

Receive a stipend for a REAP ELIGIBLE proposal (\$1,000) or Value Added or RBEG/RBOG ELIGIBLE proposal (\$2,000)!!

Mary Hoffman, with Adams State University (ASU), will be in the crowd for the grants workshop this Tuesday, where you can connect with her on the opportunity to get funds to pay a grant writer for your project submission. ASU CP can provide a \$1,000 stipend for each REAP ELIGIBLE proposal submitted to USDA, and \$2,000 for each Value Added or RBEG/RBOG ELIGIBLE proposal.

These stipends will be provided to the organization not the grant writer as a means of easing the cost of proposal writing. The proposal writing cost is totally between the grant writer and the organization. For example, each project has its own complexity, which might vary the cost. Grant writers have their own rates. As usual, the organization hiring the grant writer takes all risks: the proposal may not get funded or deemed eligible or submitted in time for a stipend. If eligible for a stipend, organizations should be prepared to carry the cost due to the time it takes for the proposal to be deemed eligible and the reimbursement time through our system.

CP will need a copy of the proposal just to verify that it is eligible, before it is submitted to USDA. Note: The proposed project does not have to be funded in order to receive a stipend. It does need to be eligible based on: submission of complete package before the stated deadline and meeting eligible requirements of the associated USDA grant program's request for proposal (RFP) document.

This project is an effort to deliver more proposals to the USDA from their designated "Strikeforce" areas in Colorado.

Mary's personal goal is to increase the number of USDA grant writers in the San Luis Valley, increase the amount of funded USDA projects in the Valley and add to local freelance income within the Valley.