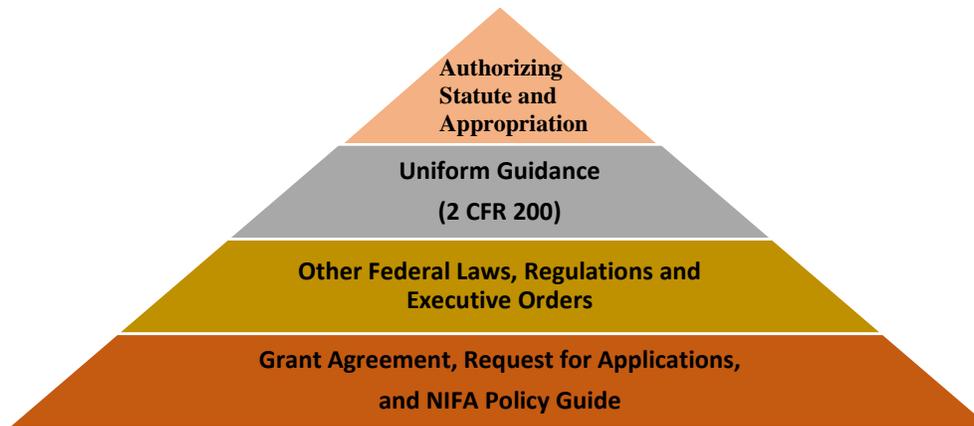




Overview of NIFA Grant Award Administrative and Fiscal Requirements for Insular Areas



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 Smith-Lever 3b and c and Special Needs; Hatch and Hatch Multistate; Animal Health and Disease Research; and McIntire-Stennis.
- Waivers up to 100% are available for Insular areas for Hatch, Hatch Multistate, and Smith-Lever 3b and 3c grants.
 - Waivers must be requested and approved annually.
 - Waiver requests must provide **CURRENT DOCUMENT** (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 Uses Funds

Smith Lever 3b and 3c

- Conducting Agricultural Extension Work: development of practical applications of research knowledge; instruction and practical demonstrations of existing or improved practices or technologies in agriculture; uses of solar energy; and educating people not attending colleges through demonstrations, publications, and other means.

Hatch Act

- Agricultural research, printing and disseminating the results of research, administrative planning and direction, and for the purchase and rental of land and the construction, acquisition, alteration, or repair of buildings necessary for conducting research.

Animal Health

- To carry out animal health and disease research to meet the expenses of conducting animal health and disease research, publishing and disseminating the results of such research, for administrative planning and direction; and to purchase equipment and supplies necessary for conducting research. (Section 1433 - Animal Health and Disease Research)

McIntire- Stennis

- Forest research related to: reforestation and management of land for the production of crops of timber and other related products of the forest; management of forest and related watershed lands to improve conditions of waterflow and to protect resources against floods and erosion; management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife; management of forest lands for outdoor recreation; protection of forest land and resources against fire, insects, diseases, or other destructive agents; utilization of wood and other forest products; development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and the harvesting and marketing of forest products; and such other studies as may be necessary to obtain the fullest and most effective use of forest resources. (McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act)

RREA

- To assist states in carrying out an extension program designed to assist forest and range landowners and managers in making resource management decisions based on research findings. Forest and rangeland resources include vegetation, water, fisheries and wildlife, soil, and recreation. (Renewable Resources Extension Act)

EFNEP

- Dissemination of the results of food and human nutrition research performed or funded by the Department of Agriculture
- Employment and training of professional and paraprofessional aides to engage in direct nutrition education of low-income families and in other appropriate nutrition education programs. (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program)

Smith Lever Special Needs

- Funds are allocated under this program to a State Cooperative Extension Service to fulfill a purpose or overcome a condition peculiar to the State, as compared to the country as a whole, or for a purpose not normally a part of the continuing extension program.