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This is not an inclusive list, but suggestions for grant opportunities.

– Risk Management Education Centers

- North Central Risk Management Education: www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/ncrisk
- Northeast Center For Risk Management Education: www.necrme.org
- Southern Region Risk Management Education Center: srrme.tamu.edu
- Western Center for Risk Management Education: westrme.wsu.edu

– Risk Management Agency: www.rma.usda.gov

– CSREES/USDA: www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm

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- Establish a planning committee & chair
 - Committee members can consist of educators in area of Agriculture, FCS, agency professionals, as well as the target audience.
 - Have regular meetings or communication to report progress & identify where additional work is needed.

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– Involving Target Audience

- It is important that the target audience is involved, so that they have some buy in
- It is not just another Extension program
- They will encourage friends and acquaintances to come, etc.
- May need to help pay for travel if planning meetings are held some distance from a producer's home.

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Interest Survey –

- Mail or phone
- Random and/or selective, or farm organization women
- Information needed:
 - Best time of year for conference
 - Weekdays or weekend preference
 - Length of Conference
 - Educational Topics – what topics are wanted and needed
 - Suggestions for speakers