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CED State Report Template



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(Cooperative Extension Program)

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Please briefly discuss:

1. Staffing changes (levels, new allocation system, staffing patterns, etc.)

Effective July 2011, the Fort Valley State University Cooperative Extension program hired an Assistant Administrator (100% Extension) to provide leadership and program development to the area of Community Development and Outreach for the state of Georgia.

2. Financial Changes (budget cuts/growth, new funding opportunities, new partners, etc.)

The Fort Valley State University Cooperative Extension program established funding to support Community Development and Outreach programming to meet the needs of limited resource clientele in rural Georgia.

3. Notable programming success and their impact

There are no notable programming successes and impacts to report due to the infancy of the program area. Program reinstated in July 2011.

4. New initiatives proposed

Effective January 2012, the FVSU Cooperative Extension Program (FVSU CEP) launched their Extension Works program. The program is a workforce preparedness/development program designed to bring professional and education opportunities, and technological resources to communities whose unemployment rates surpass the state and national averages. The program targets rural Georgia's unemployed population and gives special attention to those classified as discouraged workers.

Extension personnel have conducted trainings in Crawford (January 2012) and Peach (February 2012) counties serving approximately 70 unemployed citizens.

In January 2012, FVSU CEP in cooperation with Georgia's USDA Rural Development Office submitted an application to the Southern Rural Development Center for consideration to participate in their Stronger Economies Together (SET) program.

5. Opportunities for collaboration

The Extension Works program provided opportunities for the Extension Program to collaborate with Georgia Department of Labor, Middle Georgia Consortium, Central Georgia Technical College, and Middle Georgia Technical College.

Favorable consideration of the SET application will afford the FVSU CEP to collaborate with the Southern Rural Development Center, along with the various state agencies providing specialized technical assistance in the areas of economic and community development.

6. Other

7. General Comments: