PO Box 271
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 951-0113

Grant Amount: \$25,300

The grant will assist minority farmers and assist them with training on farm finances. Farmers will share in the costs for accounting services and training. The goal is for these farmers to be more efficient in their financial record-keeping and improve income while reducing expenses.

Status: Developed application and materials, extended deadline for farmers to apply. Five farmers ready to set up with accountants.

Area Served: Beaufort, Bertie, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Sampson, Warren, Wayne & Wilson counties

www.ncifund.org

Project: Agricultural Education Program Improvement Grant

Contact: Mrs. Kathy Kennel
NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. (NCAF)
Campus Box 7645
Raleigh, NC 27695
(919) 515-9259

Grant Amount: \$181,692

The project will provide a minimum of 32 grants to school Agricultural Education programs in North Carolina that will improve and enhance these programs. Grants will be used to fund innovative, sustainable, and relevant projects that will assist the Agricultural Education program in meeting the current needs of the agricultural industry.

Status: 36 schools received grants, orientation meetings were held with all.

Area Served: Statewide

www.go.ncsu.edu/agfoundation

Project: NC AgVentures

Contact: Mrs. Kathy Kennel
NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc. (NCAF)
Campus Box 7645
Raleigh, NC 27695

(919) 515-9259

Grant Amount: \$300,000

The funds will be used for cost-share grants to enhance farming operations. Specific counties in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain will be targeted. Approximately 20 individual grants and 10 community grants will be awarded and carried out.

Status: Received 71 applications. Orientation workshops held in March. 26 grants awarded in 17 counties with 23 individuals and three community groups.

Area Served: Piedmont and Coastal Plain counties

www.agventures.ces.ncsu.edu

Project: Agritourism Marketing Cost Share Program

Contact: Ms. Annie Baggett
NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Marketing Division
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
(919) 707-3120

Grant Amount: \$50,000

The cost-share program for agritourism farmers will develop marketing tools to increase the number of visitors to their farms. The farms have the potential to increase on-farm sales and overall farm value.

Status: 29 farms received awards, 1 farm did not except the award. Additional information will be available in next report as the projects will have taken place.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncagr.gov/markets/agritourism/index.htm

Project: GTBNC Agriculture Reverse Trade Conferences

Contact: Mr. Joe Sanderson
NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Marketing Division
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
(919) 707-3106

Grant Amount: \$60,000

The Domestic Marketing Division will support regional trade conferences and local meetings in which the state's farmers and meat/seafood producers will meet individually with retail and foodservice

buyers. The concept is based on past successful conferences that resulted in increased sales and distribution of NC products.

Status: The major conference has been scheduled for 2/23/17. Two retailers have agreed to attend.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncagr.gov

Project: NC Food Manufacturing Task Force

Contact: Mr. Ron Fish
NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
(919) 707-3119

Grant Amount: \$200,000

The NC Food Manufacturing Task Force will work to best position NC for growth of in-state processing and manufacturing of agricultural products. Benefits of this initiative will create additional market opportunities for farmers, provide additional employment opportunities and increase the contributions of agriculture to our state's economy. The grant will support administrative and personnel costs to carry out the Task Force's mission.

Status: Contract position was filled with six-month contract. A Task Force report has been developed.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncagr.gov

Project: Improving North Carolina's Soil Health

Contact: Ms. Michelle Lovejoy
NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, Inc.
5171 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 330
Raleigh, NC 27612
(919) 510-4599

Grant Amount: \$30,000

The project will support the purchase and support of a mobile soils classroom. These custom trailers will be used across the state to educate farmers and consumers on the importance of soil health as it relates to plant growth, fertilization, and more. Funds will also support training events and supplies for presentations.

Status: Developed educational demonstration/lesson planner, online training manual and resources. Two training sessions were held for district staff.

Area Served: Statewide

www.ncsoilwater.org

Project: Project Skill-UP Pathways

Contact: Ms. Nicole Dunevant
Piedmont Community College
PO Box 1197
Roxboro, NC 27573
(336) 322-2160

Grant Amount: \$24,000

This project is a workforce development initiative that provides training, skills assessment and financial assistance for students so that they can enhance their skills and/or move into new careers. Students must have an agricultural connection whether through their family or through previous employment. Students with ties to the tobacco industry will be given priority.

Status: School is carrying out "basic" PSU program. Enrolled 16 new students during the quarter, 3 of which completed training and found employment,

Area Served: Caswell, Person

www.piedmontcc.edu

Project: Agricultural Reinvestment Fund

Contact: Mr. Scott Marlow
Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA (RAFI)
PO Box 640
Pittsboro, NC 27312
(919) 542-1396

Grant Amount: \$250,000

The project will provide cost-share grants to farmers in specific counties for innovative projects designed to increase farm income and build markets for NC agricultural products. Priority is given to current and former tobacco farmers.

Status: 25 projects have been awarded \$193,555 in grant awards. Received over 70 applications this year. Orientation workshop held for new awardees.

Area Served: Select NC Counties in Eastern NC

www.rafiusa.org

Project: R-CCC Project Skill-UP

Contact: Ms. Andrea Glaze
Roanoke-Chowan Community College
109 Community College Road
Ahoskie, NC 27910
(252) 862-1202

Grant Amount: \$25,000

The grant will support this custom workforce development initiative. The main goal is to provide financial assistance for short-term training courses that lead to third-party certifications to the unemployed or underemployed residents served. Priority funding will be awarded to students that have previous farming or agriculture work experience and to students that have family members who are current or were former farmers.

Status: 27 applied 18 new students accepted this quarter. 38 total entered program 31 have earned certificates. 9 have gained employment.

Area Served: Hertford, Bertie, Northhampton

www.roanokechowan.edu

Project: Center for Brewing Sciences Upgrade

Contact: Mr. Tony Gunn
Rockingham Community College
PO Box 38
Wentworth, NC 27375
(336) 342-4261

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Grant funds will support plans to increase the brewing capacity at the college's Center for Brewing Sciences in Eden. The expansion will train more students and expand outreach to the farming community, many of whom are past or current tobacco farmers. Funds will be used to help purchase new and needed equipment to be used for training for students.

Status: Students have built a three-barrel processer in class.

Area Served: Rockingham

www.rockinghamcc.edu

Project: Project Skill-UP Plus

Contact: Ms. Jackie Freeman
Southeastern Community College

PO Box 151
Whiteville, NC 28472
(910) 642-7141

Grant Amount: \$35,000

Project Skill-UP Plus is a workforce development initiative that provides training, skills assessment and financial assistance for students so that they can enhance their skills and/or move into new careers. Students must have an agricultural connection whether through their family or through previous employment. Students with ties to the tobacco industry will be given priority. Intended beneficiaries are former tobacco quota holders, current/former tobacco farmers and their family members. The project will address the area's current unemployment rate of 7.4%.

Status: 42 students receiving additional education assisting in developing 3 new jobs. Expecting an increased activity related to this grant during next reporting period.

Area Served: Columbus

www.sccnc.edu

Project: **Surry Skill-up**

Contact: Mr. Greg Smith
Surry Community College
630 South Main Street
Dobson, NC 27017
(336) 386-3331

Grant Amount: \$20,000

The grantee will implement classes, workshops, and seminars that target current or potential farmers and the farming community in the service area. With the decline in tobacco farming and tobacco-related industries, access to education, occupational skills training, and targeted workshops/seminars are essential to economic stimulus and recovery in these counties.

Status: Developed four farm related courses providing training for 81 participants. 40 students participated in other occupational training courses.

Area Served: Surry, Yadkin

www.surry.edu

Project: **Investing in NC Agriculture Opportunities**

Contact: Dr. Sandy Maddox
University of Mount Olive - Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center
634 Henderson Street
Mount Olive, NC 28365

(919) 658-7682

Grant Amount: \$150,000

The grantee will work with representatives in specific counties to fund innovative cost-share projects which support agricultural profitability and productivity. Each project will be funded based on its potential to positively benefit the economic development of the respective local communities, agricultural diversification, farm profitability, and skill and resource development for current and future farmers.

Status: First cycle started in summer 2016, 15 applicants with 7 being funded. Second cycle initiated Fall 2016

Area Served: Select NC Counties

www.umoag.com

Project: Cultivating and Growing Agricultural Communities

Contact: Ms. Kyle Burwell
Vance-Granville Community College
PO Box 917
Henderson, NC 27536
(252) 738-3276

Grant Amount: \$25,000

The project is designed to offer NC REAL Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Landscape & Design training to individuals in the college's four-county service area. These educational courses will be offered through day and evening options at VGCC's four-county campuses or other community locations, within the region, during the grant period.

Status: Two Ag Entrepreneurship classes ran in Feb and Mar. Sign was slowed due to Summer season but picked up heavier with Fall/Winter interest.

Area Served: Vance, Granville, Franklin, Warren

www.vgcc.edu

Project: Ashe Healthcare Workforce Needs

Contact: Ms. Rebecca Greer
Wilkes Community College - Ashe Campus
PO Box 504
Jefferson, NC 28640
(336) 903-3114

Grant Amount: \$15,000

The project will address the needs of the region's aging population to secure more healthcare positions. Because a portion of this aging population will not be in long-term care facilities, nursing assistants, phlebotomists and paramedics will also be needed in the hospitals, for in-home care options as well as on the front-line for emergent needs. Funding will assist with tuition costs for approximately 60 students.

Status: This is a new program is being promoted to students and expects numbers to be strong in the Fall and Winter semesters.

Area Served: Ashe

www.wilkescc.edu

Project: Project Skill-UP

Contact: Ms. Margie Norfleet
Wilson Community College
902 Herring Avenue
Wilson, NC 27893
(252) 246-1210

Grant Amount: \$25,000

This grant supports a workforce development initiative that provides training, skills assessment and financial assistance for students so that they can enhance their skills and/or move into new careers. Students must have an agricultural connection whether through their family or through previous employment. Students with ties to the tobacco industry will be given priority.

Status: Have signed up several student and still interviewing students and advertising program, inquiries are high about the program.

Area Served: Wilson

www.wilsoncc.edu

Project: BRFV Co-packing: Bridging to Sustainability

Contact: Mr. L.T. Ward
WNC Communities
594 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 252-4783

Grant Amount: \$50,000

This project will increase opportunities for entrepreneurs and farmers statewide. Funds will support manufacturing line staff and operational expenses to further implement, maintain and manage the co-

packing program at Blue Ridge Food Ventures. Funding will also support development and training for production processes, Food Safety/Good Manufacturing Plans, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) and quality control systems.

Status: Since April 2016, has billed over \$46K in co-packing services, 8 hourly part time employees devoted to co-packing, expect to increase production and hours

Area Served: Statewide

www.wnccommunities.org

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Project: **Local Produce Safety Initiative**

Contact: Ms. Karen McSwain
Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
PO Box 448
Pittsboro, NC 27312
(919) 542-2402

Grant Amount: \$25,000

CFSA's programs will provide Food Safety Program and Plan Development assistance to farmers seeking GAP certification, conduct 2-day workshops covering Principles of Fresh Produce Safety and Navigating the GAP Audit, and provide GAPs workshops at conferences in NC.

Area Served: Statewide

www.carolinafarmstewards.org

Project: **Repairs to Agricultural Facilities**

Contact: Ms. Tammy Falls
Cleveland County Fair, Inc.
1751 E. Marion Street
Shelby, NC 28152
(704) 487-0651

Grant Amount: \$110,348

This project restores and sustains Cleveland County Fair's (CCF) ability to effectively showcase agriculture and promote agribusiness from Cleveland County and the surrounding region by facilitating critical repairs to aging agricultural buildings and farmer operated permanent food stands on the fairgrounds.

Area Served: Cleveland

Applicant Website: www.clevelandcountyfair.com

Project: **Maxwell Regional Agricultural Convention Center**

Contact: Mr. George Wood
County of Wayne
PO Box 227

Goldsboro, NC 27533
(919) 731-1435

Grant Amount: (Phase one) \$750,000

The center will house the USDA Farm Services Agency, the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource and Conservation Services, and the NCSU Cooperative Extension Offices. On the grounds will also be a farmers market and a greenhouse.

Area Served: Wayne

Applicant Website: www.waynegov.com

Project: Project Skilling Up

Contact: Ms. Mary Moore
Durham Technical Community College
1637 East Lawson Street
Durham, NC 27703
(919) 536-7222

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Project Skilling Up, a workforce development initiative, has three core components: 1) outreach and recruitment activities to individuals in communities adversely impacted by the downturn in the tobacco industry; 2) skills assessment and short-term occupational skills training with financial assistance to students to meet their educational goals; 3) delivering targeted entrepreneurship training for new and emerging small food entrepreneurs in partnership with Small Business Center.

Area Served: Durham, Orange

Applicant Website: www.durhamtech.edu

Project: Johnston County Works

Contact: Ms. Joy Callahan
Johnston Community College
135 Best Wood Drive
Clayton, NC 27520
(919) 209-2027

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Johnston County Works is an educational/employment program that will offer educational scholarships to farmers, tobacco quota holders, farm workers and their families who have been affected by the changes in the tobacco and agriculture industries.

Area Served: Johnston

Applicant Website: www.johnstoncc.edu

Project: **Expanding Agricultural Plastics Recycling in NC**

Contact: Mr. Terry Albrecht
Land of Sky Regional Council - Waste Reduction Partners
339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 251-6622

Grant Amount: \$139,650

This project will directly assist vegetable and fruit crop growers to adopt advanced “clean” collection practices for plastic mulch films from plasticulture production, so these residuals can be recycled. The initiative promotes farm stewardship and economic stability in tobacco related regions, providing 32 sustained and new jobs, plus skills improvements for 100 farmers.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.landofsky.org

Project: **Energy Conservation Program (E-CAP)**

Contact: Mr. Alex Arnold
Mountain Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council
4388 US Highway 25-70, Suite #3
Marshall, NC 28753
(828) 649-3313

Grant Amount: \$204,250

NCTTFC cost-share assistance will provide 25% cost-share grants to WNC farmers for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects that increase agricultural output and/or decrease energy costs. The Energy Conservation Assistance Program (E-CAP), is joining with WNC farms to provide the technical and application assistance necessary for shovel-ready energy projects.

Area Served: Alexander, Allegheny, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey

Applicant Website: www.mountainvalleysrccd.org

Project: **Developing Future NC Farmers**

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel

NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc.
Campus Box 7645
Raleigh, NC 27695
(919) 515-9259

Grant Amount: \$210,000

The program combines a rich university learning experience, robust mentoring from current agricultural leaders, and an experimental internship to provide on-farm training. This program supports students in the form of internship wages, scholarships, and significant training.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.go.ncsu.edu/agfoundation

Project: NC AgVentures Grant Program

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc.
Campus Box 764
Raleigh, NC 27695
(919) 515-9259

Grant Amount: \$515,000

NCAF will grant cost-share grants to benefit farming operations and increase farm profits. Grant opportunities will be distributed across eighteen Piedmont & Eastern NC counties that were tobacco dependent. NC AgVentures will award at least 48 grants (a combination of individuals and community) impacting a minimum of 60 farmers.

Area Served: Yadkin, Surry, Rockingham, Stokes, Guilford, Forsyth, Pitt, Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Martin, Johnston, Wayne, Greene, Sampson

Applicant Website: www.go.ncsu.edu/agfoundation

Project: NCTTFC Ag Management Program

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc.
Campus Box 764
Raleigh, NC 27695
(919) 515-9259

Grant Amount: \$131,761

This project will develop and implement a pilot program to increase business management competencies in 20-25 NC farms with greater than \$1 million in farm receipts. Modules in financial and human resource management, marketing, strategic planning, risk management and succession

planning will be taught in workshops in January and December 2017 with other topics such as agricultural outlook included in online intercessions. Curriculum will be taught by faculty from NCSU & ECU. The pilot program will target NC tobacco and sweet potato farms. This pilot will be template for a future program for specialized southeastern agriculture.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.go.ncsu.edu/agfoundation

Project: Workforce and Career Preparedness Initiatives

Contact: Ms. Kathy Kennel
NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc.
Campus Box 764
Raleigh, NC 27695
(919) 515-9259

Grant Amount: \$150,000

The purpose of this project is three-fold. First, this project will create a robust, statewide internship program that helps AGI students gain relevant work experience and on-the-job learning by matching them with farmers, businesses and other organizations. Second, this project will develop a new agribusiness entrepreneurship curriculum. And finally, the project will bolster our student recruitment. The project will benefit several populations such as: urban and rural farmers, tobacco farmers other businesses and other populations who may not have considered agriculture as a career before such as: veterans, minorities and women.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.go.ncsu.edu/agfoundation

Project: Great Plains Grain Drill

Contact: Mr. Tim Britton
NC Cooperative Extension in Johnston County
2736 NC Hwy 210
Smithfield, NC 27577
(919) 989-5380

Grant Amount: \$16,500

A 6 ft Grain Drill with small seed attachment would allow us to use the large plots with more realistic method of planting. The information grained from these trials will help growers determine what mixes work best in in our area for cover and grazing, the cost of these mixes, and what time of year they can be planted to produce a viable cover crop.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website:

Project: NC Commodity Co-operative Marketing Project

Contact: Mr. Jack Nales
NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27601
(919) 707-3106

Grant Amount: \$100,000

This project will assist the state's farms and ranches to increase sales of their produce and meats through the shared cost of new marketing efforts directed to consumers. Supported projects would be targeted toward efforts producing tangible, short and long term sales results rather than brand awareness, directly benefiting the farmer/rancher with increased sales and revenue.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.ncagr.gov

Project: Farmers and Communities Manage Deer

Contact: Mr. Dom Canavarro
NC Wildlife Federation
PO Box 10626
Raleigh, NC 27605
(919) 533-1923

Grant Amount: \$148,000

Removal of deer annually and in a sustainable manner saves farmers money and provides a protein-rich food source to local commodities. The program will work with the NC Hunters for the Hungry processor network and help to accommodate more harvested deer in traditional tobacco and soybean farming communities while allocating funds for deer processing.

Area Served: Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Sampson, Wayne, Wilson

Applicant Website: www.ncwf.org

Project: Cultivating a Community Learning Lab

Contact: Dr. Melanie Stanley
Northeast School of Biotechnology
1215 Saint Andrews Street
Jamesville, NC 27846

(252) 792-0241

Grant Amount: \$75,000

The Cultivating a Community Learning Lab is a comprehensive agriculture program that is focuses on fostering a community of scholars through advanced, innovative education in biotechnology and agriscience in a unique educational setting, empowering scholars and the community with project based learning, communication and leadership skills. This program will not only benefit the scholars of NERSBA, but Martin Community College students, Jamesville Elementary School students, faculty and community members with the equipment for hands-on learning activities.

Area Served: Martin, Pitt, Washington, Beaufort, Tyrell

Applicant Website: www.nereregionalschool.org

Project: **Project Skill-Up**

Contact: Ms. Angela Webb
Piedmont Community College
PO Box 1197
Roxboro, NC 27573
(336) 322-2160

Grant Amount: \$30,000

The aim of the grant is to develop additional courses that provide for a wider range of employment/entrepreneurial opportunities for the target population in addition to providing financial assistance for educational related fees in the areas of registration, certification/credentialing cost, required supplies. The will increase and sustain employer engagement, connect students to qualify careers and empower farmers with starting a small business.

Area Served: Caswell, Person

Applicant Website: www.piedmontcc.edu

Project: **In House Freezer**

Contact: Ms. Millicent Collins
Robeson County Government
701 N. Elm Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
(910) 671-6221

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Robeson County proposes to use funding from the NCTTFC to install an in house freezer as part of an expansion project that will double Trinity Frozen Foods, LLC sweet potato processing facilities production capacity. This will accommodate more product capacity without compromising the quality

of the final product. They will remain predominately a sweet potato processing facility, in addition they recognize opportunity in other product lines that incorporate core NC grown produce, such as fried pickles, fried okra and onion.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.co.roberson.nc.us

Project: Agricultural Reinvestment Fund

Contact: Mr. Scott Marlow
Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA (RAFI)
PO Box 640
Pittsboro, NC 27312
(919) 542-1396

Grant Amount: \$269,491

The Agricultural Reinvestment Fund provides cost-share grants to farmers in NC for innovative projects designed to increase farm income and build markets for NC agricultural products. Priority is given to current and former tobacco farmers. The program also produces publications and organizes educational events for the benefit of NC farmers

Area Served: Randolph, Chatham, Alamance, Caswell, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Person, Orange, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Vance, Warren, Franklin, Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Chowan

Applicant Website: www.rafiusa.org

Project: Project Skills to Succeed

Contact: Ms. Brenda Orders
Southeastern Community College
PO Box 151
Whiteville, NC 28472
(910) 642-7141

Grant Amount: \$25,000

The Project has three goals: 1) Sustain and expand career pathways – Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing and Agribusinesses; 2) Enhance knowledge and skills of agribusiness owners to encourage diversification; and 3) Market grant opportunities. Project Skills to Succeed will provide financial assistance for 190 participants to enroll in workforce continuing education training and seminars which will enhance employability skills through the attainment of industry-recognized credentials and an awareness of options for diversification in agribusinesses.

Area Served: Columbus

Applicant Website: www.sccnc.edu

Project: Surry Skill-UP

Contact: Mr. Greg Smith
Surry Community College
630 South Main Street
Dobson, NC 27017
(336) 386-3331

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Surry Skill-UP is a Surry Community College workforce development initiative with the following core components: 1) outreach and recruitment activities to individuals, communities and businesses adversely impacted by the changes in the tobacco industry; 2) skills assessments and short-term occupational skill training; and 3) financial assistance to students to meet their educational goals. In addition to these components, Surry Community College will implement classes, workshops and seminars that target current or potential farmers and the farming community in our two county service area.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.surry.edu

Project: NCTTFC Supervised Agricultural Experience Institute

Contact: Ms. Sandy Maddox
University of Mount Olive Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center
634 Henderson Street
Mount Olive, NC 28365
(919) 658-7682

Grant Amount: \$100,000

The camp will provide industry and leadership training to FFA members who will earn 45 hours of Supervised Agricultural Experience that can be accumulated toward various FFA chapter, state and national awards. The Institute allows student attendees to evaluate various agricultural operations and facilities (agronomic, livestock, processing, natural resources, and power and structural technology systems). FFA members would also be exposed to actual hands-on learning experiences through these activities in the fields of horticulture, agronomy, GPS systems and other areas. The Institute will include chapter advisors, allowing them through attendance to earn 3 hours of Continuing Education Credit as a participant. The Institute would include training opportunities for both FFA members and advisor's including training on leadership, proficiencies, students SAEs and other in-service opportunities.

Area Served: Statewide

Applicant Website: www.umoag.com

Project Cost Share Project Partners:

Project: **WNC Agricultural Options Program (a.k.a., WNC AgOptions)**

Contact: Mr. L.T. Ward
WNC Communities
594 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 252-4783

Grant Amount: \$555,000

These funds will provide at least 70 new demonstration grants over two years to help family farmers in Western NC diversify and expand their farming operations and replace tobacco-based income.

Area Served: Avery, Burke, Cherokee, Cleveland, Haywood, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Swain, Watauga, Buncombe, Caldwell, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Macon, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Yancey

Applicant Website: www.wnccommunities.org

Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Operating Statement July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 (FY16)													
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Total Amounts
Cash Carried Forward	\$5,135,540.13												
INTEREST INCOME	\$2,326.25	\$2,515.64	\$2,532.58	\$2,515.15	\$2,302.56	\$2,931.17	\$4,290.11	\$3,795.36	\$3,974.99	\$4,318.13	\$4,480.36	\$3,455.63	\$39,437.93
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,559,133.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,946.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,562,079.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,028.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61.95	\$1,090.90
Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue	\$2,326.25	\$2,515.64	\$2,532.58	\$2,515.15	\$2,561,435.56	\$3,960.12	\$4,290.11	\$3,795.36	\$6,920.99	\$4,318.13	\$4,480.36	\$3,517.58	\$2,602,607.83
EXPENSES													
Personnel Expenses													
Per Diem-BD MEM	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$150.00	\$30.00	\$105.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$135.00	\$105.00	\$45.00	\$765.00
Trans-BD MEM	\$149.50	\$0.00	\$219.50	\$409.50	\$50.25	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.00	\$467.50	\$83.50	\$156.50	\$1,605.25
Subsistence-BD MEM	\$260.50	\$0.00	\$210.21	\$633.04	\$64.90	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$113.70	\$560.41	\$376.50	\$275.60	\$2,521.86
Other-BD MEM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$131.60	\$0.00	\$254.34	\$0.00	\$385.94
	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$474.71	\$1,192.54	\$145.15	\$152.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$339.30	\$1,162.91	\$819.34	\$477.10	\$5,278.05
Staff Personnel Expenses													
Sal, Ins, Ret, SS Bene.	\$23,989.80	\$25,575.94	\$23,989.80	\$24,072.35	\$24,010.08	\$26,424.25	\$27,464.65	\$24,190.20	\$19,855.10	\$16,002.21	\$19,383.40	\$22,524.03	\$277,481.81
Travel, Exp Acts, Reg Fees, Train.	\$0.00	\$402.88	\$90.00	\$64.98	\$270.39	\$221.05	\$94.20	\$0.00	\$489.64	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$65.00	\$2,068.14
	\$23,989.80	\$25,978.82	\$24,079.80	\$24,137.33	\$24,280.47	\$26,645.30	\$27,558.85	\$24,190.20	\$20,344.74	\$16,002.21	\$19,753.40	\$22,589.03	\$279,549.95
Office Expenses													
Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$153.94	\$3.21	\$0.00	\$3.21	\$0.00	\$15.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.28
Postage, Freight & Delivery	\$55.82	\$1,200.00	\$144.81	\$4.71	\$0.00	\$169.85	\$0.00	\$12.21	\$162.32	\$0.00	\$25.80	\$128.73	\$1,904.25
General Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$6.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.77	\$0.00	\$401.01	\$1,050.12	\$1,467.72
Furniture	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Computer Equipment/Software	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$423.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$464.97	\$98.16	\$409.59	\$0.00	\$7,586.50	\$8,983.04
Communication/Office Equipment	\$244.03	\$126.79	\$125.43	\$125.43	\$125.43	\$127.45	\$127.74	\$127.48	\$133.59	\$122.93	\$124.96	\$125.43	\$1,636.69
Other Administrative Expenses	\$965.79	\$23.42	\$32.83	\$44.09	\$0.00	\$210.86	\$0.00	\$2.52	-\$210.86	\$2,103.74	\$202.07	\$0.00	\$3,374.46
Vehicle	\$365.00	\$93.74	\$45.08	\$44.41	\$0.00	\$20.41	\$32.69	\$60.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.45	\$154.00	\$846.68
Telephone Services	\$293.89	\$271.51	\$276.97	\$285.04	\$279.64	\$273.73	\$272.92	\$283.36	\$276.19	\$272.65	\$283.27	\$648.12	\$3,717.29
	\$1,924.53	\$1,715.46	\$625.12	\$497.50	\$982.83	\$805.51	\$433.35	\$954.65	\$482.17	\$2,924.83	\$1,067.56	\$9,692.90	\$22,106.41
Professional Services													
Legal Services/Office Equip.-DOJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fiscal Year 2016 Expenses													\$306,934.41

2012 Grant Cycle		
	FY 12-15	FY 16
James Sprunt Community College	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
WNC Communities - Livestock	\$10,000.00	\$5,529.51
Yadkin County	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	\$105,529.51

2013 Grant Cycle		
	FY 13-15	FY 16
NC Ag Foundation - AgriSafe	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
NCDA&CS - Marketing Division	\$151,921.00	\$27,496.00
Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Inc.	\$26,350.01	\$23,442.71
TOTAL	\$178,641.00	\$50,938.71

2014 Grant Cycle		
	FY 14-15	FY 16
ASAP	\$8,017.29	\$64,104.35
Carolina Farm Stewardship Assoc.	\$8,064.26	\$35,711.07
County of Martin	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
ECU - Agromedicine	\$17,601.02	\$25,644.59
Eastern NC Christmas Tree Assoc.	\$0.00	\$10,935.00
Land of Sky Council	\$7,383.03	\$26,332.33
McDowell Economic Dev Assoc	\$34,487.73	\$18,632.78
NC Ag Foundation - Future Farmers	\$7,832.54	\$90,545.56
NC Ag Foundation - AgVentures	\$26,640.68	\$274,665.42
NC Community College System	\$67,995.76	\$111,809.44
NCDA&CS - Emergency Programs	\$0.00	\$23,144.09
NCDA&CS - Marketing Division	\$0.00	\$0.00
NC Ag Foundation (NCREAL)	\$14,364.90	\$39,575.24
NC Wildlife Federation	\$15,251.80	\$55,605.95
New River Organic Growers	\$3,131.50	\$29,916.92
RAFI	\$145,116.26	\$64,491.78
Tar River Land Conservancy	\$0.00	\$2,727.72
Town of Troutman	\$0.00	\$0.00
The University of Mount Olive	\$6,697.36	\$20,106.95
WNC Communities - AgOptions	\$167,015.73	\$219,492.03
WNC Communities - Livestock	\$3,563.14	\$5,581.00
Yancey County	\$37,556.50	\$24,236.50
TOTAL	\$570,719.50	\$1,148,258.72

Cash Carried Forward	\$5,135,540.13
Total Revenue FY16	\$2,602,607.83
Total Expenses FY16(-)	\$306,934.41
Subtotal	\$7,431,213.55
Total Grants Pd Out FY16 (-)	\$1,795,016.45
DebtSvc/Cancer/GenFund FY16 (-)	\$40,000.00
Current Cash Balance	\$5,596,197.10
Encumbered Funds (-)	\$4,430,345.44
TOTALGrant/Mgmt/Admin/ Enforcement of the MSA	\$1,165,851.66

Encumbered Funds	
2008 Out-of-Cycle Grants	\$1,329,890.01
2008 Granting Cycle	\$177,463.78
2009 Granting Cycle	\$248,579.15
2010 Granting Cycle	\$155,470.95
2011 Granting Cycle	\$45,580.44
2012 Granting Cycle	\$158,862.43
2013 Granting Cycle	\$273,749.41
2014 Granting Cycle	\$659,546.78
2015 Granting Cycle	\$1,381,202.49
TOTAL	\$4,430,345.44

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7/1/15 - 6/30/16*

2015 Grant Cycle	
	FY 15-16
ASAP	\$2,000.00
City of Wilson	\$0.00
Cleveland Community College	\$21,900.00
County of Martin	\$0.00
Durham Technical Community College	\$3,787.81
Forsyth Technical Community College	\$0.00
Natural Capital Investment Fund	\$0.00
NCAF - Ag Education	\$79,119.74
NCAF - NC AgVentures	\$110,644.16
NCDA&CS - Agritoursim	\$0.00
NCDA&CS - GTBNC	\$5,288.90
NCDA&CS - NC Food Manufacturing	\$9,839.00
NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation	\$14,416.02
PHARMIN	\$0.00
Piedmont Community College	\$6,719.04
RAFI	\$166,251.27
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	\$5,839.09
Rockingham Community College	\$0.00
Southeastern Community College	\$4,017.15
Surry Community College	\$3,140.00
University of Mount Olive	\$593.24
Vance-Granville Community College	\$2,023.97
Wilkes Community College	\$793.00
Wilson Community College	\$6,417.12
WNC Communities	\$47,500.00
TOTAL	\$490,289.51

Budget Transfers/Debt Service and Cancer Research Payments	
FY 02 Designated Interceptions	\$82,004,511.11
FY 03 Designated Interceptions	\$38,000,000.00
FY 04 Designated Interceptions	\$37,146,734.06
FY 05 Designated Interceptions	\$35,000,000.00
FY 06 Designated Interceptions	\$32,134,175.77
FY 06 Debt Service Payment	\$1,979,096.00
FY 07 Designated Interceptions	\$30,000,000.00
FY 07 Debt Service Payment	\$2,816,688.46
FY 08 Cancer Research Pmt	\$8,000,000.00
FY 08 Debt Service Payment	\$6,353,724.00
FY 09 Cancer Research Pmt	\$8,000,000.00
FY 09 Debt Service Payment	\$10,722,025.50
FY 09 Designated Interceptions	\$24,398,290.94
FY 10 Cancer Research Pmt	\$8,000,000.00
FY 10 Debt Service Payment	\$15,308,738.50
FY 10 Designated Interception	\$5,000,000.00
FY 11 Cancer Research Pmt	\$8,000,000.00
FY 11 Debt Service Payment	\$17,116,443.00
FY 11 Designated Interception	\$5,000,000.00
FY 11 Designated Interception	\$5,000,000.00
FY 11 Designated Interception	\$176,825.25
FY 13 Agency Transfer (2%)	\$40,000.00
FY 15 Agency Transfer (2%)	\$40,000.00
FY 16 Agency Transfer (2%)	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$380,277,252.59

Total Grants Paid Out Since Inception	
Barn Retrofit	\$41,090,228.00
Burley Marketing Center	\$2,509,555.21
NCDA/NCSU Barn Retrofit	\$168,254.00
Hay Relief	\$5,000.00
FCTCC	\$1,880,113.85
2002 Granting Cycle	\$2,534,958.56
2003 Granting Cycle	\$3,525,839.12
2004 Out-of-Cycle Grants	\$435,130.26
2005 Granting Cycle	\$2,817,630.15
2007 Granting Cycle	\$3,186,010.81
2008 Out-of-Cycle Grants	\$17,651,886.89
2008 Granting Cycle	\$5,076,135.23
2009 Granting Cycle	\$2,581,846.24
2010 Granting Cycle	\$5,471,915.76
2011 Granting Cycle	\$2,904,790.48
2012 Granting Cycle	\$1,906,711.35
2013 Granting Cycle	\$1,476,750.59
2014 Granting Cycle	\$1,718,978.22
2015 Granting Cycle	\$490,289.51
TOTAL	\$97,432,024.23

Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Operating Statement July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (FY17)													
	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Total Amounts
Cash Carried Forward	\$5,596,197.10												
INTEREST INCOME	\$3,735.35	\$4,638.32	\$5,165.73										\$13,539.40
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00										\$0.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00										\$0.00
Fiscal Year 2017 Revenue	\$3,735.35	\$4,638.32	\$5,165.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,539.40
EXPENSES													
<u>Personnel Expenses</u>													
Per Diem-BD MEM	\$90.00	\$45.00	\$75.00										\$210.00
Trans-BD MEM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$289.00										\$289.00
Subsistence-BD MEM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$392.25										\$392.25
Other-BD MEM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00										\$0.00
	\$90.00	\$45.00	\$756.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$891.25
<u>Staff Personnel Expenses</u>													
Sal, Ins, Ret, SS Bene.	\$22,973.07	\$25,314.77	\$22,973.08										\$71,260.92
Travel, Exp Acts, Reg Fees, Train.	\$0.00	\$210.28	\$0.00										\$210.28
	\$22,973.07	\$25,525.05	\$22,973.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,471.20
<u>Office Expenses</u>													
Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00										\$0.00
Postage, Freight & Delivery	\$0.00	\$1,247.86	\$136.17										\$1,384.03
General Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00										\$0.00
Furniture	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00										\$700.00
Computer Equipment/Software	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.94										\$72.94
Communication/Office Equipment	\$128.88	\$118.77	\$118.77										\$366.42
Other Administrative Expenses	\$100.20	\$626.00	-\$1.21										\$724.99
Vehicle	\$125.41	\$210.00	\$107.20										\$442.61
Telephone Services	\$135.14	\$297.04	\$285.20										\$717.38
	\$489.63	\$3,199.67	\$719.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,408.37
<u>Professional Services</u>													
Legal Services/Office Equip.-DOJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract Services	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Fiscal Year 2017 Expenses													\$80,270.82

2012 Grant Cycle		
	FY 12-16	FY 17
Yadkin County	\$0.00	\$95,000.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$95,000.00
2013 Grant Cycle		
	FY 13-16	FY 17
NC Ag Foundation - AgriSafe	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
2014 Grant Cycle		
	FY 14-16	FY 17
ASAP	\$72,121.64	\$3,878.36
ECU - Agromedicine	\$43,245.61	\$0.00
Eastern NC Christmas Tree Assoc.	\$10,935.00	\$0.00
Land of Sky Council	\$33,715.36	\$3,244.93
McDowell Economic Dev. Assoc.	\$53,120.51	\$21,879.49
NC Ag Foundation - Future Farmers	\$98,378.10	\$35,889.81
NCDA&CS - Emergency Programs	\$23,144.09	\$6,712.07
NC Wildlife Federation	\$70,857.75	\$7,470.08
New River Organic Growers	\$33,048.42	\$3,041.20
Tar River Land Conservancy	\$2,727.72	\$0.00
Town of Troutman	\$0.00	\$47,500.00
The University of Mount Olive	\$26,804.31	\$1,923.87
WNC Communities - AgOptions	\$386,507.76	\$9,573.90
Yancey County	\$61,793.00	\$6,474.00
TOTAL	\$916,399.27	\$147,587.71

2015 Grant Cycle		
	FY 15-16	FY 17
ASAP	\$2,000.00	\$27,278.55
City of Wilson	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cleveland Community College	\$21,900.00	\$10,100.00
County of Martin	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Durham Technical Comm College	\$3,787.81	\$5,072.31
Forsyth Technical Comm College	\$0.00	\$978.64
Natural Capital Investment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
NCAF - Ag Education	\$79,119.74	\$18,451.70
NCAF - NC AgVentures	\$110,644.16	\$103,796.45
NCDA&CS - Agritourism	\$0.00	\$0.00
NCDA&CS - GTBNC	\$5,288.90	\$157.06
NCDA&CS - NC Food Manufacturing	\$9,839.00	\$19,826.58
NC Foundation for Soil & Water	\$14,416.02	\$4,484.52
PHARMIN	\$0.00	\$0.00
Piedmont Community College	\$6,719.04	\$3,105.66
RAFI	\$166,251.27	\$28,312.84
Roanoke-Chowan Comm College	\$5,839.09	\$5,059.66
Rockingham Comm College	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southeastern Comm College	\$4,017.15	\$13,951.45
Surry Comm College	\$3,140.00	\$9,726.74
Univserity of Mount Olive	\$593.24	\$104.82
Vance-Granville Comm College	\$2,023.97	\$38.42
Wilkes Comm College	\$793.00	\$0.00
Wilson Comm College	\$6,417.12	\$12,814.15
WNC Communities	\$47,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$490,289.51	\$265,259.55

Cash Carried Forward	\$5,596,197.10
Total Revenue FY17	\$13,539.40
Total Expenses FY17(-)	\$80,270.82
Subtotal	\$5,529,465.68
Total Grants Pd Out FY17 (-)	\$507,847.26
DebtSvc/Cancer/GenFund FY17 (-)	\$0.00
Current Cash Balance	\$5,021,618.42
Encumbered Funds (-)	\$3,922,498.18
TOTALGrant/Mgmt/Admin/ Enforcement of the MSA	\$1,099,120.24
Encumbered Funds	
2008 Out-of-Cycle Grants	\$1,329,890.01
2008 Granting Cycle	\$177,463.78
2009 Granting Cycle	\$248,579.15
2010 Granting Cycle	\$155,470.95
2011 Granting Cycle	\$45,580.44
2012 Granting Cycle	\$63,862.43
2013 Granting Cycle	\$273,749.41
2014 Granting Cycle	\$511,959.07
2015 Granting Cycle	\$1,115,942.94
2016 Granting Cycle	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$3,922,498.18

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2004 Out-of-Cycle Grants	\$435,130.26
2005 Granting Cycle	\$2,817,630.15
2007 Granting Cycle	\$3,186,010.81
2008 Out-of-Cycle Grants	\$17,651,886.89
2008 Granting Cycle	\$5,076,135.23
2009 Granting Cycle	\$2,581,846.24
2010 Granting Cycle	\$5,471,915.76
2011 Granting Cycle	\$2,904,790.48
2012 Granting Cycle	\$2,001,711.35
2013 Granting Cycle	\$1,476,750.59
2014 Granting Cycle	\$1,866,565.93
2015 Granting Cycle	\$755,549.06
2016 Granting Cycle	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$97,939,871.49



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Tobacco Trust Fund awards grant to VGCC

Wednesday, March 9, 2016



The North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Vance-Granville Community College to support students in a pair of training programs.

The grant, for a project entitled “Cultivating and Growing Agricultural Communities,” will help cover the cost of tuition and other fees for eligible students in the “NC REAL Agricultural Entrepreneurship” and “Heavy Equipment Operator” courses offered by VGCC. Grant funding will also support instructional staff, marketing and supplies related to the programs.

VGCC has offered the Agricultural Entrepreneurship program at various locations, most recently at the Vance County Regional Farmers Market and the Granville County Expo & Convention Center. Heavy Equipment Operator training is held at VGCC’s Warren County Campus.

While this is the first grant of its kind awarded to VGCC, the college has previously received grants from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission as part of “Project Skill-UP.” As in those previous grants, the commission’s goal is to help individuals and communities adversely affected by the decline of tobacco-related employment in the region.

“We appreciate that the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission chose to support our agricultural efforts to help adults in our service area to gain new skills and in some cases, to start new careers or businesses,” said Kyle Burwell, VGCC’s coordinator of [Human Resources Development](#).

The seven-week NC REAL Agricultural Entrepreneurship course is designed specifically to help local farmers and budding entrepreneurs succeed in developing profitable, environmentally-sound small farms or agricultural businesses.

One of VGCC’s newest programs, Heavy Equipment Operator training takes approximately 13 weeks to complete. During the course, students gain a general understanding of the requirements necessary to operate equipment such as a motor grader, a four-wheel drive loader and backhoe, which are used both in construction and in agriculture.

Students receiving grant funding must meet certain eligibility requirements and must be residents of Vance, Granville, Franklin or Warren counties. Each student can receive up to \$250.

For more information on receiving assistance and the opportunities available at VGCC, contact Kyle Burwell at hrd-wk@vgcc.edu or (252) 738-3276.

For more information on the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, visit www.tobaccotrustfund.org.



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VGCC Mission Statement

UMO AgPrime Grant Opportunity for Individual Farm Operations

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A new program providing grants to North Carolina farmers for new and innovative ideas that increase farm profits is being launched by the University of Mount Olive's Lois G. Britt Agricultural Center. AgPrime, which is funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, is designed to strengthen farms and communities that have been impacted by changes in the tobacco economy. UMO AgPrime grants are available to farmers in Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Richmond and Robeson counties.

Funding proposals up to \$10,000 will be considered for farmers who are agriculturally dependent and who have viable ideas for new and innovative agricultural projects. Priority will be given to persons who earn at least 50 percent of their personal income from their farm operation or agribusiness entity, and to current and former tobacco farmers or former quota holders.

Dr. Sandy Maddox, Director of the UMO Agricultural Center, encourages farmers in the targeted counties to apply for funding. "This program is designed to help farmers test creative ideas, implement new marketing strategies and keep more profit closer to the farm gate," Maddox said. "We are excited to partner with the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission to bring this important program to the farmers in Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Richmond, and Robeson counties."

The grant application cycle opens on April 15, 2016 and closes on June 1, 2016. For more information, go to, www.umoag.com/AgPrime or contact Dr. Stan Dixon at 252-526-1587.

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact Lisa Childers at 910.321.6880, no later than five business days before the event.

Harrells Christian Academy FFA Chapter presented with North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Grant

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The Harrells Christian Academy FFA Chapter was recently awarded a grant from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. On April 21, the chapter hosted a check presentation in conjunction with the HCA Spring Fling. Jason Davis, the North Carolina State FFA Coordinator, presented the check to the HCA FFA chapter on behalf of the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission.

The grant monies, which totaled \$4,993.50, were used to help offset the costs of the equipment inside of the new 35-foot by 72-foot greenhouse facility through the purchase of tables, water hoses, planting materials, and supplies for a mum growing area.

As a part of a partnership between the North Carolina FFA Association and the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, this joint effort, which is in its fifth year, has given out over \$700,000 to agriculture education programs across the state. All of the grant monies are used for innovative and sustainable projects designed to enhance teaching and provide subjects that meet the needs of the agriculture industry.

This grant was a portion of an ongoing capital fundraising campaign that will fund an agriculture education complex at Harrells Christian Academy. Once completed, the complex will include three acres of land, the already-completed greenhouse, and a hunter safety range. Future plans for the agriculture education complex include an agriculture mechanics shop as well as a forestry range.



NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Agricultural Leadership Development Program

The Class of 2016 has Graduated... Congratulations!

— Written By Blake Brown

The North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Agricultural Leadership Development Program (ALDP) 2016 just GRADUATED! Congratulations to all 36 class members. The class and family members had a great graduation weekend that included presentations by the class on their practicum projects to our steering committee. The class was divided into six teams of six with each team doing a practicum on a leadership topic.

Just like the first, the second year of the program was intense; practicum projects, agricultural visits with industry leaders in North Carolina's dynamic ag sector, a session with the UNC School of Government on local and state government, a session with members of the NC Senate Committee on Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, and more personal leadership development. Then the class capped off their 2 year leadership experience with a study tour to Brazil, their biggest competitor in global markets, and a study tour to Texas to learn more about border security. It was a great 2 years. We're sure you will hear more from this class as they become leaders for NC agriculture.

The ALDP is an in-depth 2 year program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University. The program is for farmers and agricultural professionals and focuses on personal and civic leadership development through a series of 2 1/2 day sessions and study tours. Thirty six individuals from across North Carolina are enrolled in the 2014-2016 program. Participants are selected based on their application and personal interviews. The next program application period will be Spring 2017 for the 2017-2019 program.

The program is funded by a \$5 million endowment at NCSU from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. Such a strong investment in North Carolina's emerging agricultural leaders is a testament to the foresight of North Carolina's current agriculture leadership.

2014-2016 Class Members

Name	City
1. Jack Allen, Jr.	Greenville, NC
2. William "Ted" Allen	Winterville, NC
3. Mark Blevins	Southport, NC
4. Ryan Cahoon	Fairfield, NC
5. Tiffanee Conrad	Maxton, NC
6. Kelli Dale	Fuquay Varina, NC
7. Kevin Dixon	Reidsville, NC
8. Chad Docsh	Ayden, NC
9. Robert Fann	Salemburg, NC
10. Beth Farrell	Cary, NC
11. Rob Fleming	Scotland Neck, NC
12. Jennifer Gasque	St. Pauls, NC
13. Archie Griffin	Washington, NC
14. Stacy Ham	Snow Hill, NC
15. Miles Hamrick	Shelby, NC
16. Caroline Hines	Selma, NC
17. Casey Hinnant	Garner, NC
18. Lendy Johnson	Wake Forest, NC
19. James Lamb	Clinton, NC
20. Christina Law	Leicester, NC
21. Stephen Lilley, Jr.	Williamston, NC
22. Dana Massey	Mebane, NC
23. Weston McCorkle	Smithfield, NC
24. Peyton McDaniel	Whitakers, NC
25. Gerald Miller, Jr.	Pink Hill, NC
26. Matthew Moore	Ivanhoe, NC

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| 27. Jessica Morgan | Polkton, NC |
| 28. Joy Morgan | Raleigh, NC |
| 29. Joshua Outlaw | Rocky Point, NC |
| 30. Maurice Smitherman | East Bend, NC |
| 31. Dustin Sumner | Como, NC |
| 32. Zachary Taylor | Greenville, NC |
| 33. Jamie Thomas | Raleigh, NC |
| 34. Susan Ward | Hayesville, NC |
| 35. Justin Williams | Goldsboro, NC |
| 36. Der Xiong | Newton, NC |

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Grant awarded for renovations

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SHELBY - The Cleveland County Fair was awarded a \$110,348 grant from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission to finance critical repairs on Tuesday.

The money will be used to make repairs to the Dorton Exhibit Hall, the Weathers Livestock Arena, the Poultry Barn and the Farm Adventures Building, along with ten permanent food vending structures on the grounds.

Greg Traywick, Cleveland County extension director for the N.C. Cooperative Extension, wrote the grant proposal on behalf of the fair. Traywick said the grant money will allow the fair to sustain its ability to showcase agriculture and promote agribusiness in Cleveland County and the surrounding area.

“Some of the buildings on the fairgrounds here were built in the 1930s and the 1940s. That adds a lot of nostalgia and history and charm to our fairground,” Traywick said. “They’ve served us well and can continue to, but a lot of those need some critical repair so they can stay viable and functional to serve the needs of the fair and the public.”

Local agricultural and political leaders gathered in the Weathers Livestock Arena on Tuesday afternoon for a presentation of the grant, including Speaker of the House Tim Moore, Senator Warren Daniel and Rep. Kelly Hastings.

Moore spoke about his experiences at the Cleveland County Fair over his life. As a Kings Mountain native, Moore said he has been attending since he was a child.

“This community really does support this fair,” Moore said. “I want to say, to the folks on the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, this is money well spent.”

Bill Teague, chairman of the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, said gratitude is owed to the elected officials like Moore who help make the fund possible.

In its 92-year history, Teague said, the Cleveland County Fair has become one of the most outstanding county fairs in the state. According to Teague, the money from the Tobacco Trust Fund will assure that the positive message of farming culture will continue to be passed on to Cleveland County citizens for years to come.

The Cleveland County Fair was established in 1924, and is meant to showcase and promote agriculture, agribusiness, arts, crafts and culture of Cleveland County and the surrounding region.

The fair works to accomplish its mission by sponsoring twelve competitive livestock shows, four livestock and poultry judging contests, judged entries in twenty-one different departments and a variety of live animal and farm product displays and demonstrations.



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Hunting for Those in Need

An innovative program keeps deer populations in check while feeding the needy

By Karen Olson House





A farmer participating in FCMD's farm hunting program in Columbus County

This hunting season, some deer hunters are targeting hunger through an innovative initiative that feeds impoverished people in need.

The Farmers and Communities Manage Deer (FCMD) program encourages licensed hunters to harvest white-tailed deer and donate them to drop-off sites and participating processing facilities. After processing and packaging, the venison is distributed to local relief organizations that welcome the lean, protein-rich meat.

At Food Bank of the Albemarle, a regional food clearing house based in Elizabeth City, Della Hicks comes in weekly to educate clients about venison. A nutritionist with the Pasquotank County Cooperative Extension office, Hicks prepares and shares recipes such as stews and chilies.



Nutritionist Hicks shares recipes for venison at Food Bank of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Photo courtesy of Food Bank of the Albemarle.

“A lot of clients were hesitant since they hadn’t had venison before,” says Rod Sershen, the bank’s food resource manager. “But they said they couldn’t tell the difference between it and beef.”

Over the past two deer seasons, more than 23,000 pounds of venison burger (roughly 75,000 servings) has been distributed where communities have embraced the program. Originally funded for five eastern counties in 2012, there are currently 11 counties now with donation sites: Beaufort, Bladen, Columbus, Edgecombe, Franklin, Hyde, Jones, Pasquotank, Washington, Wayne and Wilson. The program addresses two big problems: human hunger and costly damage by deer. North Carolina has regularly ranked within the top lists for the highest percentage of its citizens experiencing food shortages in the nation since 2010. In 2015, it ranked 13 in the U.S. for food hardship, according to a Food Research & Action Center study.



*Deer donation sign in Whiteville.
Photo courtesy of FCMD.*

Concerns about controlling the deer population include potential spread of disease and dangerous vehicle collisions. Annually, deer cause the vast majority of \$30 million in crop loss suffered by N.C. row crop farmers.

Farmers who participate in the program, allowing hunters access to their land, can reduce the potential for crop damage and

can profit from hunting programs developed through FCMD. Hunters typically pay a minimum of \$75 for a doe hunt, for example. A number of participating landowners, such as Lumber River Outdoors and Rutaa Branch Hunting Club, both based in Cerro Gordo, offer lodging and other outdoor recreation opportunities for added fees. Communities also enjoy an economical boost when visiting hunters purchase gas, eat at local restaurants and buy supplies.

“We can help landowners establish hunting programs and implement community deer donation sites as well. There are a number of options,” says program manager Liz Rutledge. Rutledge is a wildlife

specialist with the NC Wildlife Federation, which oversees FCMD.

Insured groups willing to assist farmers by conducting free organized fall hunts on their properties include the NC Bowhunters Association (ncbowhunter.com) and Cross Trail Outfitters, a ministry group with chapters across the state that mentors youth through hunting (teamcto.org).



Deer donation event with mobile cooler at Chocowinity Volunteer Fire Department in Chocowinity. Photo courtesy of FCMD.

FCMD relies on community organizations and businesses, including churches, civic groups and hunt clubs, to maintain deer drop-off donation centers and provide financial support for the program. Groups, farmers and other landowners can host community festivals, wild game dinners and deer donation events to raise funds and otherwise assist the program.

Financial support for FCMD comes from the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. FCMD partners with The NC Hunters for the Hungry, Inc.®, a nonprofit organization founded in 1993 (nchuntersforthehungry.org). This integral collaboration leverages several resources, including the provision of numerous NCDA&CS inspected deer processing facilities.

Want to get involved?

Visit ncwf.org and/or contact Liz Rutledge at 828-783-8013 or Liz@ncwf.org.

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