

\$\$\$ CSU Extension Innovation Award \$\$\$
Request for Proposals

Proposals will be accepted at any time. An ad-hoc committee will review the proposal in two weeks time (from date received) and make a recommendation to the Director. Final decisions will be made by the Director.

The intent of the Innovation Award is to support a unique and creative idea in a short time period. The innovation award differs from “venture capital” funds in that they have a quicker turn-around time and do not necessarily have a potential for future income. The proposal should address a timely priority issue at the county, multi-county, state, or regional level. Consider whether this project reaches new or diverse audiences and whether the proposal uses new and/or innovative methodology. Funds need to be expended in one year’s time from date of initial finding; funds will neither be extended nor renewed. All proposals must include at least one county-based staff and one campus (or regional or experiment station) –based faculty member. Maximum funds available per project will be \$5,000.

Criteria for funding:

1. Explain why this proposal is innovative and creative – in terms of content, audience, methodology, etc.
2. Clearly state the issue to be addressed, why it is a priority, and why it is timely.
3. List faculty involved. All proposals must include at least one county-based AND one campus-based OR one regional OR one experiment station-based faculty.
4. Provide numeric budget, budget narrative, and discuss all inputs.
5. List outputs; discuss the activities, products, methods and services that reach people and users.
6. Describe what outcomes will be evaluated and how the evaluation will be done.
7. Maximum length of 3 pages, 12 pt font type and an easy to read font.

For more details, go to: <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/staffres/funding/innovation/>