

ABSTRACT

Project Manager & Contact Person: _____
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Grantee: _____
Project address: _____
City, State and Zip Code _____

Grant funds requested: \$ _____
Matching funds committed: \$ _____
Applicant in-kind contributions: \$ _____
Third party In-Kind contributions: \$ _____

Component applying under: _____

Project Summary (Narrative Statement)

1. A brief description as to the need for the services / activities proposed within the grant application; i.e. the conditions creating the need for services/activities,
2. A brief description of the activities proposed;
3. A listing of the outcomes;

Example:

“Historically, the Imperial County has been characterized as an economically disadvantaged community due to its high unemployment, low income levels, lack of business infrastructure, and the lack of a specialized workforce capable of assisting businesses to expand and meet the demands of current markets.

The Imperial County is currently undergoing the effects of the economic impacts produced as a result of the implementation of a 15-year fallowing program that has resulted in an increase in the counties annual unemployment compared to what was registered in 2002 (15.1%): 2003 (15.7%), 2004 (17.1%), 2005 (15.1%), and 2006 (15.3). While these numbers clearly indicate the impact produced by the fallowing program, it takes on a more ominous picture considering the increase in employment opportunities that the County went through in 2003 and 2004 with the opening of the Imperial Valley Mall and two Walmart Supercenters that significantly offset any dramatic unemployment rate climb.

This proposal responds directly to this phenomenon in strengthening the businesses associated within the agricultural sector to offset these impacts and maintain the advances of previous years.

Through workforce specialization training we will increase the work skills of the business work force to assume new positions and responsibilities in a more efficient and productive manner:

- 30 people per cycle will undergo workforce specialization training
- 95% of these will conclude the program
- 90% of those completing the program will assume new job positions
- 60% of those completing the program will see an increase of 8 - 12% in their wages
- A total of 90 people (3 cycles) will be provided services on an annual basis.