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# THE CAWACO RC&D GRANT PROGRAM

FROM START TO FINISH

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# I. TYPES OF GRANTS

## **EDUCATION**

- Must reach large audience
- Job/trade skills/scholarships/field trips
- Must fulfill educational purpose
- \$3500 minimum; \$20,000 max

## **CHALLENGE**

- Can cover materials
- Infrastructure, and educational equipment
- Must meet Cawaco goals & objectives
- \$3500 minimum; \$20,000 max

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- Amount varies and comes through the State RC&D
- Must be approved on council level and state level and meet Cawaco Goals
- Awards are generally larger- \$10,000-\$25,000

# Examples of Educational Grants

- Books and materials
- Programs, field trips
- Job development/skills



# Examples of Challenge Grants

- Rain barrels/cisterns
- Parks & rec
- First Responders
- Historic Preservation



# Community Development Grants

- ALL OF THE ABOVE, BUT MUST FIT WITHIN CAWACO'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- FUNDS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
- MEETING WITH LOCAL LEGISLATOR TO GET HIS BLESSING ON YOUR PROJECT IS A GOOD IDEA



## II: What makes a good proposal?

- A CLEAR VISION:
  - Need is established
  - Someone to “take charge”
  - Long range goals and plans
  - Multiple partners
  - Community support



# 1. What is the need?

- What needs to be done?
- How will you see it accomplished?
- Does your project meet Cawaco's Goals and priorities listed in the [Strategic Plan?](#)





## 2. Who will be in charge?

- AND- If Program Manager leaves, who will oversee the project?



### 3. Are goals clearly defined?

- After the project is completed:
- Who will benefit from this project?
- For how long will they benefit?
- Who will maintain it?



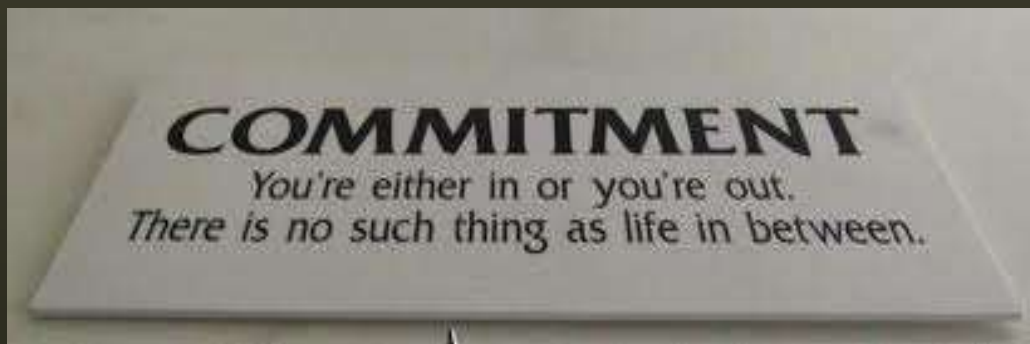
## 4. Who else is committed?

- How much support do you have from community members?
- Are they willing to volunteer or help to assure success?



## 5. Community Support

- Is the person/ organization committed to the project?
- Are they contributing to the project?
- If so, make sure to clearly define the role they are playing



## II: The Selection Process



# The Selection Process



Application Received

Sent to Grant Committee for review and grading

Sent to full Board for final decision



# The Process Continued...



# So...What does the Grant Committee Consider?

- Does project fit within our goals and objectives?
- Did applicant follow Grant Guidelines?
- Is there support from the community and plans for the future?
- Is it cost-effective?
- Will many benefit?
- Will the benefit continue long after completion?
- Is the budget clear and reasonable?
- Does applicant list partners?
- Does applicant indicate where budget numbers originate?
- Is applicant INVESTED in the project?



# Does your Project meet Cawaco's Goals?

- Do your homework and make sure to read the Grant Guidelines!
- How do you correlate your need to goals we have set?



# Full Board Approval:

- Board will vote on the proposal either via email, phone, or at official Board Meeting
- After grants are approved or denied, a letter will be sent to grantee
- AFTER contract agreement is signed, grantee can begin project
- Final Report MUST be completed BEFORE August 1



# Your Project



## Now What?

- If your grant is approved, sign and return the Cooperative Agreement/ Contract ASAP!
- As you buy items, keep receipts and check copies together
- Make sure to follow the budget in your proposal
- If you have questions or need guidance, call Patti @ 205.623.0457 or email @ [grantfunds@live.com](mailto:grantfunds@live.com)

# The Final Report

- Final Report forms are found on the website or will be emailed to you
- **Final Reports are due BEFORE August 1**
- Final reports require the following:
  - A brief narrative
  - Minimum of 2 electronic pictures
  - Copies of checks/or bank statements
  - Copies of receipts/invoices



# REMEMBER:



- Acknowledge Cawaco for providing funds
- **All materials must acknowledge Cawaco RC&D as a Funder.** *Not just as a sponsor or partner.*
- When making flyers or printing T-shirts, wording *must* read as follows “Funding for this project was supplied (in part) by Cawaco RC&D, Inc. [www.cawaco.org](http://www.cawaco.org)”
- All press events will be coordinated through Cawaco’s Director of Public Relations, Drayton Cosby.



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# Payment



- After Final Report is received and processed, your check will be mailed.
- A press event will be coordinated through our office to publicize your project.
- We may highlight your story in our newsletter, on our Facebook page or on our website.
- After all paperwork is received, it can take up to 3 weeks to receive your reimbursement.