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Dear WIC Nutrition Professional,

Welcome to the Spring 2006 WIC Works mailing. Do you ever think that if you had a little more money or a few extra staff hours, you could add something extra to your program? If so, then you might consider applying for a small grant.

Looking for grants and applying for them does take time and effort but there are advantages even beyond the funding from a grant. Grants can...

- Generate positive publicity and boost community awareness
- Revitalize nutrition education efforts
- Rejuvenate your surroundings
- Foster stronger relationships within your agency and grow alliances with other organizations
- Bring excitement and respect for what you do and build feelings of accomplishment

With this letter, we enclose information to help you through three important steps to make it easier to prepare a successful grant application:

First Decide how you would use a grant and where to find that grant. See **Grants: Getting Started/Grants Resources** and the **Grants.gov brochure** for more information.

Second Assess your agency's situation. See **Is a Grant Right For Your Agency?**

Finally Develop an application. See **30 Quick Tips for Grant Applications**.

These documents are also available online at <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Topics/Grants.html>. Also, as we receive grant announcements, we will share them with you through this section of the Web site. If you have questions about this mailing, please contact us by telephone at 301-504-5719, by fax at 301-504-6409, or by email at wicworks@nal.usda.gov.

We are wishing you much success!

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