

Keeping Yourself in the Loop

Learn and Serve

Learn and Serve grants are annually awarded to successful applicants. For the 2008 fiscal year, there are three subgrantees including Smith Valley, Gerlach and Panaca. Two of the three are agriculture programs. Gerlach is currently using funds to construct a greenhouse. Upon completion, students and members from the community will develop and maintain a community garden. Family and consumer sciences instructor Carol Mathews is having her students make blankets and clothes for the needy in their community. In Smith Valley, students in Randi Hunewill's classes are testing both the soil and water in their community. With their new knowledge, students are educating younger students and the public.



2007 Legislature Funding for Agriculture Education

On September 25, 2007, community and business members met in Reno to review grant applications submitted by 12 school districts and 19 agriculture education programs from across the state. Approved projects included a new program at Battle Mountain, the building of a greenhouse in Lund, the purchasing of a tractor at Owyhee, and many other supply and equipment items to improve agriculture education statewide. The committee received over \$500,000 dollars in requests and awarded a total of \$250,000 to start up, expand and improve Nevada Agriculture Education at the secondary level. These funds were made available through the \$4 million allocated by the 2007 Nevada Legislature. The committee included Vance DeMars, FFA Foundation President and CEO Great Basin Ready Mix; Ty Nebe, Nevada Security Bank; Pawl Hollis, Rail City Garden Center; Jim Cooney, Nevada Ag Teachers Association; Jim Usher, Bently AgrowDynamics; Gary Waters, Former State Board of Education President; Tonja Dressler, parent; Amanda Vesco, Former State FFA President; Heather Dye, State Staff Nevada FFA Association.

Thank you to all of those who worked with the legislature to show the importance of Career and Technical Education.



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