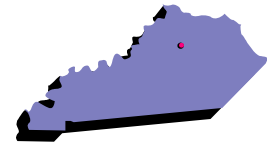


**Southern Region Program Leadership Network
Community Development Committee
2008 State Report
Kentucky**



Kentucky State University

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2. Program Description and Staffing Plan:

The Community Resource and Economic Development unit of the Cooperative Extension Program focuses on three aims: (1) it strives to improve communities' abilities to identify and address critical issues that impact the lives of their members; (2) expand leadership capacity to develop personal and interpersonal skills, stimulate volunteer leadership, and promote active participation in community problem-solving; and (3) attain sustainability of local economic systems that are globally competitive.

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3. Program Highlights for 2007:

- **KSU Youth Entrepreneurship Camp** – conducted 7-day residential camp for 23 high school students; students work in teams to prepare and present business plans and commercials
- **Disaster Preparedness for Small Businesses** – prepared six fact sheets and conducted Roundtable on this issue
- **E-Commerce Workshops** – conducted workshops for agents and small business owners; collaborated with KY CES agent, Debra Cotterill, Connie Hancock, University of Nebraska Extension, and Mark L. Johnson, KY Cabinet for Economic Development

- **Small Business Retention & Expansion Surveys**– worked with UK specialist Dr. Rick Maurer in training local interview teams to conduct survey, prepare results, and present community forums; served on SRDC BR&E team with Hank Cothran (FL) and Alan Barefield (SRDC/MS State) to offer training
- **Hispanic/Latino Outreach**— served as consultant/resource for KSU and the Kentucky Extension system in matters of Hispanic/Latino affairs; developed partnerships and continue working with established partners to continuously serve the Latino community in Kentucky and the nation; member of the SERA-37: The New Hispanic South
- **eXtension Community of Practice** – participated in communities of practice for Entrepreneurs and Their Communities, Youth Entrepreneurship, and Diversity in Higher Education

4. Plans/New Directions for 2008:

- Provide leadership to and coordinate development of entrepreneurial education, and Hispanic/Latino outreach programming (Roundtable, grant projects, youth camp, eXtension, business retention & expansion, and e-commerce,).
- Provide educational programming and technical assistance to communities to identify, address, and participate in critical problem-solving, and build community capacity
- Identify, develop, and/or conduct leadership development training opportunities (KY CES agents, KY communities, non-profit organizations, KY Women in Agriculture, Bluegrass Alliance for Women; student organizations such as SIFE, and others; Leadership Plenty)

5. Collaborative Activities and Funding Sources:

FY 2006-9 - \$149,430, USDA Rural Development-KY Rural Business Enterprise Grant
 FY 2006-8 - \$54,745, USDA Rural Development 1890 Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Grant
 FY 2007-8 - \$97,745 USDA Rural Development 1890 Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Grant

Collaborators:

USDA Rural Development - Kentucky
 Bluegrass Community & Technical College
 Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College
 Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development
 Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis-Louisville Branch
 Small Business Development Centers (Bluegrass, Southeast, Murray State)
 JA of Kentuckiana
 Local agencies and programs (Chambers of Commerce, health departments, schools)

6. Additional Information: