

Livestock Marketing Information (LMIC) – Initiatives Grant Program

Purpose:

The intent of the LMIC “Initiatives Grant” program is to enhance the agricultural and food marketing system by supporting applied economic analysis and educational efforts; and to provide assistance to the LMIC and its members on priority projects. Priority will be given to collaborative and multi-institutional efforts.

Eligibility:

Open to professional staff at all LMIC member institutions in good standing (Land Grant University, USDA, Associate). A member of the LMIC must serve as principal or co-principal of the project.

Examples of Appropriate Initiative Grants:

LMIC grants will be considered for three broad categories (may overlap into more than one category): 1) applied research projects; 2) Extension education (outreach to producers, agribusiness, policy makers, and educators); and 3) Symposia (conferences, meetings, and support for working groups). For example, research might be related to current livestock market structural issues or risk management. Outreach may include developing multi-state, national or international educational materials such as fact sheets.

Limitations:

Projects will be limited to a maximum of one year in duration. Funding may not be used to pay any or all of the annual member contribution to the LMIC. LMIC policy does not allow for any funding to be used for overhead or indirect costs.

Support:

Each proposal is limited to a maximum of \$10,000; the level of funding requested may be used as a criterion in selection (i.e. preference to smaller grants). Funding can be combined with other sources of funding and/or resources (e.g. graduate study assistantships) as part of larger projects.

Application Process, Completion Requirements:

A complete application includes three items: 1) completed and signed (electronic signatures accepted) LMIC Initiatives Grant: Proposal Submission Form; 2) written proposal (no more than two pages) including description of methods, expected outputs and time line; 3) proposed budget (one page). The proposal should state how the effort would enhance LMIC priority projects. Applications may be submitted via mail, e-mail, or FAX.

A completion report will be required and all results, outputs, etc., are to be made fully available to all LMIC members. LMIC members will be required to make a status presentation on their funded project(s) at the annual Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Selection:

Only complete applications will be reviewed. The LMIC Executive Committee will make selections or will appoint a selection committee consisting of at least two Center members who are not making a proposal and one staff member. After determining eligibility, selection criteria will include: relevance of project to LMIC priorities and overall quality of the proposal.

Proposals accepted for funding will receive notification, forms and instructions to request funds, etc., in writing from the Director of the LMIC.

Current Availability and Deadlines:

Currently, the LMIC Executive Committee has approved funding of approximately \$35,000 for Initiative Grants. This allocation may be reduced based on budget developments.

The initial deadline to submit proposals is March 15, 2005; subsequent applications may be accepted based on funding.

For Further Information and to Submit Applications, Contact:

James Robb, Director
Livestock Marketing Information Center
655 Parfet St., Suite E310
Lakewood, CO 80215
Ph: (720) 544-2941 - Fax: (720) 544-2973
E-mail: robb@lmic.info
Website URL: www.lmic.info