

## Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program 2004 Recipients

Recipient	State	Amount	Project Description
Cooperative Development Institute, Inc.	Massachusetts	\$294,930	Grant funds will be used to conduct applied research, feasibility and other studies for cooperative development; to collect, interpret, and disseminate principles, facts, technical knowledge, and information about cooperative development; to provide training for cooperative development; to provide small grants for cooperative development; and to provide technical assistance and other services for cooperative development.
Cooperative Development Services Fund, Inc.	Wisconsin	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to diversify income streams to rural individuals through cooperatives; to diversify the income streams of farm supply cooperatives; to retain business in communities through consumer cooperatives; and to diversify the services and revenue streams of the center.
Federation of Southern Cooperatives	Alabama	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to facilitate and/or expand the rural entrepreneurship initiative, to provide technical and business development assistance to credit unions and cooperatives, to work on projects that integrate women and youth into rural development, and to engage in capacity-building initiatives for members of the cooperative development team.
Golden Triangle RC&D	Georgia	\$266,816	Grant funds will be used to identify, develop, and provide training for new and existing cooperatives.
Indiana Rural Development Council, Inc.	Indiana	\$85,000	Grant funds will be used to develop a rural housing cooperative in an underserved area of Indiana, to support cooperative endeavors in Indiana's agri-tourism industry, and to assist pre-cooperative development efforts with the forestry industry.
Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development	Kentucky	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to provide technical assistance to new and existing cooperatives; to facilitate new economic opportunities for Kentucky farmers and rural business through cooperative development; to develop support networks among providers and resources within and outside Kentucky; and to promote cooperative systems to the citizenry and decision-makers across Kentucky.
Iowa State University	Iowa	\$299,943	Grant funds will be used to develop tools for evaluation of producer-owned business structures; to explore resource sharing arrangements; to assist with business opportunity assessment; and to conduct director training workshops.

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Keystone Development Center, Inc.	Pennsylvania	\$299,832	Grant funds will be used to support the formation of 11 farmer alliances and cooperatives; to support the formation and sustainability of 3 shared-services cooperatives; to support the formation of one woodlot owner alliance; to support the Energy Cooperative in their investigation of bio-diesel production in Philadelphia and link it with on-farm consumption of diesel; to provide education on cooperative business principles through collaborations with others; to support the Woodworks national network of cooperative developers in creating a national development program for forest-owner cooperation; and to establish a Sustainable Regional Cooperative Development Center.
Mississippi Cooperative Development Center	Mississippi	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to provide technical assistance to those considering forming cooperatives, new cooperatives, and existing cooperatives and to build staff and center capacity.
Missouri Farmers Union Family Farm Opportunity Center	Missouri	\$298,065	Grant funds will be used to organize and develop community credit unions; to examine and develop sustainable livestock, meat, vegetable, and dairy cooperatives; to provide technical assistance to small, minority, and underserved farmers; to assist the development of bio-recovery and renewable fuels cooperatives; to provide technical assistance to existing and emerging food cooperatives in rural Missouri; to explore farmer-controlled value-added processing and marketing opportunities for forest products; and to perform education and outreach activities.
Montana Cooperative Development Center	Montana	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used for the development of services, products and processes that can be used in the marketing of products, or enterprises that create value-added farm products through processing or marketing activities.
Nebraska Cooperative Development Center	Nebraska	\$299,958	Grant funds will be used to strengthen horizontal linkages among cooperative groups, to further the development of the Certified First Responder Network, to foster education, outreach and capacity building for cooperative development, and to enhance the transferability of Nebraska's experiences and best practices to other states.
New Hampshire Community Loan Fund	New Hampshire	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to expand cooperative manufactured housing development in New Hampshire; to create a system-level civic engagement program that will increase linkages among cooperative members in NH's resident-owned communities; to meet cooperative member demand for replacement homes and community expansion through technical assistance, a factory-direct home purchase program, and favorable home purchase financing; and to formalize national non-profit practitioner training to spark cooperative manufactured housing development and manufactured housing system change strategies in other states.

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North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives	North Dakota	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to provide technical assistance to new and existing cooperatives, generate new ideas or concepts in cooperative development, provide enterprise coaching, transfer cooperative development knowledge to other areas, maintain a network of consultants, and provide education and support for those involved in cooperative development.
Northcountry Cooperative Foundation	Minnesota	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to develop a model for small consumer cooperatives to conduct market studies and member surveys; to publish a paper to help local project partners use the co-op model to maintain long-term housing affordability; to generate a model of policies for housing cooperative boards; to examine the value of using energy-saving infrastructure enhancement for manufactured home park cooperatives; to assist a group of farmers with developing a specialized cooperative loan fund; to produce a tool kit on the adaptive reuse of old schools and nursing homes for cooperative housing; to conduct a series of outreach seminars to teach local housing officials about cooperative housing; and to provide translation and interpretation services for non-English speaking co-op members of new cooperatives.
Northwest Cooperative Development Center	Washington	\$181,950	Grant funds will be used to establish a marketing channel for regional producers of goat meat; to develop opportunities in direct marketing of Okanogan-grown agricultural products; to establish a cooperative model for achieving energy independence, rural economic development, and community ownership; to assist a cooperative in producing renewable hydroelectric power.
Ohio State University Research Foundation	Ohio	\$299,867	Grant funds will be used to provide technical assistance to cooperatives and to assist cooperatives with website development.
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational & Charitable Foundation	Colorado	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used to: provide technical assistance to emerging and existing cooperatives in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming; provide training and education to new and existing cooperatives, initiate and support special projects that serve multiple cooperatives and associations region-wide that lead to enhanced collaboration and reduced duplication; and serve as a resource for the development and dissemination of information regarding cooperative development as a tool to build rural economic viability and infrastructure.
South Carolina State University, Center for Rural Cooperative Business Development	South Carolina	\$146,656	Grant funds will be used for the promotion of the formation of new cooperatives, the strengthening of existing cooperatives through technical assistance, and the enhancement of the capacity of the Center for carrying out its mission and goals.

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Southern States Cooperative Foundation	Virginia	\$299,989	Grant funds will be used support eleven development projects, including fresh vegetable marketing and processing enterprises, a state-wide meat goat marketing association, a sustainable forestry production and marketing cooperative, a soy bio-diesel cooperative, a peanut marketing cooperative, a partnership to establish a farmer's market, a cooperative marketing tilapia, an artisan bakery in the Southeast, and a turkey growers cooperative in Southwest Virginia. Funds will also be used to support outreach to minority and underserved communities.
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Maryland	\$296,500	Grant funds will be used to develop and enhance the cooperative enterprise economic development through the Co-Options Program in the underserved and economically distressed rural areas of Eastern Shore Maryland, rural Delaware, and adjacent Virginia through industry diversification that generates employment and improves the members' economic condition.
Value-Added Agriculture Development Center	South Dakota	\$200,000	Grant funds will be used to facilitate new economic opportunities for South Dakota farmers and rural businesses through cooperative development; to create and foster horizontal/vertical linkages within and outside South Dakota; to assist existing cooperatives; and to inform/disseminate information to others who provide cooperative assistance.
Western Illinois University	Illinois	\$189,044	Grant funds will be used to provide high quality technical assistance, training programs and information sharing to agriculture producers, entrepreneurs and others to improve economic conditions and quality of life in rural Illinois communities.
Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development	Arkansas	\$299,935	Grant funds will be used to offer technical and training services to existing and newly-organized cooperatives by helping those cooperatives conduct market research, conduct feasibility studies for value-added processing and promote joint venture possibilities by developing innovative cooperative models.