

The Applied Social Research Unit regrets to inform you that we have discontinued *Grant News* due to funding cuts from *Grant News* sponsors. Also, Illinois State University's funding cuts mean that the Applied Social Research Unit will be closing effective June 30, 2004. The decision to discontinue the *Grant News* has come after much deliberation, and we apologize for any inconvenience in not corresponding with you sooner. It has been our pleasure to have provided the *Grant News* since 1994.

Currently, back issues of *Grant News*, from October 1995 to October 2002, are available on our website at <http://www.asru.ilstu.edu/>. These back issues can provide possible leads to organizations that might fund your needs or activities. Review current grant guidelines of any potential funders you identify through *Grant News*. You also may want to search for grant writing and funding information at the Foundation Center's website, <http://www.fdncenter.org/>. Libraries are another good source of reference materials about grant writing and grant seeking. Some libraries have a grant resources page, such as the Milner Library at Illinois State University at <http://www.mlb.ilstu.edu/ressubj/subject/grant>.


Also, there are other grant newsletters that provide information similar to our *Grant News*. Contact the Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation (ICIC) at http://www.legis.state.il.us/commission/igcc/igcc_home.html for an online copy of *Grant Alerts* and other grant related resources. You also can reach ICIC at 217-782-6924. Members of Rural Partners, the Illinois private/public partnership for rural community development, have access to *Grant Station*, a weekly electronic grant newsletter. Contact Paul Galligos, Executive Director, Rural Partners, at 217-585-9242, to find out about membership benefits and fees or go to the website at <http://www.ruralpartners.org/>.

Best wishes to you for your grant seeking and writing.

Sincerely,



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