



Grant projects bloom at TEAM Santa Rosa offices

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The summer is all about grant writing at TEAM Santa Rosa. In continuing efforts to reduce our reliance on public funds, TEAM is working on seven grants that could help supplement our budget for the next fiscal year.

TEAM Santa Rosa assisted AppRiver in obtaining an Incumbent Worker Training Grant. This funding will help offset the cost associated with training new employees.

TEAM is working to secure a robust well-trained labor force in order to draw industry that brings good jobs to our area. We are working with the Santa Rosa County School District to develop a comprehensive strategic plan that will address the employment needs of industry as well as the needs of the students who will be staffing the jobs within those industries. The plan will be ready this fall. In the 2009-2010 school year, 72 Santa Rosa County School District students earned industry certifications applicable to our targeted industries.

Visit PanhandleFresh.com to register for season two of the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The season begins on August 21 and continues thru November 26. The program requires a 13-week commitment and costs \$30 per week. Because the amount of produce being given each week is so large, we encourage individuals to share their memberships in order to divide up the quantity and reduce cost per person.

New websites are being constructed by TEAM Santa Rosa to highlight the industrial parks in Santa Rosa County. The sites will be interactive and contain data and photos of our available properties. We anticipate the launch of these sites in early fall.

TEAM is assisting the Small Business Development Center with the State of Florida's "bridge loan" program. The program utilizes public funds to provide small businesses in Florida with a no-interest infusion of cash to bridge the gap between economic injury from the oil spill and future financial recovery programs that are anticipated from BP and the federal government.

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