

# Agricultural Research at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, Including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University

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## *FY 2017 Request for Applications*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 16, 2016**



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**AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AT 1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY, WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

**INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE:** This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under **10.205**.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 16, 2016**. Comments regarding this request for applications (RFA) are requested within six months from the issuance of this notice. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**STAKEHOLDER INPUT:** The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) seeks your comments about this RFA. We will consider all comments when we develop the next RFA for the program, if applicable, and we will use the input to meet the requirements of section 103(c)(2) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (7 U.S.C. 7613(c)(2)). Submit written stakeholder comments by the deadline set forth in the DATES portion of this notice to [policy@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:policy@nifa.usda.gov). This email address is intended only for receiving comments regarding this RFA and not for requesting information or forms. In your comments, state that you are responding to the **Agriculture Research at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University RFA**.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** NIFA requests applications for the Agriculture Research at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University (also referred to as the “Evans-Allen Research Program”) for fiscal year (FY) 2017 to support continuing agricultural research at colleges eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 417–419, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328) (“1890 Land-Grant Institutions”), including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University. Funds appropriated under this section shall be used for expenses of conducting agricultural research, printing, disseminating the results of such research, 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. 31), administrative planning and direction, and purchase and rental of land and the construction, acquisition, alteration, or repair of buildings necessary for conducting agricultural research.

This RFA is being released prior to the passage of the FY 2017 appropriations bill. Enactment of continuing resolutions (CR) or an appropriations act may affect the availability or level of funding for this program. Subject to any FY 2017 CR, NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions quarterly and according to the amounts allocated in FY 2016. We will make

adjustments to the allocations for FY 2016 once the FY 2017 appropriations are finalized. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2016 was **\$50,910,586**. Institutions will receive grant funds quarterly. Appendix A of this RFA includes specific distributions. NIFA will issue FY 2017 quarterly payments subject to the availability of funds and the applicant having met the previous year's reporting requirements. Part III, B, identifies if matching is a requirement and, if so, you should pay particular attention to the matching instructions included in Part IV, B, 4.

This notice identifies the objectives for **the Evans-Allen Research Program** project/program, the eligibility criteria for projects/program and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions you need to apply for an **Evans-Allen Research Program** grant.

## What's new for 2017?

Based in part on stakeholder feedback, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) examined its processes to look for better ways to serve its community. As a result, NIFA has been and is releasing **Request for Applications (RFA)** for most of the FY 2017 Capacity funding programs during late June through mid-July 2016. This will allow NIFA to move funds as soon as they are made available to the agency. Most of the applications for these recently released RFAs will be due during August through September 2016, approximately 30-60 days after NIFA's release of the RFA. Please refer to the specific RFA for the exact deadline.

While NIFA awaits the passage of the FY 2017 budget, NIFA will fund capacity grants at a slightly reduced FY 2016 level. The pending budget affects the availability and/or level of funding for some or all of these programs. Once appropriations for the year are finalized, adjustments will be made to the FY 2017 allocations articulated in the Capacity RFAs based on the full year amount of funds available for each program.

Also, a couple of new changes in the RFAs are highlighted:

- **Felony Convictions or Tax Delinquent Status**- - See Part V, Section 4.12. of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide for instructions regarding mandatory Felony Convictions or Tax Delinquent Status. For Capacity programs, this mandatory information must be included in the Attachment Form.
- **ALL SF-425 Federal Financial Reports** for the awards (not the project financial reports that are submitted in REEport), whether annual or final, will be due Dec. 31 each year. Most programs already have this requirement, but it was decided that all programs will follow this practice. This will take effect for the FY 2017 awards and everyone will notice a reminder around the September 30, 2017 time frame. SF-425 reports for FY 2017 capacity awards will be completed in the ezFedGrants portal instead of being emailed to the NIFA Awards Management Division as they are currently. Detailed instructions on submitting SF-425s in the ezFedGrants portal will be provided to capacity award recipients as they become available.
- **ezFedGrants** --NIFA will publish RFAs and applicants will apply as we have been doing all along – NIFA will post directly into [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov), send the information to applicants, and they will apply.
  - What will be different is how NIFA pulls the applications and processes the awards. NIFA will pull the applications after we go live with ezFedGrants, pulling directly into the new ezFedGrants system. The current expectation is that we will go **live in November but no later than December**. NIFA will be prepared to allocate FY 2017 funds in ezFedGrants come the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2017.
- **Matching Funds**--If matching funds are required as specified under Part III, B. Cost-Sharing or Matching, the matching is an eligibility criteria and you must include the non-federal source documentation with the application. We will consider this documentation

when ascertaining final matching requirements or in determining if required matching can be waived. NIFA retains the right to make final determinations regarding matching requirements.

- The matching documentation must include the non-federal sources (specify whether the source is 3<sup>rd</sup> party, cash, state or non-state, county or non-tax and the amount for each source) and amount of all matching support including matching from outside the applicant institution and place that information in PDF format (see Part III, Section 3. of the guide for attachment requirements) and include as a separate attachment to the Attachment Form.
  - Establish the value of applicant contributions in accordance with applicable cost principles. Refer to 2 CFR Part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”, for further guidance and other requirements relating to matching and allowable costs.
- **FY 16 Appropriations Act Funding under Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Entities Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements**—Public Law 114-113 prevents the Federal Government from making grants or cooperative agreements to entities requiring employees or contractors to sign nondisclosure agreements or statements prohibiting them from reporting waste, fraud or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of the Federal Government. Information related to the questions on this and other assurances on the SF 424 R&R Cover Sheet form is dealt with in detail in Part V, 2. of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide. See Section 2.18 of the NIFA Application Guide which provides that the applicant’s electronic signature on the SF-424 affirms its agreement with Federal representations and assurances (e.g., Prohibition against FY 2016 Appropriations Act Funding under Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Entities Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements...)

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## **PART I—FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION**

### **A. Legislative Authority and Background**

Section 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA), (7 U.S.C. 3222), enacted as Title XIV of Public Law 95–113 (The Food and Agriculture Act of 1977) on Sept. 29, 1977 is also known as the Evans-Allen Research Program. This law provides the basis for Federal funding for agricultural research activities at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University, and West Virginia State University.

Further, in accordance with Section 7129 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (House Conference Report 113-333, to accompany H.R. 2642), Central State University has the designation as an 1890 Institution and is eligible to receive funds under this program beginning in Fiscal Year 2016.

The 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University are eligible for funds appropriated under this Act according to the following formula: Funds up to the total amount made available to all eligible institutions in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (79 Stat.431; 7 U.S.C. 450i), shall be allocated among the eligible institutions in the same proportion as funds made available under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, are allocated among the eligible institutions. Of the funds in excess of that amount, 20 per cent shall be allotted among eligible institutions in equal proportions; 40 per cent shall be allotted among the eligible institutions in the proportion that the rural population of the State in which each eligible institution is located bears to the total rural population of all the States in which eligible institution are located, as determined by the last preceding decennial census current at the time each such additional sum is first appropriated; and the balance of 40 per cent shall be allotted among the eligible institutions in the proportion that the farm population of the State in which each eligible institution is located bears to the total farm population of all the States in which the eligible institutions are located, as determined by the last preceding decennial census current at the time each such additional sum is first appropriated. In computing the distribution of the allocated funds, the allotments to Tuskegee University and Alabama A&M University shall be determined as if each institution were in a separate State.

### **B. Purpose**

The purpose of this funding is to support agricultural research activities at 1890 Land-Grant Universities, including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University.

## **PART II—AWARD INFORMATION**

### **A. Available Funding**

Subject to any FY 2017 CR, NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions quarterly and according to the amounts allocated in FY 2016. NIFA will make adjustments to the allocations for FY 2017 once the FY 2017 appropriations are finalized. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2016 was \$50,910,586.

The Automated Standard Applications for Payment System (ASAP), operated by the Department of Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service, will be the payment system for all NIFA grant awards. For more information, see [https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/pmt/asap/asap\\_home.htm](https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/pmt/asap/asap_home.htm).

### **B. Type of Application**

In FY 2017, submit applications to the **Evans-Allen Research Program** as “new” applications.

### **C. Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research**

See <http://nifa.usda.gov/responsible-and-ethical-conduct-research> for further information. Specific research projects funded through Evans-Allen Research and reported through AREERA Plan of Work and Annual Report as well as through specific project reporting are subject to the specific terms and conditions described under this section.

## **PART III—ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

### **A. Eligible Applicants**

Applications may only be submitted by 1890 Land-Grant Universities, including Tuskegee University, West Virginia State University, and Central State University that conduct agricultural research activities in accordance with Section 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA) (7 U.S.C. 3222): Alabama A&M University; Tuskegee University; University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff; Delaware State University; Florida A&M University; Fort Valley State University; Kentucky State University; Southern University; University of Maryland – Eastern Shore; Alcorn State University; Lincoln University; North Carolina A & T State University; Central State University; Langston University; South Carolina State University; Tennessee State University; Prairie View A&M University; Virginia State University; and West Virginia State University.

Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply provided the subcontracts are necessary for the conduct of the project. Failure to meet an eligibility criterion by the time of application deadline may result in the application being excluded from consideration, or, even though an application may have been reviewed, will preclude NIFA from making an award.

### **B. Cost Sharing or Matching**

Section 1449 of NARETPA (7 U.S.C. 3222d) states that “the State shall provide matching funds from non-Federal sources. Such matching funds shall be for an amount equal to not less than ... 100 percent of the formula [grant] funds to be distributed to the eligible institution for fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter. ... Notwithstanding [redistributing the funds], the Secretary may waive the matching funds requirement ... above the 50 percent level for any fiscal year for an eligible institution of a State if the Secretary determines that the State will be unlikely to satisfy the matching requirement.”

Most regulations applicable to NIFA awards are housed in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations. 7 CFR 3419.1 defines “matching funds” as “funds from non-Federal sources made available by the State to the eligible institutions ... [for] programs or activities that fall within the purposes of agricultural research and cooperative extension under sections 1444 and 1445 of NARETPA ... or [for] qualifying educational activities. Matching funds means cash contributions and excludes in-kind matching contributions.” It defines “non-Federal sources” as “funds made available by the State to the eligible institution either through direct appropriation or under any authority (other than authority to charge tuition and fees paid by students) provided by a State to an eligible institution to raise revenue, such as gift acceptance authority or user fees.” Finally, it defines “qualifying educational activities” as “programs that address food and agricultural sciences components of an eligible institution”.

7 CFR 3419.6 states that “The required matching funds for the formula programs shall be used by an eligible institution for agricultural research and extension activities that have been

approved in the plan of work required under sections 1444(d) and 1445(c) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977...or for...qualifying education activities.”

NIFA may consider and approve matching waiver requests above the 50 percent level. See Part IV, B. 2.b. for instructions about how to request a waiver.

## PART IV—APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### A. Electronic Application Package

Submit only electronic applications via Grants.gov to NIFA in response to this RFA. We urge you to submit early to the Grants.gov system. For information about the pre-award phase of the grant lifecycle, see <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants/grants-101/pre-award-phase.html>.

#### New Users of Grants.gov

Prior to preparing an application, we recommend that the project director/principal investigator (PD/PI) first contact an authorized representative (AR, also referred to as Authorized Organizational Representative or AOR)<sup>1</sup> to determine if the organization is prepared to submit electronic applications through Grants.gov. If not (e.g., the institution/organization is new to the electronic grant application process through Grants.gov), you must complete the one-time registration process PRIOR to submitting an application. The registration process can take as long as two weeks to complete. It is, therefore, critical to begin the process as soon as possible. To register, the AR should select “**Register**” in the top right corner of the Grants.gov web page (or go to <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>).

#### Steps to Obtain Application Package Materials

To receive application materials:

1. You must download and install a version of [Adobe Reader](#) compatible with Grants.gov to access, complete, and submit applications. For basic system requirements and download instructions, see <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/adobe-software-compatibility.html>. Grants.gov has a test package that will help you determine whether your version of Adobe Reader is compatible.
2. To obtain the application package from Grants.gov, go to <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html> and enter the funding opportunity number:

#### **Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-EA1445-005863**

in the appropriate box and click “Download Package.” From the search results, click “Download” to access the application package. A Grant Application Package is tied to a particular funding opportunity. Applications must be submitted ONLY to the particular funding opportunity to which the Grant Application Package is associated. The application package also contains the “NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide.” This guide contains an

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<sup>1</sup>The Authorized Representative (AR) must have the authority to represent and bind the organization for any agreement (i.e., 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).

introduction and general Grants.gov instructions, additional information about the Grants.gov registration process, information about how to use a Grant Application Package in Grants.gov, and instructions on how to complete the application forms.

**If you require assistance to access the application package** (e.g., downloading or navigating Adobe forms) **or submitting the application**, refer to resources available on the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html>). Grants.gov assistance is also available at:

Grants.gov customer support

(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](mailto:support@grants.gov)

Grants.gov iPortal (see <https://grants-portal.psc.gov/Welcome.aspx?pt=Grants>):

Top 10 requested help topics (FAQs), searchable knowledge base, self-service ticketing and ticket status, and live web chat (available 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Eastern Time).

Have the following information available when contacting Grants.gov:

- Funding opportunity number (FON)
- Name of agency to which you are applying
- Specific area of concern

## **B. Content and Form of Application Submission**

You should prepare electronic applications following Parts V and VI of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide. This guide is part of the corresponding application package (see Section A of this part). The following **additional information** is needed to prepare an application for this RFA. **If there is discrepancy between the two documents, the information contained in this RFA is overriding.**

**Note the attachment requirements (e.g., PDF) in Part III, Section 3 of the guide. ANY PROPOSALS THAT ARE NON-COMPLIANT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS (e.g., content format, PDF file format, file name restrictions, and no password protected files) WILL BE AT RISK OF BEING EXCLUDED FROM NIFA REVIEW. Partial applications will be excluded from NIFA review. We will accept subsequent submissions of an application until the established deadline in the RFA (see Part V, 2.1 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide for further information).**

**For any questions related to the preparation of an application**, review the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide and the applicable RFA. If you need further assistance, contact:

- Email: [electronic@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:electronic@nifa.usda.gov)
- Phone: (202)401-5048
- Business hours: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET, excluding [federal holidays](#).

Each grant application must contain the following:

- “Application for Federal Assistance,” Form SF-424 R&R Cover Sheet
- Key Contacts Form
- NIFA Supplemental Information Form
- Attachment Form

The NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide includes instructions for additional forms that are not needed for an application in response to this RFA. Complete and submit only the forms associated with the funding opportunity package and as instructed below.

### **1. SF 424 R&R Cover Sheet**

Information related to the questions on this form is available in Part V, 2 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide. The following are additional instructions.

- Field 1. Type of Submission** – Check “Application”
- Field 8. Type of Application** – Enter “new”
- Field 15. Estimated Project Funding** – For item a, enter your institution’s FY 2016 allocation as listed in Appendix A to this announcement.
- Field 17. Complete Certification** - See Part V, Section 2.18 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide for the required certifications and assurances (e.g., Prohibition Against Entities Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements).

### **2. Key Contacts Form**

Information related to the questions on this form is available in Part VI, 4 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide.

- Contact 1 Project Role: Enter the contact information for the 1890.**
- Contact 2 Project Role: Enter the contact information for the 1890 Research Director’s designee, if applicable.**
- Contact 3 Project Role: Enter the contact information for the Business Office Manager/Administrator.**
- Contact 4 Project Role: Enter the contact information for the person responsible for drawdowns.**

### **3. Supplemental Information Form**

Information related to the questions on this form is available in Part VI, 1 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide. The following are additional instructions.

- Field 2. Program to which you are applying.** Enter the program code name (i.e., enter “Evans-Allen (Section 1445)”) and the program code (i.e., enter “1445”).
- Field 8. Conflict of Interest List.** Do not attach a conflict of interest list.

#### **4. Attachment Form**

Information related to the questions on this form is available in Part VI, 5 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide. The following are additional instructions.

**a. Felony Convictions or Tax Delinquent Status** - See Part V, Section 4.12. of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide for instructions regarding mandatory Felony Convictions or Tax Delinquent Status. For Capacity programs, this mandatory information must be included in the Attachment Form.

#### **b. Matching Requirements**

If matching funds are required as specified under Part III, B. Cost-Sharing or Matching, the matching is an eligibility criteria and you must include the non-federal source documentation with the application. We will consider this documentation when ascertaining final matching requirements or in determining if required matching can be waived. NIFA retains the right to make final determinations regarding matching requirements.

The matching documentation is to include the non-federal sources (specify whether the third party, cash source is state or non-state, county or non-tax and the amount for each source) and amount of all matching support including matching from outside the applicant institution. It must be in PDF format (see Part III, Section 3. of the guide for attachment requirements) and included as a separate attachment to the Attachment Form.

Establish the value of applicant contributions in accordance with applicable cost principles. Refer to 2 CFR Part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”, for further guidance and other requirements relating to matching and allowable costs.

#### **c. Matching Funds Waiver Request (Optional)**

If your institution is applying for a matching funds waiver, prepare a request in PDF format (see Part III, Section 3. of the guide for attachment requirements). Include the following elements in the request:

- (a) a request to waive matching requirements under this RFA;
- (b) a statement of the fiscal year for which the waiver is requested;
- (c) a statement of the exact dollar amount of waiver being requested by fiscal year and how the amount was computed (by matching fund category);
- (d) a statement of why the waiver is requested;
- (e) documentation supporting the need for a waiver (i.e., newspaper articles/clippings and State budgets); and
- (f) documentation supporting the university’s efforts to meet future matching needs.

The documentation should include the university’s approved budget for the program for both the current and previous budget cycles. You may also submit items such as a statement from the State asserting what portion of the required match amount the State contribution to the institution will cover, a schedule of projected cash flows showing what portion of the matching funds the

university will have available or other documents such as letters from State or institution budget personnel or newspaper articles. In requesting the waiver, the institution must consider the availability of all permissible forms of matching in detail.

### **C. Submission Dates and Times**

**Instructions for submitting an application are included in Part IV, Section 1.9 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide.**

Applications must be received by Grants.gov by **5 p.m. Eastern Time on August 16, 2016**. Applications received after this deadline will normally not be considered for funding.

**In case of trouble submitting an application to Grants.gov, you should FIRST contact the Grants.gov Help Desk to resolve any problems. Keep a record of any such correspondence. See Part IV, A for Grants.gov contact information.**

NIFA will be pulling applications from [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and accepting them in the ezFedGrants portal beginning in November 2016. You may check the status of your application anytime in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) or starting in November in the ezFedGrants portal. NIFA will update statuses starting in November, and instructions for accessing the ezFedGrants portal will be provided to applicants prior to this timeframe. **Please note:** If you are not able to check the status and validate that NIFA received your application by November 30, 2016, contact the Agency Administrative Contact identified in Part VII of this RFA and request the status of your application by referencing the [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) number. Failure to do so may result in the application not being processed and funding being held. Please cite the [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) number on all future correspondence with NIFA until an award number is assigned.

### **D. Funding Restrictions**

#### **(1) Approved NIFA Evans-Allen Research Projects**

Evans-Allen Research Program funds may only be used on approved Evans-Allen Research Program projects.

#### **(2) Indirect Costs and Tuition Remission**

In accordance with section 1473 of NARETPA (7 U.S.C. 3319), indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable as Evans-Allen Research Program Capacity grant expenditures.

#### **(3) Matching**

See Part III, B. for additional information.

#### **(4) Carryover of Funds**

Evans-Allen funds are expected to be fully expended in the fiscal year of appropriation; however, funds may be carried over for up to one year after the end of the year for which they were appropriated. No prior approval is required to carry over funds for one additional year; however, no additional carryover requests may be considered or approved, as no legislative authority to do so is provided.

## **E. Other Submission Requirements**

**You should follow the submission requirements noted in Part IV, Section 1.9 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide.**

For information about the status of a submitted application, see Part III, Section 6 of the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide.

**Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)** – each applicant (unless excepted under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the federal awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)) is required to:

- be registered in SAM before submitting its application;
- (ii) provide a valid DUNS number in its application; and
- (iii) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency.

If you have not complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements you may be considered unqualified to receive an award.

## **PART V—APPLICATION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. General**

NIFA will review submitted documents to determine if all program, financial, and administrative requirements have been met and are current.

### **B. Organizational Management Information**

Specific management information relating to an applicant shall be submitted on a one-time basis, with updates as-needed. This requirement is part of the responsibility determination prior to the award of a grant identified under this RFA, if such information has not been provided previously under this or another NIFA program. We will provide you the forms to fulfill these requirements as part of the pre-award process. Although an applicant may be eligible, there are factors that may exclude an applicant from receiving federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits under this program (e.g., debarment or suspension of an individual involved or a determination that an applicant is not responsible based on submitted organizational management information).

## **PART VI—AWARD ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. General**

Within the limit of funds available for such purpose, the NIFA awarding official shall make grants to those responsible, eligible applicants.

### **B. Award Notice**

The notice of federal award is the authorizing document. The award document contains award provisions and other pertinent information. See Notice of Award section at <http://nifa.usda.gov/wait-notification> for further details.

### **C. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

Several federal statutes and regulations apply to grant applications considered for review and to project grants awarded under this program. These may include, but are not limited to, those listed at <http://nifa.usda.gov/federal-regulations>.

NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide—a compendium of basic NIFA policies and procedures that apply to all NIFA awards, unless there are statutory, regulatory, or award-specific requirements to the contrary, is available at <http://nifa.usda.gov/policy-guide>.

### **Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research**

Refer to Part II, C for more information.

### **D. Expected Program Outputs and Reporting Requirements**

The Plan of Work (POW) Update for FYs 2018-2022 is suspended, however the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results for FY 2016 is due by April 1, 2017. These reports should be submitted online through the NIFA Reporting Portal at the web address <http://portal.nifa.usda.gov/portal>. Additional information about the POW is available at <http://nifa.usda.gov/tool/pow>.

The following is a description of project data reporting requirements through the REEport system (<http://portal.nifa.usda.gov>), as well as the SF-425 reporting requirements.

- Institutions must submit a REEport Project Initiation, which includes the Project Description, Project Classification, Assurance Form, and Project Proposal through the REEport System prior to the initiation of each capacity-funded project. The project must undergo a review process and be approved before it is incorporated into the Program of Research.
- Each institution must submit a REEport Progress Report annually for each eligible project. All Progress Reports are based on the federal fiscal year and must be submitted by March 1, 2017, for the preceding fiscal year.

- A Final Report must be submitted to NIFA through REEport for each completed or terminated project. Such reports must be submitted at the same time as are progress reports on active projects and should include a summary of accomplishments for the entire life of the project.
- A Project Financial Report must be submitted to NIFA through REEport annually for all eligible projects from the preceding fiscal year. A Project Financial Report is 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 the federal fiscal year basis.
- Financial reporting via the SF-425, Federal Financial Report for FY 2017 is due to ezFedGrants portal, on Dec. 31, 2017, for the period Oct.1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, and annually thereafter until the award is closed out. Information on how to access the ezFedGrants portal will be provided directly to the grant recipient prior to the due date.

See <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/agricultural-research-1890-land-grant-institutions> for additional details of annual, final technical, and financial reporting requirements. Instructions for using the REEport system are included on the NIFA web site at <http://nifa.usda.gov/reepoort-resources-land-grant-partners>.

## **PART VII—AGENCY CONTACT**

For questions regarding Evans-Allen Research projects/program, please contact: Dr. Edwin Lewis, Division of Community and Education (DEC), Institute of Youth, Family and Community (IYFC), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Stop 2250, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250- 2250; Telephone: (202) 690-4565; Fax: (202) 690-2469; and E-mail: [elewis@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:elewis@nifa.usda.gov).

For administrative questions relating to the completion of the grants.gov forms please contact Brenda Barnett or Allison Owens, OGF, NIFA/USDA, Stop 2271, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2271; Telephone: (202) 401-6520; Fax: (202) 401-1804; Email: [formulagrantsquestions@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:formulagrantsquestions@nifa.usda.gov).

For questions relating to REEport forms and submissions, please contact the Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff; Telephone: (202) 690-0009; Fax: (202) 690-0634; Email: [electronic@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:electronic@nifa.usda.gov) or [reeport@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:reeport@nifa.usda.gov).

For questions relating to the 5-Year Plan of Work Update or the Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results, contact Katelyn Sellers, Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff, NIFA/USDA, Stop 2213, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2213; Telephone: (202) 401-5482; Fax (202) 720-7714; Email: [pow@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:pow@nifa.usda.gov).

## **PART VIII—OTHER INFORMATION**

The USDA NIFA home page for the Evans-Allen Research projects/program is <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/agricultural-research-1890-land-grant-institutions>.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**National Institute of Food and Agriculture**  
**FY 2017 Distribution to the 1890 Land-grant Institutions**  
**Tuskegee University, and West Virginia State University**  
**Authorized under Public Law 95-113, Section 1445, Evans-Allen Funds**  
**(Award 2017-33100)**

**Appendix A**

<b>Institution and Location</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>FY 2017 Allocation</b>	<b>FY 2017 Required Match</b>
ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY Normal, Alabama	AL	2017-33100-08901	\$ 2,704,651	\$ 2,704,651
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY Tuskegee, Alabama	AL	2017-33100-08902	2,685,575	2,685,575
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF Pine Bluff, Arkansas	AR	2017-33100-08903	2,331,779	2,331,779
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY Dover, Delaware	DE	2017-33100-08904	1,249,750	1,249,750
FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY Tallahassee, Florida	FL	2017-33100-08905	2,164,036	2,164,036
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY Fort Valley, Georgia	GA	2017-33100-08906	3,094,871	3,094,871
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY Frankfort, Kentucky	KY	2017-33100-08907	3,694,138	3,694,138
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY Baton Rouge, Louisiana	LA	2017-33100-08908	2,050,647	2,050,647
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - EASTERN SHORE Princess Anne, Maryland	MD	2017-33100-08909	1,565,868	1,565,868
ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY Lorman, Mississippi	MS	2017-33100-08910	2,544,945	2,544,945
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY Jefferson City, Missouri	MO	2017-33100-08911	3,718,460	3,718,460
NORTH CAROLINA A & T STATE UNIVERSITY Greensboro, North Carolina	NC	2017-33100-08912	4,250,701	4,250,701
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY Wilberforce, Ohio	OH	2017-33100-00416	1,117,200	1,117,200
LANGSTON UNIVERSITY Langston, Oklahoma	OK	2017-33100-08913	2,428,356	2,428,356
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY Orangeburg, South Carolina	SC	2017-33100-08914	2,290,646	2,290,646
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY Nashville, Tennessee	TN	2017-33100-08915	3,412,660	3,412,660
PRAIRIE VIEW A & M UNIVERSITY Prairie View, Texas	TX	2017-33100-08916	5,170,651	5,170,651
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY Petersburg, Virginia	VA	2017-33100-08917	2,892,706	2,892,706
WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY Institute, West Virginia	WV	2017-33100-08919	1,542,946	1,542,946
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO STATES			<u>\$ 50,910,586</u>	<u>\$ 50,910,586</u>

SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE	1,529,480
BIOTECH RISK ASSESSMENT	72,080
FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>1,672,854</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>\$ 54,185,000</u>

This Appendix A is based on Fiscal Year 2016 data and calculations and are subject to change per FY 2017 appropriations.