

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

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### **1. What's the scoring rubric?**

The first 70 points (50% of total score) is based on liquidity, total involvement, YF involvement, administrative costs, and if the county is charging an additional member assessment. The following 70 points are granted by the review committee by the sections indicated on the application (reference application). The total points awarded by each individual committee member were then combined and averaged to create the average application points to be awarded.

### **2. How was the selection committee selected? What are their terms?**

The committee was appointed by President Bednarski to two year terms, with an August turnover. (Even districts expiring August 2018, odd districts expiring August 2019)

### **3. What kind of follow-up information is required from those projects that were funded? Is there a detailed list of the events/programs that were funded and the results?**

For projects that are awarded grants, the county must complete a final submission form that requires the county to identify the measurable outcomes, opportunities for improvement and what areas the project achieved (leadership, involvement, etc). If the awarded amount is greater than \$2,500, the county must also provide receipts for total expenditures.

### **4. What were the type of grants that were funded?**

Farm Science Lab in the District  
Ag Bus Tours  
Young Farmer Peer Mentor Program  
Farm Safety Day  
County Fair Displays

Mobile Milk Booth  
Agent & Young Farmer Farm Mixer  
Collaborative County Annual Meetings  
...and many more!

### **5. What makes for a strong application?**

Use measurable outcomes or project goals when completing the application and be specific. Explain how the county plans to measure the impact of the event or project on the four key areas the grant fund was created to achieve (develop leadership, create member-specific programs that meet the needs of members, increase member involvement and strengthen the ability for the county Farm Bureau to be the voice of agriculture locally). Be detailed, yet concise.

### **6. Where do the grant dollars come from?**

\$100,000 investment from Michigan Farm Bureau and up to \$75,000 from county Farm Bureaus that exceed their 2010 membership level.

### **7. I would like more feedback on why my grant was denied or not fully funded, who can I talk to?**

For additional information on the grant review committee's scoring and feedback, contact Deb Schmucker, Director of Field Operations at [dschmuc@michfb.com](mailto:dschmuc@michfb.com) or (517) 323-6587.