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**TO:** County Weed & Pest Supervisors, Weed & Pest Control Commission/Attendees

**FROM:** Brenda Sievers, Plant Industry Program Manager *BS*

**DATE:** September 27, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Call for Weed & Pest Grant Applications for FY2018

At the meeting on September 14, 2016, the Weed & Pest Control Commission approved a call for grant applications for FY2018 funds. The Commission approved the following:

\$330,000 divided amongst the counties that meet the criteria (See grant criteria for more info.)  
\$320,000 to fund competitive grants

The Commission will be awarding each county that meets the criteria, either \$2,500 or \$5,000 depending upon which criteria they meet. The enclosed grant form is FY2018 Call for Grants & Contractual Agreements.

Also, the Commission has made available \$320,000 in competitive grants of which any dollar amount can be awarded to one or more counties for special weed projects within the county. The competitive grant criteria and application form is marked FY2018 Competitive Weed & Pest Grant. These grant requests will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission Chairman. Their recommendations will be presented at the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission meeting in February for final approval.

All grant applications must be mailed to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Services, **no later than November 18, 2016**. If grants are emailed or faxed in, the original copy **must** follow and be **postmarked no later than November 18, 2016**. The Commission will act on all grant applications on February 22, 2017, at the 2017 Annual Weed & Pest Conference in Huron, SD.

If you have any questions, please contact me, your district Commission member or the Department of Agriculture office at 605-773-3796. You may also ask the Department of Agriculture staff at the upcoming District Weed & Pest Meetings. Also enclosed are the dates and locations of the District Weed & Pest Meetings.