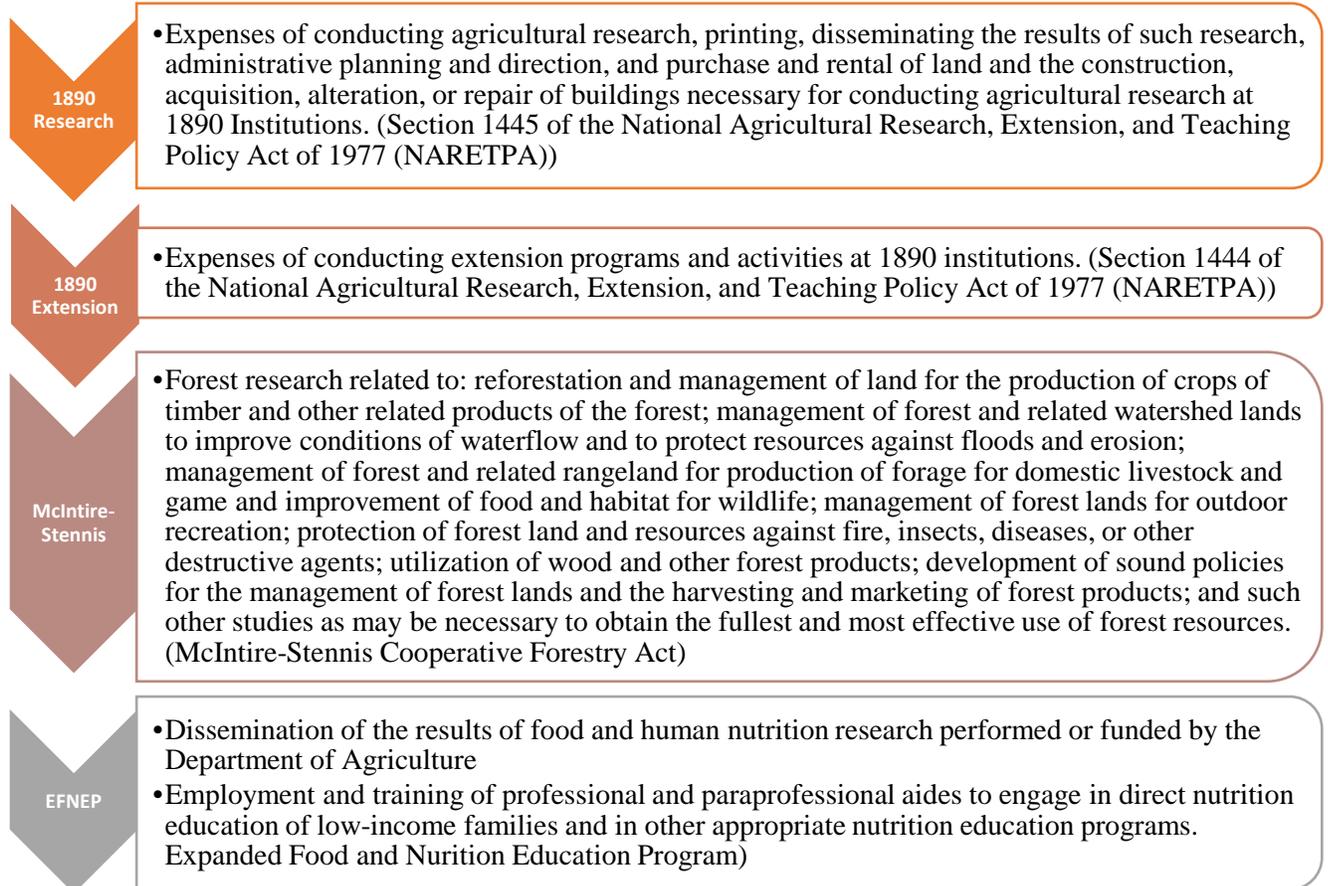




## Overview of NIFA Grant Award Administrative and Fiscal Requirements for 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities



### Authorized Uses of Funds





## Capacity Grant Terms and Conditions

- In Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will add new terms and conditions to the capacity grant programs, which will incorporate the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) requirements and parts of the NIFA Policy Guide and include an Order of Precedence for any conflicting requirements.

### Match

- Required for 1890 Research and Extension and McIntire-Stennis program funding.
- Waivers **MUST** be requested and approved annually.
- Waiver requests must provide **CURRENT DOCUMENTATION** (within past two years ONLY) demonstrating that they meet one of the following criteria:
  - Natural disaster, flood, fire, tornado, hurricane, or drought;
  - State and/or institution facing financial crisis; or
  - Demonstration of a good faith effort to obtain funds.
- Matching funds **MUST** be: (1) expended on activities/costs that would be **ALLOWABLE** under the grant; (2) identified and tracked in your Institutions accounting system; and (3) be supported by documentation, the same as your grant funds, illustrating that the costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable to the grant.
- Use of **QUALIFYING** education activities as match **REQUIRES** prior approval from NIFA.

### Prior Approval for Equipment

- Required for General Purpose Equipment costing \$5,000 or more with a useful life greater than one year.
- Required for Special Purpose Equipment costing \$150,000 or more with a useful life greater than one year.
- For more information and resources, please visit <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/capacity-grants>.

### Authorized Representative and Custodian of Funds

- The institutional Authorized Representative (AR) may be the 1890 Extension Administrator/1890 Agricultural Research Director or another designee. Programmatically, the 1890 Extension Administrator/1890 Agricultural Research Director is responsible for approved extension or research activities requiring 1890 grant funds at the 1890 land-grant college or university and compliance with the applicable rules and regulation.
- The AR assumes obligations imposed by NIFA capacity awards; authorizes distribution and expenditure of award funds, and ensures expenditures are consistent with the approved Plan of Work.
- 1890 Custodians of Funds (Legal Custodian) account for all Section 1444 (Extension) and/or Section 1445 (Research) funds allocated to the Institution and must be a different individual than the person who authorizes and/or approves expenditures.