Animal Health and Disease Research Program

FY 2013 Formula Grant Opportunity (FGO) - Final

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ANIMAL HEALTH AND DISEASE RESEARCH PROGRAM

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE: This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under 10.207.

DATES: Applications must be received by close of business (COB) (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on July 19, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for the FY 2013 formula grants authorized under authorized under section 1433 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA) for the Animal Health and Disease Research (AHDR) Program. These grants are used to assist all states in carrying out a program of research activities designed (1) to meet expenses of conducting animal health and disease research, publishing and disseminating the results of such research, and contributing to the retirement of employees subject to the provisions of the Act of March 4, 1940 (54 Stat. 39–40, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 331); (2) for administrative planning and direction; and (3) to purchase equipment and supplies necessary for conducting such research. The amount available for this program in FY 2013 is $3,435,707 and is subject to change upon final Appropriation.

This notice identifies the objectives for AHDR projects, the eligibility criteria for AHDR projects and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a FY 2013 AHDR formula grant allocation. NIFA additionally requests stakeholder input from any interested party for use in the development of the next Formula Grant Opportunity (FGO) for this program. Please send questions or comments to Formula Grants Branch, Office of Grants and Financial Management (OGFM), NIFA/USDA, Stop 2271, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2271; fax: (202) 401-1804; or e-mail: formulagrantquestions@nifa.usda.gov.
What’s New for FY 2013?

- In July 2012, the System for Award Management (SAM), a new system that combines eight federal procurement systems, including the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) into one new system, was implemented. Therefore, CCR activities are now being conducted through SAM. See Part VI B. for additional information.

- New Application Attachment Filename Requirement. Attachment Filename Characters are now validated and enforced. Beginning August 15, 2012, applicants are now limited to using the following characters in all attachment file names. Valid file names may only include the following **UTF-8 characters:**
  A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore ( _ ), hyphen (-), space, period.

  **Note:** If applicants use any other characters when naming their attachment files their applications will be rejected.

- The FY 2013 formula grant awards will be disbursed through the Automated Standard Application for Payment System (ASAP) operated by the Department of Treasury’s Financial Management Service. Applicants must ensure ASAP recipient ID information provided on the SF 424 R&R (Research and Related) is correct as NIFA will use this information to certify funds in ASAP. NIFA will no longer move ASAP funds between institutional accounts. Applicants can receive instructions on how to access ASAP and how to inform NIFA, Financial Operations Division (FOD) of their account number to use to make disbursements, by emailing the ASAP Customer Service email box at ASAPCustomerService@nifa.usda.gov.

- There will be a single (final) Grants.gov submission in FY 2013. The funding amount provided in this FGO is an amount determined by NIFA and is subject to change upon final Appropriation.

- The Application Package for this submission will include:
  - Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form (SF) 424 (Research and Related (R&R)) (Required)
  - NIFA Supplemental Information Form (Required)
    NIFA will use the Supplemental Information Form to capture all necessary attachments for this submission of the SF 424 R&R application (i.e., matching waiver requests (via pdf attachment)).
  - NIFA will be capturing the information for three key contacts, and each organization will determine who those individuals are.
    - Block 5 should reflect the person responsible for fiscal/financial issues.
The Authorized Representative (AR) must have the authority to represent and bind the organization for any agreement.

The name of the Project Director will be reflected on the NIFA-2009, “Award Face Sheet”, and NIFA suggests that the Dean of the School or College of Veterinary Medicine (Dean) or Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station (Director) would be an appropriate person.

- NIFA plans to issue all FY 2013 Formula Grants on the NIFA-2009 form. This form is also used to issue non-formula grants.

- For formula grants issued in FY 2013, the grantee is required to submit an annual SF-425, Federal Financial Report (this form consolidates and replaces four financial reporting forms; the SF-269, SF-269A, SF-272, and SF-272A). The grantee is NOT required to submit a quarterly SF-425 (the quarterly submission requirement, however, exists for previously issued grants with DHHS as the designated payment system). When completing the SF 425, the Project/Grant Period in Block 8 must reflect the duration of the award (i.e., 2 years).

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1 Authorized Representative (AR) – the individual who is authorized to commit the awardee’s time and other resources to the project, to commit the awardee to comply with the terms and conditions of the award instrument including those set out herein, and to otherwise act for or on behalf of the awardee institution or organization.
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PART I—FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Legislative Authority and Background

Section 1433 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act Of 1977, enacted as Title XIV of P. L. 95–113 (The Food and Agriculture Act of 1977) on Sept. 29, 1977 is also known as the Animal Health and Disease Research (AHDR) Program. This law provides the basis for Federal funding for research activities into animal health and diseases at accredited State schools or colleges of veterinary medicine or agricultural experiment stations that conduct animal health and disease research.

States are eligible for funds appropriated under this Act according to the following formula: One half of the State allotment will be distributed among the States in the proportion that the value of and income to producers from domestic livestock, poultry, and commercial aquaculture species in each State bears to the total value of and income to producers from domestic livestock, poultry, and commercial aquaculture species in all the States, based on the most current inventory of all cattle, sheep, swine, horses, poultry, and commercial aquaculture species published by the Department of Agriculture. The remainder of the State allotment will be distributed among the States in the proportion that the animal health research capacity of the eligible institutions in each State bears to the total animal health research capacity in all the States, as determined by NIFA.

Under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was required to develop and maintain a public searchable data base for all Federal financial assistance awards, and Federal agencies are required to report specific data elements which will be collected via these applications (e.g., Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering (D-U-N-S®) numbers, legal names of institutions, legal addresses, and congressional districts). OMB makes this information available at http://www.usaspending.gov.

Please note that the submission of this application package does not change the following:
- Delegated authorities of the Dean of the School or College of Veterinary Medicine (Dean) or Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station (Director);
- How funds are managed at your institution; and
- Indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable costs.

Guidelines for the administration of this program are published as The Administrative Manual for the Continuing Animal Health and Disease Research Program, which may be accessed at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/awards/formula/manuals/animalhealth.pdf. Please note that any instructions in this FGO supersede policies and procedures identified in this manual. NIFA intends to revise the manual in FY 2013 and then promulgate administrative provisions for this program through the formal rulemaking process which includes a public comment period.

The USDA NIFA home page for AHDR-1433 is:
B. Purpose and Priorities

The purpose of this funding is to increase animal health and disease research activities at accredited State veterinary schools or colleges or agricultural experiment stations that conduct animal health and disease research.
PART II—AWARD INFORMATION

A. Available Funding

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (P. L. 113-6) provides funding in the amount of $3,435,707 in FY 2013 for this program. The FY 2013 allocation is subject to change upon final Appropriation.

Funds are being released on a semi-annual basis in FY 2013 to the institutions. See Appendix A for the specific allocation. Applicants should request funding in the amounts listed in the Appendix A to this announcement.

AHDR funds are expected to be fully expended in the fiscal year of appropriation; however, funds may be carried over for up to one additional year. Please note there is no limitation on the amount of Federal funds that may be carried over for this one additional fiscal year. No prior approval from NIFA is required. Since this limitation is legislatively mandated, NIFA is not authorized to grant any carry-over requests beyond this one additional year.

B. Types of Submission

In FY 2013, applications for awards must be submitted to the AHDR Program as a “new” application on the Grants.gov website.

Specific project details for individual projects and other pertinent information should be entered in the Current Research Information System (CRIS) as in prior years and need/should not be included in the application submitted in response to this FGO. CRIS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) documentation and reporting system for ongoing agricultural, food and nutrition, and forestry research and education. CRIS contains over 30,000 descriptions of current, publicly-supported research and education activities. This work is sponsored or conducted by the USDA research agencies, the State agricultural experiment stations, the State land-grant colleges and universities, State schools of forestry, cooperating schools of veterinary medicine, and USDA grant recipients. See Part VI.C. for specific CRIS requirements.

C. Project Types

Applicants should request funding at the same level as stated in Appendix A to this announcement. NIFA will fund the AHDR program in FY 2013 for approved AHDR projects. Institutions who fail to have at least one active AHDR project (minimum requirement for an active Program of Research under ADHR) by June 30, 2013, will have their allocation redistributed to other eligible institutions during the final quarter of FY 2013.

D. Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

The responsible and ethical conduct of research (RCR) is critical for excellence, as well as public trust, in science and engineering. Consequently, education in RCR is considered essential in the
preparation of future scientists. In accordance with sections 2, 3, and 8 of 7 CFR Part 3022, institutions that conduct extramural research funded by USDA must foster an atmosphere conducive to research integrity, bear primary responsibility for prevention and detection of research misconduct and are to maintain and effectively communicate and train their staff regarding policies and procedures. In the event an application to NIFA results in an award, the AOR assures, through acceptance of the award that the institution will comply with the above requirements. Per award terms and conditions, grant recipients shall, upon request, make available to NIFA the policies and procedures as well as documentation to support the conduct of the training.

Note that the training referred to herein shall be either on-campus or off-campus training. The general content of the ethics training, at a minimum, will emphasize three key areas of research ethics: authorship and plagiarism, data and research integration and reporting misconduct. Each institution will be responsible for developing its own training system, as schools will need flexibility to develop training tailored to their specific student needs. Grantees should consider the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) program for RCR (www.citiprogram.org/rcrpage.asp). Typically this RCR education addresses the topics of: Data Acquisition and Management - collection, accuracy, security, access; Authorship and Publication; Peer Review; Mentor/Trainee Responsibilities; Collaboration; Conflict of Interest; Research Misconduct; Human Subject Research; and Use of Animals in Research.
PART III—ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine or a State agricultural experiment station that conducts animal health and disease research in accordance with NARETPA section 1433(c): Auburn University, Agricultural Experiment Station; Auburn University, School of Veterinary Medicine; Tuskegee University, School of Veterinary Medicine; University of Alaska, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Arizona, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Arkansas, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of California-Oakland, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of California-Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine; Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine; Colorado State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; University of Connecticut-Storrs, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Delaware, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Florida, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Georgia, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Hawaii, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Idaho, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Illinois, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; Purdue University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; Iowa State University, Agricultural and Home Economics Experiment Station; Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine; Kansas State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; University of Kentucky, Agricultural Experiment Station; Louisiana State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; Louisiana State University, College of Veterinary Medicine; University of Maine, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Maryland, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Massachusetts, Agricultural Experiment Station; Tufts University, School of Veterinary Medicine; Michigan State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; University of Minnesota, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine; Mississippi State University, Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; University of Missouri, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine; Montana State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Nebraska, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Nevada, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of New Hampshire, Agricultural Experiment Station; Rutgers University, Agricultural Experiment Station; New Mexico State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; Cornell University, Agricultural Experiment Station; Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine; North Carolina State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine; North Dakota State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; Ohio State University, Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center; Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine; Oklahoma State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; Oregon State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; Pennsylvania State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Pennsylvania, College of Veterinary Medicine; University of Puerto Rico, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Rhode Island, Agricultural Experiment Station; Clemson University, Agricultural Experiment Station; South Dakota State University, Agricultural
Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply for funding provided that such arrangements are necessary to complete the project or activity.

**B. Cost Sharing or Matching**

7 U.S.C. 3200 provides that “No funds in excess of $100,000 … shall be paid by the Federal Government to any State under this subchapter during any fiscal year in excess of the amount from non-Federal sources made available to and budgeted for expenditure by eligible institutions in the State during the same fiscal year for animal health and disease research. The Secretary is authorized to make such payments in excess of $100,000 on the certificate of the appropriate official of the eligible institution having charge of the animal health and disease research for which such payments are to be made. If any eligible institution certified for receipt of matching funds fails to make available and budget for expenditure for animal health and disease research in any fiscal year sums at least equal to the amount for which it is certified, the difference between the Federal matching funds available and the funds made available to and budgeted for expenditure by the eligible institution shall be reapportioned by the Secretary among other eligible institutions of the same State, if there are any which qualify therefore, and, if there are none, the Secretary shall reapportion such difference among the other States.”
PART IV—SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Electronic Formula Grants Opportunity Package

Only electronic applications may be submitted via Grants.gov to NIFA in response to this FGO.

Prior to preparing an application, NIFA suggests that the Dean or Director first contact an AR to determine if the organization is prepared to submit electronic applications through Grants.gov. If the organization is not prepared, the AR should see http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp for steps for preparing to submit applications through Grants.gov.

The Dean or Director, or his or her designee, also must contact the institution’s AR in order to be granted permission for the submission of applications through Grants.gov. Once that permission is granted through the Grants.gov system, the Dean or Director, or his or her designee, can obtain a login and password necessary for submission of applications. The steps to access application materials are as follows:

1. In order to access, complete and submit applications, applicants must download and install a version of Adobe Reader compatible with Grants.gov. This software is essential to apply for NIFA Federal assistance awards. For basic system requirements and download instructions, please see http://www.grants.gov/help/download_software.jsp. To verify that you have a compatible version of Adobe Reader, Grants.gov established a test package that will assist you in making that determination. Grants.gov Adobe Versioning Test Package: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/AdobeVersioningTestOnly.jsp.

2. The application package must be obtained via Grants.gov, go to http://www.grants.gov, click on “Apply for Grants” in the left-hand column, click on “Step 1: Download a Grant Application Package and Instructions,” enter the funding opportunity number USDA-NIFA-AHFP-004308 in the appropriate box and click “Download Package.” From the search results, click “Download” to access the application package.

If assistance is needed to access the application page (e.g., downloading or navigating PDF forms, using Adobe with a Macintosh computer), refer to the resources available on the Grants.gov Web site first (http://www.grants.gov). Grants.gov assistance is also available as follows:

Grants.gov customer support
1-800-518-4726 Toll Free or 606-545-5035
Business Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Closed on Federal Holidays.
Email: support@grants.gov

Grants.gov iPortal: Top 10 requested help topics (FAQs), Searchable knowledge base, self service ticketing and ticket status, and live web chat (available 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. ET). Get help now!
Please have the following information available when contacting Grants.gov, to help expedite your inquiry:

- Funding Opportunity Number (FON)
- Name of Agency You Are Applying To
- Specific Area of Concern


**B. Content and Form of Formula Grants Opportunity Package Submission**

**General**

Each grant application must contain an “Application for Federal Assistance,” Form SF-424(R&R) and the NIFA Supplemental Information Form.

**Grant Application Package**

Verify that the information shown corresponds to the grant for which the applicant wishes to apply. Grants.gov will auto-populate the following information:

- Opportunity Title
- Offering Agency
- CFDA Number
- CFDA Description
- Opportunity Number
- Opportunity Open Date
- Opportunity Close Date
- Agency Contact

Enter a name for the application in the *Application Filing Name* field. This field is required. This name is for use solely by the applicant for you to track through the Grants.gov submission process. It is not used by the receiving agency.

Open and complete all of the documents listed in the “Mandatory Documents” box. Complete the SF-424 first. Data entered on the SF-424 will populate other mandatory and optional forms where possible.

To access a form or document, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the => button. This will move the form/document to the “Mandatory Documents for Submission” box. To open an item to complete it, simply click on it to select the item and then click on the “Open Form” button. To remove a form/document from the “Mandatory Documents for Submission” box, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the <= button. This will return the form/document to the “Mandatory Documents” or “Optional Documents” box.
These forms should be completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the form on the grants.gov website. The following are the government-wide instructions followed by agency specific guidelines, if any, for each data element for each form:

1. **SF-424 (R&R) - Cover Page**

   - **Open** and **complete** document **SF-424 (R&R) first** as this page will pre-populate information on pages where the same information is requested:
     - **Box 1** – Type of Submission:
       - Pre-application – unless specified in a program announcement this field is NOT used by NIFA.
       - Application – **check application** (all applications are new; the type of application – New, Resubmission, Renewal or Revision is collected and identified in box 8).
       - Changed/Corrected Application – N/A.
     - **Box 2** – Date Submitted and Applicant Identifier
       - Leave the “Date Submitted” box blank.
       - Applicant Identifier – If you wish to use a unique identification number for your own purpose, enter it here. Applicant use only. *Use or leave blank.*
     - **Box 3** – Date Received by State and State Application Identifier
       - Enter the date received by the State, if applicable. Enter in format mm/dd/yyyy. State use only. *Use or leave blank.* Enter the identifier assigned by the State, if applicable. State use only. *Use or leave blank.*
     - **Box 4a** - Federal Identifier
       - Enter the number assigned to your organization by the Federal agency. This field is for use when an institution has its own system for tracking application. This field allows the applicant to enter its application identifier on the application. *Leave blank.*
     - **Box 4b** - Agency Routing Number
       - To be entered only if agency specific instructions indicate. *Leave blank.*
     - **Box 5** – Applicant Information
       - Organizational DUNS Number: Enter the Organization’s D-U-N-S number (received from D&B) or the D-U-N-S +4 number (if available).
       - Legal Name: Enter the name of the institution.
       - Address: Enter complete address of applicant. Enter the institution’s mailing address.
       - Person to be contacted on matters involving this application – For the person to contact on matters related to this submission: name, organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other than the applicant organization, e-mail address, phone number, and
fax number. Enter the contact information for the person responsible for fiscal/financial issues.

- **Box 6** – Employer Identification: Enter either the Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- **Box 7** – Type of Applicant. From the drop down menu select the appropriate code letter and enter in the space provided. Code letters O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, and W are letters that have not been included as part of the drop down menu.
  A. State Government  
  B. County Government  
  C. City or Township Government  
  D. Special District Government  
  E. Regional Organization  
  F. U.S. Territory  
  G. Independent School District  
  H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education  
  I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)  
  J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized)  
  K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization  
  L. Public/Indian Housing Authority  
  M. Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)  
  N. Nonprofit without 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)  
  X. Other (specify in accordance with agency instructions)

- **Box 8** – Type of Application
  - New - application being submitted for the first time or is considered an “initial” application. Check new for the final FGO submission.
  - Resubmission – Select “Resubmission” when your institution has filed an accepted “New/Initial” or “Update” package and now desires to revise any of the information on those applications, such as its key contact personnel or matching funds available. Any matching waiver requests would be attached to this package, as well.
  - Renewal - application requesting continued funding (previously known as competing continuation) N/A Leave Blank.
  - Continuation - non-competing application (previously known as Progress Report) - N/A Leave Blank.
  - Revision – Select “Revision” if your institution discovers an error or omission in the “New/Initial”, or “Resubmission” application, or if you are requested to do so by NIFA as the result of its review of the application. Leave Blank.
- **Box 8 (A-E): N/A**
  A. Increase Award
  B. Decrease Award
  C. Increase Duration
  D. Decrease Duration
  E. Other - provide written explanation, i.e., any other change in the terms and conditions of the existing award

- **Box 9** - Name of Federal Agency - will be pre-filled

- **Box 10** - Do not complete Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Number (CFDA) - will be pre-filled or left blank.

- **Box 11** - Descriptive Title of Applicant’s Project - fill in with the Project Title

- **Box 12** - Enter proposed start and end dates – use format: MM/DD/YYYY. Enter 10/01/2012- 09/30/2013.

- **Box 13** - Congressional district of the Applicant Organization - Enter the applicant’s congressional district. Enter the Congressional district where the main campus is located.

- **Box 14** - Project Director/Principal Investigator – complete all boxes in this section. Note that the nine digit zip code is required. NIFA suggests that the name and information of the Dean or Director be included in this box. This name will appear on the official document for FY 2013.

- **Box 15** - Estimated Project Funding –
  - **15.a.** Enter the amount requested from the Federal agency. If the agency has specified an amount, enter that amount. Enter your institution’s actual FY 2013 allocation as listed in Appendix A to this announcement.
  - **15.b.** Total Non-Federal Funds Requested: Enter the amount of funds from all other sources (i.e., match).
  - **15.c.** Total Federal & Non-Federal Funds: Enter total amount of Federal funds requested plus the non-federal (i.e. match) amounts.
  - **15.d.** Estimated Program Income: Enter amount of estimated program income to be generated from this project. Leave Blank

- **Box 16** - Select “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372”.

- **Box 17** - By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in this list of certifications* (as identified under Part IV, C), and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances* and agree to comply with any Administrative and National Policy Requirements, (as identified under Part VI, B) if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S.

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* The applicable certifications and assurances can be located on the NIFA website. See [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/all_forms.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/all_forms.html) under the “Other Forms” heading.
Code, Title 218, Section 1001). Application is to be signed by the Dean or Director, or his or her designee, of the applicant organization. The required assurances designated here include the institution’s compliance with all Federal laws and regulations associated with receipt of Federal Domestic Assistance for this program, including the matching certification and certification regarding lobbying activities. By clicking the submit button of the application, the Dean or Director, or his or her designee, certifies to the above.

- **Be sure to click on the “I agree” button.** Although this box is for the AR to certify, if this box is not checked, an error message will result.
- **Box 18** - If applicable, attach the SFLLL (Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities).
- **Box 19** - Authorized Representative (AR) - Also known as Signing Official. To be signed by the Dean or Director, or his or her designee, of the applicant organization. Enter the name, title, phone number, e-mail address, and fax number of the Dean or Director, or his or her designee.
- **Box 20** - Pre-Applications - Unless specifically noted in a program announcement, do not use pre-applications - leave blank

2. **NIFA Supplemental Information Form (Required)**

1. **Funding Opportunity Name:** No entry required. This is pre-populated from the opportunity package.

   **Funding Opportunity Number:** No entry required. This is pre-populated from the opportunity package.

2. **Program Code Name:** Enter the name of the program to which you are applying exactly as instructed in the full announcement. This field is required. *Enter “Animal Health Formula”*.  

   **Program Code:** Enter the program code to which you are applying exactly as instructed in the full announcement. This code is used to route proposals within the agency. *Enter “AHF”*.  

3. **Type of Applicant:** No entry required. This will be pre-populated from your entry on the application cover sheet.

4. **Additional Applicant Types:** Select one of the following options if it is applicable to the legal applicant of this application. *If you are a Land-Grant Institution, select the appropriate institution type from the drop down menu in this block. If you are NOT a Land-Grant Institution, skip this block.*

5. **Supplemental Applicant Types:** Please check all that apply.
6. **DHHS Account Information:** This information will no longer be utilized as payments will be made via the Automated Standard Application System (ASAP) operated by the Department of Treasury’s Financial Management Service. Provide your institutions ASAP recipient ID number.

7. **Key Words:** Enter the most relevant key words which describe the proposed project. This field is required. *Enter “Not applicable”.*

8. **Conflict of Interest List:** *Do not attach a conflict of interest list. NIFA will use this field to capture all necessary attachments for this submission on the final SF 424 R&R application (via pdf attachment).*

**Saving the Application**

The application package can only be saved from the Grant Application Package screen. It is recommended that after the applicant completes each form/document that they click on the “Close Form” button to close the form and then save the application package by clicking on the “Save” button at the top of the Grant Application Package Screen. It is important to note that the application package will be saved to the last active directory on the applicant’s computer. Therefore, the applicant should save the application package to their hard drive where it can be easily accessed. The applicant may save their application package at any time and should save the application package with the same file name each time. An error message will occur each time that the applicant saves the form before completing all of the mandatory fields on the mandatory forms or the optional forms are moved to the Optional Completed Documents for Submission column on the application package. The applicant may ignore this warning. This warning will not appear when all of the mandatory fields have been completed on all of the forms/documents in the application package.

**Check Package for Errors**

To initiate the Grants.gov edit check process, simply click on the “Check Package for Errors” button at the top of the screen. This process will identify all mandatory fields that have not been completed by the applicant. These errors will be displayed one at a time.

No checks against NIFA business rules will take place at this time.

**Submitting the Application**

The AR must open the browser, open the application and then press the Submit button. To submit the application:
1. Close all open browser(s) and running applications.
2. Open the internet browser.
3. Navigate to the physical location where the application file is located. Select the application to open.
4. The internet browser will open the application. This may take a few moments. Please be patient.
5. Once the application is completely open, click the Save and Submit button. (The Save and Submit button will not become active until all mandatory documents have been properly completed and there are no errors in the application.) You are required to save the application again at this point in order to begin the application submission process.
6. Click Save and Submit.
7. A dialog box will appear and you will need to, enter your Grants.gov username and password.
8. Lastly, click Login.
Only the AR has the authority and user rights to Save and Submit an application to Grants.gov. Additional submission tips may be found at the Grants.gov website.

C. Certifications

In addition, by signing the application the applicant is providing the required assurances noted below:

Each entity that applies and does not have an exemption under Sec. 25.110 of 2 CFR will:
(1) Be registered in the CCR prior to submitting an application or plan; (2) Maintain an active CCR registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by an agency; and (3) Provide its DUNS number in each application or plan it submits to the agency.

The Grants.gov validation process checks for an active CCR registration (applicants with expired CCR registrations will be rejected).

In July 2012, the SAM, a new system that combines eight federal procurement systems, including the CCR, and the CFDA into one new system, was implemented. Therefore, the CCR activities are now being conducted through SAM. See Part VI B. for additional information.

Each entity that applies and does not have an exception under Sec. 170.110(b) of 2 CFR ensures that they have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting requirements identified in Appendix A to Part 170 should they receive funding.

D. Submission Dates and Times

The application package containing an “Application for Federal Assistance,” Form SF 424 (R&R) and the NIFA Supplemental Information Form is to be submitted online at the www.grants.gov website by COB (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on July 19, 2013.

The receipt of all applications will be acknowledged by e-mail. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to provide accurate e-mail addresses via the www.grants.gov website.
If an applicant has not received an acknowledgment within 15 days of the submission, the applicant must contact the Agency contact (see Part VII) immediately and ask for the application number assigned to the application. Failure to do so may result in the application not being processed and funding being held. Once the application has been assigned an application number, this number should be cited on all future correspondence.

E. Funding Restrictions

(1) Approved NIFA AHDR Projects

AHDR Federal funding may only be used on AHDR approved projects.

(2) Matching

7 U.S.C. 3200 provides that “No funds in excess of $100,000 … shall be paid by the Federal Government to any State under this subchapter during any fiscal year in excess of the amount from non-Federal sources made available to and budgeted for expenditure by eligible institutions in the State during the same fiscal year for animal health and disease research. The Secretary is authorized to make such payments in excess of $100,000 on the certificate of the appropriate official of the eligible institution having charge of the animal health and disease research for which such payments are to be made. If any eligible institution certified for receipt of matching funds fails to make available and budget for expenditure for animal health and disease research in any fiscal year sums at least equal to the amount for which it is certified, the difference between the Federal matching funds available and the funds made available to and budgeted for expenditure by the eligible institution shall be reapportioned by the Secretary among other eligible institutions of the same State, if there are any which qualify therefor, and, if there are none, the Secretary shall reappoint such difference among the other States.”

(3) Indirect Costs and Tuition Remission

In accordance with section 1473 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319), indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable as AHDR formula grant expenditures.

F. Other Submission Requirements

Some program information for the AHDR Program should, at appropriate times, be submitted to the CRIS office as in previous years. See the website at: http://cwf.uvm.edu/cris. At other times during the year you will be contacted by NIFA with requests for submission of information such as Program of Research and Capacity Reports. The list of other required submissions, not requested as part of this FGO submission, includes:

1) Program of Research
2) Animal Health Research Capacity Report
3) Project Listing*
4) Work Unit Description (AD-416)*
5) Project Classification (AD-417)*
6) Assurance Form (CSREES-2008)*
7) Accomplishments Report (AD-421)
8) Financial and Staff Support Report (AD-419)

*Submitted at program initiation.
PART V—SUBMISSION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

The Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff and the OGFM Formula Grants Branch will be reviewing submitted documents to determine if all program, financial, and administrative requirements have been met and are current.
PART VI—AWARD ADMINISTRATION

A. General

The Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff will notify the OGFM Formula Grants Branch and the institution regarding each institution’s compliance with its reporting requirements. If all program and administrative requirements have been met by the eligible institution, funding will continue to be released on a semi-annual basis in FY 2013. The OGFM Formula Grants Branch will notify the institutions when all requirements have been met or approved.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Several Federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions apply to grant applications considered for review and to project grants awarded under this program. These include, but are not limited to:


7 CFR Part 15, subpart A — USDA implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.


7 CFR Part 3017 — USDA implementation of Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).
7 CFR Part 3018 — USDA implementation of Restrictions on Lobbying.


7 CFR Part 3021 — USDA Implementation of Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).

7 CFR Part 3022 — Research Institutions Conducting USDA-Funded Extramural Research; Research Misconduct.


7 CFR Part 3407 — USDA procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

29 U.S.C. 794 (section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973) and 7 CFR Part 15b (USDA implementation of statute) —prohibiting discrimination based upon physical or mental handicap in Federally assisted programs.

35 U.S.C. 200 et seq. — Bayh Dole Act, controlling allocation of rights to inventions made by employees of small business firms and domestic nonprofit organizations, including universities, in Federally assisted programs (implementing regulations are contained in 37 CFR Part 401).

REPORTING SUBAWARDS AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget guidance published in the Federal Register (FR), 75 FR 55663, on September 14, 2010, “Requirements for Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Implementation,” awardees must comply with the requirements of this award term.

a. Reporting of first-tier subawards

1. Applicability. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, you must report each action that obligates $25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph e. of this award term).

2. Where and when to report.
   i. You must report each obligating action described in paragraph a.1. of this award term to https://www.fsrs.gov/.
ii. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010.)

3. **What to report.** You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at [http://www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov) specify.

b. **Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives**

1. **Applicability and what to report.** You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if—
   i. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is $25,000 or more;  
   ii. in the preceding fiscal year, you received—
      (A) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
      (B) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
   iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the Executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at [http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm](http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm).)

2. **Where and when to report.** You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.1. of this award term:
   i. As part of your registration profile at [https://www.sam.gov/sam/](https://www.sam.gov/sam/).
   ii. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.

c. **Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives**

1. **Applicability and what to report.** Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if—
   i. In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received—
      (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
(B) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and

ii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at [http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm](http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm)).

2. Where and when to report. You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph c.1. of this award term:
   i. To the recipient.
      
   ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), you must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

   d. Exemptions
   If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under $300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:
      i. Subawards, and
      
   ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

   e. Definitions

   For purposes of this award term:
   1. **Entity** means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25:
      i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
      
   ii. A foreign public entity;
      
   iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
      
   iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization;
      
   v. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

   2. **Executive** means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
3. **Subaward:**
   i. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.

   ii. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec. ---- .210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations”).

   iii. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.

4. **Subrecipient** means an entity that:
   i. Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and

   ii. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

5. **Total compensation** means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):
   i. Salary and bonus.

   ii. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.

   iii. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.

   iv. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.

   v. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.

   vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds $10,000.
CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION AND UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget guidance published in the Federal Register (FR), 75 FR 55671, on September 14, 2010, “Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration,” awardees must comply with the requirements of this award term.

Requirement for Central Contractor Registration (CCR)

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the CCR until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.

In July 2012, the SAM, a new system that combines eight federal procurement systems, including the CCR, and the CFDA into one new system, was implemented. The CCR activities are now being conducted through SAM (the CCR website will redirect users to SAM). Those organizations that need to register are to now visit https://www.sam.gov/sam/. Those organizations that already have a CCR registration are to visit the SAM website and should note the following:

- You’ll create a new SAM User ID and Password.
- Your CCR permissions will be verified via your email account.
- Your CCR registration information (Entity Information) will be waiting for you in SAM.

Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Numbers

If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.
2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.

Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

1. Central Contractor Registration (CCR) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of a business as a recipient. The CCR activities are now being conducted through SAM (see above).

2. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify
business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform).

3. **Entity**, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
   a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe;
   b. A foreign public entity;
   c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
   d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
   e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

4. **Subaward**:
   a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
   b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec .210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations”).

C. Expected Program Outputs and Reporting Requirements

When requested annually by USDA NIFA, institutions are expected to submit through the Current Research Information System an annual Program of Research comprised of a listing of all approved, active, AHDR projects, entered into the CRIS system, for said institution. In addition, institutions will be contacted annually by USDA NIFA to provide animal health research capacity data comprised of a list of all non-ADHR agricultural animal health related (public and private) grants active during the FY occurring two years prior to the FY for which funds are being requested. These data contribute to the formula calculations that determine relative apportionment of available ADHR funds to eligible institutions. Institutions must also submit a Form AD-416, Work Unit Description; Form AD-417, Project Classification; CSREES-2008, Assurance Form; and Project Proposal through the Current Research Information System prior to the initiation of each AHDR project. All projects submitted under the ADHR program must undergo at the institutional level a review process assessing scientific merit and be approved before it is incorporated into the Program of Research. Each institution shall submit a CRIS Form AD-421, Accomplishments Report, annually for each eligible project. Reports from institutions reporting on a calendar year shall be submitted by April 1, 2013 for the preceding calendar year. Reports from institutions reporting on a fiscal year shall be submitted by February 1, 2013 for the preceding fiscal year.

A CRIS Form AD-421, Progress/Termination Report, shall be submitted to NIFA for each completed or terminated project. Such reports shall be submitted at the same time as are
progress reports on active projects and should include a brief summary of accomplishments for the entire life of the project.

A CRIS Form AD-419, Funding and Staff Support Report, shall be submitted to NIFA annually for all projects. CRIS Form AD-419 reports are also required for expenditures on all State projects that are to be included in the non-Federal funds and matching funds computation. Reports shall be made on a fiscal year basis and are to be submitted by February 1, 2013.

Financial reporting via the SF-425, Federal Financial Report for FY 2013 is due to the Formula Grants Branch of OGFM on December 31, 2013, for the period October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, and annually thereafter until the award is closed out. Reports should be submitted to formulagrantforms@nifa.usda.gov.

AHDR funds are expected to be fully expended in the fiscal year of appropriation; however, funds may be carried over for up to one additional year. Please note there is no limitation on the amount of Federal funds that may be carried over for this one additional fiscal year. No prior approval from NIFA is required. Since this limitation is legislatively mandated, NIFAs not authorized to grant any carryover requests beyond this one additional year.
PART VII—AGENCY CONTACT

For questions regarding AHDR projects and the AHDR Program, please contact: Dr. Gary Sherman, National Program Leader, Division of Animal Systems, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability; NIFA/USDA, Stop 2220, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2220; Telephone: (202) 401-4952; Fax: (202) 401-6156; E-mail: gsherman@nifa.usda.gov.

For questions relating to the completion of the grants.gov forms, please contact: Brenda Barnett, OGFM, NIFA/USDA, Stop 2271, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2271; Telephone: (202) 401-6520; Fax: (202) 401-1804; E-mail: formulagrantquestions@nifa.usda.gov.

For questions relating to CRIS forms and submissions, please contact the Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff, NIFA/USDA, Stop 2213, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2213; Telephone: (202) 690-0009; Fax: (202) 690-0634; E-mail: cris@nifa.usda.gov.

If help is needed with the Grants.gov registration process for the applicant organization, downloading or navigating PDF forms, using Adobe Reader with a Macintosh computer or with the technical aspects of submitting to the Grants.gov system, check the resources available on the Grants.gov Web site first (http://www.grants.gov). Grants.gov assistance is also available as follows:

Grants.gov customer support
1-800-518-4726 Toll-Free or 606-545-5035
Business Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Closed on Federal Holidays.
Email: support@grants.gov

If the AR has not received a confirmation message from Grants.gov within 48 hours of submission of an application, please contact Grants.gov customer support.

When Grants.gov is contacted, a ticket number is issued to track the response. The applicant should maintain the ticket number as documentation of electronic issues associated with the application.

Grants.gov Help Desk Operations Process is described below:

Tier 1: Grants.gov Contact Center Operator

- Handles the initial contact and attempts to resolve the call.
- If not, files a research request (escalation).

Tier 2: Research Analyst

- Escalations go to the research analyst who does further research on the issue.
- Unable to resolve, issue escalated to Grants.gov Program Management Office (PMO).
Tier 3: Grants.gov PMO

- Research Analyst works with PMO to resolve the issue.
- Typical escalations: Policy questions/System bugs/Training or Meeting Requests.
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