Economic & Workforce-Related Projects Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning (Grambling State University)

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Name	Year(s)	Partner(s)	Parish(es)	Agency (\$)	Commentary
		Location			
CHOICES	2009 - 13	New Living Word Ministries (NLWM) in Ruston (LA)	Lincoln, Union, Claiborne	DOJ via OJP (\$200,000).	Title of initiative is Creating Honorable Opportu-nities Involving Community, Education, & Ser-vice. Project involves assisting ex-offenders to transition back into communities and/or their families. Initiative involves both females and males. Approximately 120 individuals are being equipped to become business owners and/or entrepreneurs throughout North Central LA. Ap-proximately 95% of the clients African- American. Min/Rev Jerry Baldwin serves as the CEO of NLWM of Ruston (LA). Involves faculty from GSU Colleges of Education & Professional Studies.
EMERALD	2008-13	Delta Regional CDC (Ferriday, LA); PRIDE Community Assoc (Waterproof, LA); Renewal, Inc. (Monroe, LA); Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce (Gram- bling, LA); Pilgrim's Rest Outreach Min. (Winnsboro, LA); Greater North LA CDC (Jonesboro, LA); North Louisiana Community Enhancement Corporation (Bastrop, LA)	Catahoula; Concordia; Tensas; Madison; Morehouse; Ouachita; Lincoln; East Carroll; Jackson; Winn; Bienville	SBA (\$487,500)	Title of initiative is Expanding Minority Entrepre-neurship Regionally Across the Louisiana Delta Region. Designed to assist minority small business and/or entrepreneurs throughout the LA Delta Region. Approximately 120 clients being served. CEOs of the organizations include: Emerson Slain (Ferriday); Kemmeka Davis (Waterproof); Bishop Alvin Walker (Monroe); Barbara McIntyre (Grambling); Ed January (Winnsboro); Janice Simmons (Jonesboro); and, Min/Rev Payne Montgomery (Grambling/Bastrop). Involves faculty from GSU Colleges of Business & Education.