A few thoughts...

• How hard is it to get grants?
  • 10-15% proposals are funded by most USDA and NSF panels
  • Higher funding rates for Postdoc/Seed/New investigator grants
  • Higher funding rates for NEW grant programs

• Why do I continue to write grants?
  • Numerous “second chance” opportunities
  • Very rewarding process

• How to become successful in grant writing?
  • Be patient, willing to accept criticism and willing to change
  • Able to critique yourself
  • Collaboration is VERY important