

RCDG Grant Reporting

Fiscal Year 2005 (60000172)

Grantee Ohio Cooperative Development Center (OSU Research Foundation)

Report for Period Ending September 30, 2005

Check one: **Semiannual Report** Final Report

SUMMARY OF GRANT ACTIVITIES

Technical Assistance Projects Initiated:

- Special Touch Home Healthcare LLC
- Heritage Farm Meats

Technical Assistance Projects Completed or Terminated:

Technical Assistance Reports Issued:

- Healthcare Cooperative Potential Study

Surveys Conducted:

Cooperatives Incorporated:

Training Seminars or Activities Conducted:

- Regional Outlook Conference: Co-organized and sponsored a regional outlook event with OSU AED Economics and Ohio University – Chillicothe. Over 60 development professionals attended the conference that addressed the trends, impacts and issues related to a variety of economic development topics.

Other Significant Activities:

- Attended the National Network of Forest Practitioners (NNFP) at Purr Oak in Glouster, OH. NNFP is national network that brings together forestry professionals that are working with groups and landowners on management and harvesting issues related to their forest operations. Participated in the meeting, set up a display and distributed brochures about the availability of the co-op center to help with technical assistance services concerning organization formation. Educated the practitioners on the role cooperatives can play in the forestry industry along with distributing some examples on existing cooperatives including the Ohio Premium Pine Cooperative.

Activities Benefiting Minorities This Reporting Period:

PROJECT/ACTIVITY Tobacco Business Planning Counseling

This Reporting Period:

Established objectives for this quarter: Met Not Met

Other significant work accomplished for the project this reporting period:

Assisted over 20 tobacco producers in preparing business plans to diversify their operations out of tobacco into another enterprise. Helped prepare financials, projections, marketing plans and financing options.

Work accomplished by center staff 100 %

Work accomplished through contracted service:

Contractor Name _____ %

Reason(s) why established objectives (if any) not met:

Any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will affect attainment of overall project objectives during established time period:

Next Reporting Period:

Established objectives for next reporting period:
Planned actions to meet unmet objectives from this reporting period:

PROJECT/ACTIVITY Special Touch Home Healthcare, LLC

This Reporting Period:

Established objectives for this quarter: **Met Not Met (one met)**

*Conduct a market analysis to determine potential customer base for the business
Be legal incorporated and have an accounting system in place.*

Other significant work accomplished for the project this reporting period:

Work accomplished by center staff 100 %

Work accomplished through contracted service:

Contractor Name _____ %

Reason(s) why established objectives (if any) not met:

*A market assessment has not been formally written, but guidance has been given on
potential organizations that administer contracts that Special Touch Home Healthcare
might be able to bid on.*

Any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will affect attainment of overall project
objectives during established time period:

Next Reporting Period:

Established objectives for next reporting period:

*Conduct a market analysis to determine potential customer base for the business
Increase business with hiring of additional personnel*

Planned actions to meet unmet objectives from this reporting period:

PROJECT/ACTIVITY Healthcare Cooperative Potential Study

This Reporting Period:

Established objectives for this quarter: **Met Not Met**

*Have completed study to present to Area Agency on Aging
Study will be utilized with the 2 Home Healthcare groups that have asked for assistance
from OCDC*

Other significant work accomplished for the project this reporting period:

Work accomplished by center staff 10 %

Work accomplished through contracted service:

Contractor Name Carma West _____ 90 %

Reason(s) why established objectives (if any) not met:

Any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will affect attainment of overall project
objectives during established time period:

Next Reporting Period:

Established objectives for next reporting period:

Planned actions to meet unmet objectives from this reporting period:

PROJECT/ACTIVITY MOON Food Cooperative

This Reporting Period:

Established objectives for this quarter: **Met Not Met**

Continue to increase membership

Gain a loan from the National Cooperative Bank for acquiring a storefront

Hire additional feasibility work and site selection help from lawyers and architects

Other significant work accomplished for the project this reporting period:

Work accomplished by center staff 80 %

Work accomplished through contracted service:

Contractor Name _____ %

Reason(s) why established objectives (if any) not met:

Any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will affect attainment of overall project objectives during established time period:

Next Reporting Period:

Established objectives for next reporting period:

Obtain a storefront for the cooperative

Continue to gain memberships and break the 100 member mark

Planned actions to meet unmet objectives from this reporting period:

PROJECT/ACTIVITY Heritage Farm Meats

This Reporting Period:

Established objectives for this quarter: **Met Not Met**

Other significant work accomplished for the project this reporting period:

Initiated a feasibility study for a kosher beef and lamb slaughter facility in Southern Ohio

Work accomplished by center staff 50 %

Work accomplished through contracted service:

Contractor Name _____ %

Reason(s) why established objectives (if any) not met:

Any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will affect attainment of overall project objectives during established time period:

Next Reporting Period:

Established objectives for next reporting period:

Feasibility study in draft form, returned to the group and comments given to consultant for further clarification and finalization.

Planned actions to meet unmet objectives from this reporting period:

PROJECT/ACTIVITY OCDC Seed Monies Program

This Reporting Period:

Established objectives for this quarter: **Met Not Met**

Award grants to up to 5 groups/ cooperatives that will provide financial assistance.

Other significant work accomplished for the project this reporting period:

Assisted groups in preparing good applications for the OCDC Grant Advisory Committee to review.

Work accomplished by center staff 100 %

Work accomplished through contracted service:

Contractor Name _____ %

Reason(s) why established objectives (if any) not met:

Any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will affect attainment of overall project objectives during established time period:

Next Reporting Period:

Established objectives for next reporting period:

Continue to provide good applications for the Committee to review and fund up to 5 groups biannually.

Planned actions to meet unmet objectives from this reporting period:
