

# COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

**May 23, 2017**  
**Catawba County Cooperative Extension**  
**(Newton, NC)**

**May 25, 2017**  
**University of Mount Olive**  
**(Mount Olive, NC)**

## AGENDA

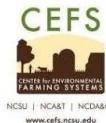
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Registration and Introductions</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>CFP Grant Program Overview</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Eligibility and Matching Funds</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Applying through grants.gov</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Partner Collaborations</b>
<b>Noon</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Idea Refinement and Evaluation</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Refining your Project Idea</i></li><li>• <i>Impacts and Evaluation</i></li></ul>
<b>1:45 pm</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Preparing Your Proposal</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Application Walk-through</i></li><li>• <i>Preparing Your Responses</i></li></ul>
<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>Small Group and Large Group Q&amp;A</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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## Participant outcomes:

- Workshop participants will increase their knowledge of how to apply for federal grant funding through grants.gov.
- Workshop participants will understand the steps for building a quality community food project.
- Workshop participants will increase their understanding of the benefits of collaborations and partnerships for community food projects.
- Workshop participants will understand how to build partnerships and networks in their community to support their efforts.
- Workshop participants will understand the basics of developing a strong evaluation plan for a Community Food Project grant as well as for building capacity within their organization.

## CFP Coaches:



**Tessa Thraves**, *Youth Coordinator for the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS)*

Tessa works to build capacity in community-driven local food system efforts across NC. With CEFS, she served as one of the core team leading CEFS's 18 month, statewide Farm to Fork initiative: Building a Local Sustainable Food System in NC and a number of community-based food initiatives across the state. She currently co-host FoodCorps NC, in partnership with Liz Driscoll of NC 4-H, and Tessa founded and co-leads CEFS's *Food Youth Initiative (FYI)*, in partnership with multiple statewide and local organizations, to increase youth leadership in NC. She is part of the CORE team at CEFS working on Racial Equity in the Food System, serves on the steering committee of the Farm to School Coalition of North Carolina, and serves as the state lead in NC to the National Farm to School Network. She has served as a reviewer for the Community Food Project grant and provides technical assistance on CFP grants for the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project of Tufts University (New Entry).



**Rebecca Dunning, Ph.D.**, *Project Manager, NC Growing Together, Center for Environmental Farming Systems, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University*

Rebecca designs and manages food system initiatives at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) at North Carolina State University, building programming and relationships with private businesses, food system non-profits including hospitals, educational institutions (university and community college system), and economic development entities. She holds advanced degrees in agricultural economics and sociology, and has 20+ years of experience working in food and agriculture with positions in private industry, government, and higher education. Rebecca also serves as an internal evaluation resource for CEFS programs, and has acted as a reviewer for USDA's Local Food Promotion, Farm to School, and Community Food Projects grant programs. She also provides technical assistance on CFP grants for New Entry.



**Becky Bowen, J.D.**, *Program Manager, CultivateNC, CRD, NC Cooperative Extension Service*

Becky specializes in community economic development at the NC Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State University. She is a (recovering) attorney licensed in North Carolina, North Dakota, and Minnesota and also is the co-founder of Carolina Common Enterprise, a non-profit development center that serves rural and underserved communities statewide that are seeking to develop cooperative and mutually-owned enterprises. Becky has extensive experience in low-resourced community development and has facilitated USDA's Stronger Economies Together economic development initiative in four multi-county regions in North Carolina. She chairs the Economic Impacts Workgroup of North Carolina Cooperative Extension's Local Foods Program Team and facilitated the delivery in North Carolina of USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's grant writing workshops on the Farmers Market Promotion and Local Foods Promotion Programs in 2015 and 2016.