

# ORGANIC TRANSITIONS AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAMS SUMMARY DATA

*For use as guideline only. For specific information on each program refer to the RFA or contact program staff*

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	Organic Transitions	Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative
Abbreviation	ORG	OREI
Program code	112.E	113.A
CFDA	10.303	10.307
FDC	51106	51300
Farm Bill Relation	No	Yes
Available funds (est.)	\$7,500,000	\$50,000,000
Award ceiling	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000
Project duration	Up to 4 years	Up to 4 years
Notice of Intent	Not Required	Not Required
PD meetings	Minimum of 2	Minimum of 2 Not required for Conference and Planning Grants
Narrative page limit	21 pages	21 pages
Response to previous review page limit	3 pages Does not count towards the page limit for Project Narrative	3 pages Does not count towards the page limit for Project Narrative
Multiple Application	Discouraged when objectives overlap significantly	Discouraged when objectives overlap significantly
Ag. Knowledge area	Research Education Extension	Research Education Extension
Project Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated: at least two components (Research, Education, Extension)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated: at least two components (Research, Education, Extension) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tier 1:</b> large, coordinated projects addressing critical issues that cut across multiple regions</li> <li><b>Tier 2:</b> multidisciplinary projects addressing issues that may be either national or regional</li> <li><b>Tier 3:</b> projects with a possibly narrower scope or locality-specific nature</li> </ul> </li> <li>Conference Proposals</li> <li>Planning Proposals</li> <li>Curriculum proposals</li> <li>Other types as deemed appropriate</li> </ul>
Cost Sharing/Matching	Yes (dollar-for-dollar)	Yes (dollar-for-dollar)
Indirect cost rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30% of total Federal funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30% of total Federal funds</li> </ul>
Eligibility	1. Colleges and universities	1. State agricultural experiment stations

		2. Colleges and universities 3. University research foundations 4. Other research institutions and organizations 5. Federal agencies 6. National laboratories 7. Private organizations or corporations 8. Individuals who are United States citizens or nationals 9. A group consisting of two or more of the entities described above
<b>Activities Covered</b>	<b>Barriers to transitions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on a major issue that limits adoption of organic practices in a specific region or crop (e.g. local and regional infrastructure constraints)</li> <li>• Development of new technology to address a critical issue in organic production</li> <li>• Technology Adaptation for organic production</li> <li>• Strategies to limit unintended contamination from genetically modified organisms (GMOs)</li> </ul> <b>Alternative to critical tools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of critical tools used by organic growers (e.g. removal of a pest control product from the national list).</li> </ul> <b>Ecosystem services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental services and stewardship</li> <li>• Contribution to conservation outcomes (including pollinator health, biodiversity,</li> <li>• Climate change mitigation potentials (including greenhouse gas emissions)</li> </ul>	<b>Working organic systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High priority research, education and extension projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products</li> <li>• Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics</li> </ul>
<b>Certification/Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities in transition but also certified facilities</li> <li>• Conventional practices can be used as proof of concept or comparative treatment when required to achieve project objectives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified facilities required</li> <li>• Conventional practices/products not allowed, except for comparative treatment when required to achieve project objectives.</li> </ul>
<b>GMOs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could be used for comparative purpose or proof of concept (but cross-contamination should be prevented)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could be used for comparative purpose or proof of concept (but cross-contamination should be prevented)</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholder input</b>	√√√	√√√
<b>Fundamental research</b>	√√√	√√
<b>Applied research</b>	√√	√√√
<b>Systems Approach</b>	√√	√√√