

# **Past Example Rural Living in Wyoming Workshop Funding Application**

**Organization applying:** Local Conservation District, Somewhere, WY

**What area of the state does your organization/office serve (county(s), etc.):**

Lasso County, Wyoming

**Total amount of funding requested:** \$1,000

**Workshop(s) - Proposed time of year (month at a minimum):** Sat. March 6, 2012

**Location:** Fun Plaza Inn, Somewhere, Wyoming

**Description of need (financial, small acreage impact in your community, etc.):**

Grant monies are needed to rent the Fun Plaza Inn meeting rooms for one day and for advertising. We have found that the Fun Plaza Inn has the most meeting rooms with all amenities needed for multi-program workshops. Past participants have said that Lasso County Fairground buildings are too cold. Registration fees will cover lunch and a little more. Local Conservation District and UW Extension will each contribute \$150.

Lasso County is a high, cold desert with 6 to 12 inches of precipitation annually. Land of all soil and vegetation types has been subdivided in Lasso County. Many new residents have no experience with livestock, desert vegetation, irrigation districts, or rangeland systems. Also, many do not understand plant materials. Careless management of land parcels results in deterioration of the quality of that land. Drought exacerbates the process and makes human and livestock impact worse. Overgrazed pastures are common in Lasso County.

Lasso County Rural Living Taskforce provides one large workshop in winter each year, with a variety of speakers to address current problems or topics of interest to small acreage owners. Attendance varies from seventy-seven to over 100. Follow-up workshops and/or tours are offered, for example, tree pruning workshops and small acreage property tours. The 2011 property tour was attended by 10 residents.

**Describe your proposed workshop in some detail:**

Rural Living Workshop 2013 will focus on pasture/hay and preparing for drought. There will be three concurrent sessions (3 x 3) before lunch and (2 x 3) after lunch for a total of fifteen speaker slots. Several topics will be offered more than once. The luncheon Keynote Speaker will be Thomas Roller, State Engineer's Office, who will talk about surface waters of northwest Wyoming. Confirmed speakers and topics are as follows:

Pruning Trees – Fred , X Co Master Gardeners

Permaculture – Patricia, UW Extension Educator

Growing Grapes in Wyoming – Prof, Research & Extension Center

Pasture management for drought – Bob, UW Extension educator

Growing Hay – Greg, Rancher

Native plants for drought – Tina, USDA Plant Materials Center

How to maintain a road – Pam, County Engineer

Native bees – Mike, Prof UW Entomology

Surface Water in Central Wyoming – Guest Speaker SEO  
Irrigation Districts - Michelle, Local Irrigation District  
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Trees for X County – Andy, Local Parks Department

There will be a Vendor's room where vendors providing services may contact clients. There will be a Kids Station in the Vendor's room that will have educational activities for children.

Students are admitted free. All others pay a registration fee of \$15 per person.

### **UW Barnyards & Backyards Resources on the above topics that may be handouts:**

#### **PRUNING**

“Correct pruning can revitalize landscapes,” Diana Cochran & Karen Panter, Winter 2009

#### **PASTURE MANAGEMENT**

“Upside down grazing – reverse the seasons,” Barton Stam, Fall 2012

“Management-intensive grazing. What is it and could it work for you?” Dallas Mount, Fall 2011

“Get a grip on grazing” B&B Rural Living Resource Guide

“Small pasture management guide for Utah,” 2008

“Got drought? Property owners can reduce some effects through land management,”  
B. Stam, Summer 2007

“Healthy pasture means healthy horses,” Kellie Chichester, Summer 2008

#### **GRAPES**

“Wyoming residents grow grapes for wines, jellies,” Sandra Frost, April 2010

“Raising small fruits in Wyoming...berry delicious,” Karen Panter, April 2009

#### **BEEES**

“There's a BUZZ about beekeeping in Wyoming,” Justina Russell, Summer 2012

“Pollination is a bee-autiful thing,” Scott Schell, Summer 2008

#### **WATER**

“Water – not a dry subject in Wyoming. Water rights and law, water quality, irrigation.  
B&B Rural Living Resources Guide

“Recognizing and responding to drought on rangelands,” M. Smith, April 2007, MP11-09

#### **NATIVE PLANTS**

“Do you know these native, water-wise plants?” J. Thompson, Summer 2011

“Pioneer plants of the West: can you identify these hardy survivors? Justina Russell, Fall 2011

“Rocky Mountain natives for Wyoming landscapes, April 2009

**How will your workshop(s) meet the educational needs of small acreage landowners in your area and further the Small Acreage Issue Team mission?**

Several topics will help landowners adopt sustainable management practices. Pasture management, hay production, native plants, and native bee population information will provide facts and strategies to promote healthy grass cover, reduce water use, and preserve pollinator habitat in Lasso County. Information about irrigation districts will foster understanding of water rights and responsibilities among landowners and districts which may lead to better relationships between landowners and districts.

**How do you intend to recruit landowners to attend (“market” the workshop):**

Conservation Districts will distribute publicity via email/postcards. Lasso County Weed & Pest will distribute publicity via postcards and email. UW Extension will distribute information via email and postcards. UW Extension will purchase newspaper advertising and appear on live radio talk shows. UW Extension will purchase 30-sec radio spots. Press releases featuring speakers will be written and disseminated. Information will be posted on websites managed by UW Extension and Weed & Pest. All task force members will use the Rural Living postcards to send out individual invitations.

**What resources will your organization devote to the proposed workshop (personnel, time, funds, etc.)?**

The UW Extension educator in Lasso County will apply for and administer the grant if awarded. UW Extension will coordinate the Lasso County Rural Living Task Force’s efforts and publicize the event through newspaper and radio ads, and mailings. The Conservation Districts support the workshop by including publicity in their newsletters and mailings. Local Weed & Pest distributes publicity to their clients. Master Gardeners support the effort by working as registrars and moderators during the day. Local Conservation District and UW Extension-Lasso County will support the workshop up to \$250.

**If you will be collaborating with other organizations to conduct the workshop please list those partners:**

Local Weed & Pest Control District  
Local Conservation District  
Other Local Conservation District  
Lasso County Master Gardeners  
City of Petunia

**Can and will your organization meet the requirements for funded proposal recipients listed in the Request for Applications? This includes the planning and advertisement of a back-up date for the workshop in case of bad weather, etc, when possible. (reimbursement of funds will not occur until requirements are met) X Yes No**

**Estimated budget for funds requested (please outline):** attached

**Attach proposed draft agenda (topics)** attached

**Signatures are required for proposal submission:**

*Workshop director signature:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title:* \_\_\_\_\_ *e-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing address:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*phone number:* \_\_\_\_\_ *fax number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Authorized organizational representative signature:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please return application to: [jsjones@uwyo.edu](mailto:jsjones@uwyo.edu) (please send electronically as a PDF file if possible)

If you are unable to send electronic applications please mail to (be sure to build in adequate time for the application to work its way through the mail system):

Jennifer Thompson, Small Acreage Outreach Coordinator  
University of Wyoming Extension  
USDA Service Center  
5015 Stone Road  
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

**All applications must be received by us January 15, 2013 in order to be considered.**

This application form, the Request For Applications document and information on previous workshops can be found at [www.barnyardsandbackyards.com/](http://www.barnyardsandbackyards.com/)



**2012 Rural Living Workshop  
Budget (based on 50 attending)**

<b>INCOME</b>		Amount
Rural Living Grant		\$1,000.00
Registration fees \$15 per person		\$750.00
Local Conservation District		\$150.00
UW Extension		<u>\$150.00</u>
		<b>\$2,050.00</b>
<b>In-kind</b>		
UW Extension	employee/postage	
Weed & Pest	postage for 100	
Local Conservation District	postage for 200	
Other Local Conservation District	postage for 400	
Master Gardeners	volunteers	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Fun Plaza Inn		
	rooms	\$700.00
	AV carts, 4	\$20.00
	3 screens	\$30.00
Lunch @ \$11		\$550.00
Newspaper ads		
	Local Tribune two @ \$103.50	\$207.00
	Local Enterprise two @ \$117	\$234.00
Radio 30 sec spots		
	KRTD 10 @ \$10 ea	\$100.00
	KPLQ(14 stations) 20 @ \$10	\$200.00
Miscellaneous		<u>\$9.00</u>
		<b>\$2,050.00</b>

## 2012 Rural Living Workshop

Sat. March 6, 2012

Fun Plaza Inn, Somewhere, Wyoming

<b>Time</b>	<b>Room A</b>	<b>Room B</b>	<b>Room C</b>
9-9:50 am	Pruning Trees	Growing Hay	Irrigation districts
10-10:50 am	Permaculture	How to maintain a road	Native plants for drought
11-11:50 am	Pasture Management	Cooking from the Garden	Growing Grapes
Noon-1:15		<b>LUNCH – Guest speaker</b>	
1:30 -2:20 pm	Pasture Management	Trees for X County	Growing Grapes
2:30 - 3:20 pm	Native plants for drought	Native bees	Growing Hay

### **Speakers:**

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