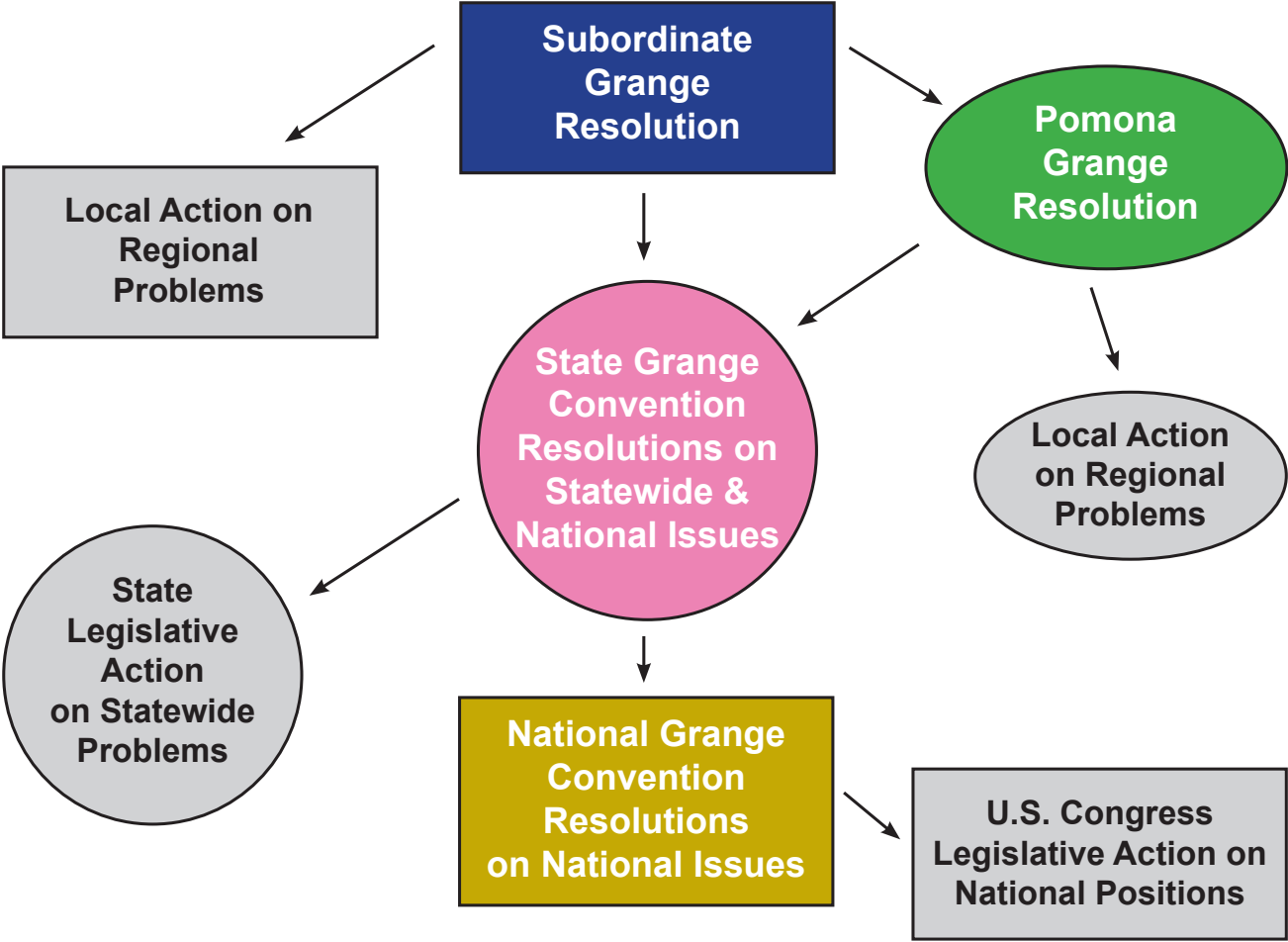




How Grange Policy is Developed: It All Begins in the Local Grange

Many members have expressed an interest in learning how resolutions are drafted and how the whole process works. If you have further questions, please contact State Legislative Director Gordon Gibson at Legislative@CTStateGrange.org or by phone at 860-871-7757.

One of the basic precepts of the Grange is its adherence to "grass roots" policy development. Nearly every policy statement issued by the National or State Grange Masters or their legislative representatives begins in a local Grange meeting. This chart shows how Subordinate/Pomona Grange resolutions result in action being taken on local, state and national levels.





The Proper Format for a Grange Resolution

ALL RESOLUTIONS MUST FOLLOW THIS FORMAT	
THE PARTS OF A RESOLUTION	SAMPLE RESOLUTION
Each resolution is numbered	Resolution No. 1
Clear, concise title	USDA FUNDS
State the problem in this paragraph. Do <u>not</u> express opinions - only supportable facts. Note use of "WHEREAS", (capitalized) and semi-colon followed by "and" at end of paragraph.	WHEREAS, funds appropriated to USDA often give the impression to many people not associated with farming that these funds go directly to the farmer for his personal use; and
This states a fact (not opinion) that causes the problem. Each fact (there may be several) is a separate paragraph. Note use of semi-colon followed by "therefore be it."	WHEREAS, many public programs such as school lunch, forest service, meat inspection and food stamps are federal programs funded by USDA;
The RESOLVED states the action you wish to take. If there is more than one solution, tie them together with "and be it further resolved" using punctuation as before. Properly written, this section can stand alone -- it will relate to the problem and action desired to correct it.	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grange urge that USDA programs be separated and listed as to amount of money received and all other means be used to promote a clearer understanding between consumers and farmers concerning USDA appropriations.

