Capacity and Infrastructure Program Part (a) of the Continuing Animal Health and Disease, Food Security, and Stewardship Research, Education and Extension Program

FY 2018 Request for Applications

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 23, 2018
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PART (a) CAPACITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM of the CONTINUING ANIMAL HEALTH AND DISEASE, FOOD SECURITY, AND STEWARDSHIP RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS (Animal Health Capacity Program).

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANCE LISTING formerly known as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: This program is listed in the Assistance Listings under 10.207.

DATES: Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 23, 2018. 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. 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 Animal Health Research and Disease Program RFA and Infrastructure Program, of the Continuing Animal Health and Disease, Food Security, and Stewardship Research, Education and Extension Programs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: NIFA requests applications for the Part (a), Capacity and Infrastructure of the Continuing Animal Health and Disease, Food Security, and Stewardship Research, Education and Extension Programs for fiscal year (FY) 2018 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. NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions quarterly and according to the amounts allocated in FY 2018. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2018 is $3,717,120. Institutions will receive grant funds quarterly. Appendix A of this RFA includes specific distributions. NIFA will issue FY 2018 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 Animal Health and Disease Research Program, the eligibility criteria for projects/program and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions you need to apply for an Animal Health and Disease Research Program grant.
Updates and Changes

- Effective Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, capacity extension programs will see a change in their Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number now known as Assistance Listing. This change is being made to provide individual programs a unique Assistance Listing number. The change in numbers will be effective for awards made on or after October 1, 2018; grants awarded prior to FY 2019 grants will retain Assistance Listing Number 10.500 until the grants expire. The memorandum providing background for this change, as well as action steps that need to be taken by NIFA grantees prior to October 1, is available online. If you have questions, please email Ruth Dunmore at rdunmore@nifa.usda.gov.

- NIFA’s Office of Grants and Financial Management, Office of Information Technology, and Data Governance Working Group are working on a pilot initiative to better identify and track institutions and associated departments that receive capacity awards. As part of this pilot, NIFA is providing guidance in the form of additional columns in the capacity RFA appendices to specify information we require each applicant to enter into the Legal Name, Organizational DUNS, and Department Name fields of the SF-424. The information provided is based on applications received in FY 2017 and is intended to streamline award processing through our ezFedGrants system. If changes have occurred to this information, please contact NIFA as soon as possible to discuss options to minimize potential issues and delays.

- 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 Standard Form (SF)-425 financial reports for the awards (not the project financial reports that are submitted in REEport), whether annual or final, are due December 29 each year. Most programs already have this requirement, but it was decided that all programs will follow this practice. This took effect for the FY 2017 awards. SF-425 reports for FY 2018 capacity awards will be completed in the ezFedGrants portal instead of being emailed to the NIFA Awards Management Branch. Annual and final report templates are made available in the ezFedGrants portal on October 1 for all capacity agreements. Recipients will submit the SF-425 directly in the portal. Detailed instructions on the submission of SF-425s in the ezFedGrants portal can be found under the training tab on the ezFedGrants page https://www.nfc.usda.gov/ezFedGrants.

- ezFedGrants - is the USDA solution for grants management. NIFA will publish RFAs on its website and Grants.gov. You will continue to apply through Grants.gov and your applications will automatically be downloaded into ezFedGrants.
• **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.

  o The matching documentation must include the non-federal sources (specify whether the source is 3rd party, cash, in-kind, 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.

  o 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 16 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 1433 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, enacted as Title XIV of Pub. L. 95–113 (The Food and Agriculture Act of 1977) on September 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.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this funding is to increase animal health and disease research activities at accredited public or private veterinary schools or colleges, or state agricultural experiment stations, that conduct animal health and disease research.

The AHDR-Sec1433 Program is aligned with the USDA Research, Education and Economics Action Plan [https://www.ree.usda.gov/ree/news/USDA_REE_Action_Plan_03-2014.pdf](https://www.ree.usda.gov/ree/news/USDA_REE_Action_Plan_03-2014.pdf), and specifically addresses Goals 1B, agricultural Animal Health. AHDR is aligned with the NIFA strategic plan ([https://nifa.usda.gov/about/pdfs/strat_plan_2014.pdf](https://nifa.usda.gov/about/pdfs/strat_plan_2014.pdf)) sub-goal 1.1, improving global food security, and sub-goal 1.6: Reduce the incidence of food-borne illness and provide a safer food supply, because healthy livestock produce healthy food. USDA Strategic Plan ([https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/about-usda стратегические цели](https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/about-usda/strategic-goals)) Goal 2 (Objective 2.3), to protect agricultural health by preventing and mitigating the spread of agricultural pests and disease; and Goal 7 (Objective 7.1), to prevent foodborne illness and to protect public health.
PART II—AWARD INFORMATION

A. Available Funding

NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions quarterly and according to the amounts allocated in FY 2018. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2018 is $3,717,120.

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.

B. Type of Application

In FY 2018 submit applications to the AHDR Program as a “new” application.

C. Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

PART III—ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Applications may only 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; Midwestern University, College of Veterinary Medicine; 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 Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine; 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 Experiment Station; University of Tennessee, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine; Lincoln Memorial University, College of Veterinary Medicine; Texas A&M University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; Utah State University, Agricultural Experiment Station; University of Vermont, Agricultural Experiment Station; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; Washington State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; West Virginia University, Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station; University of Wisconsin, Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Veterinary Medicine; and University of Wyoming, Agricultural Experiment Station.

Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply provided such organizations 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 be reviewed, will preclude NIFA from making an award.

Eligibility is also contingent upon timely responsiveness to the pre-submission reporting requirements, including submission of an annual AHDR Program of Research (PoR) and an annual Animal Health Research Capacity Report, by each eligible entity. NIFA solicits these reports from all eligible entities during the months immediately preceding release of this RFA. Research Capacity report data must be collected and processed by NIFA before this RFA can be released because this data drives approximately half of the formula determining the total distribution of funds to each entity.

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 (capacity and infrastructure). 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—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 https://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)⁴ 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 webpage (or go to https://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 https://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 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html and enter the funding opportunity number:

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-10207-AHDRXXXX-18-0001

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

⁴The 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 (https://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

  - 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
- 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.
   
   Please note new instructions are included below for Field 5. The Organizational information NIFA has included in Appendix A is based on FY17 applications received for this program. If your organization intends to submit an application using information other than what appears in Appendix A, please contact us at formulagrantquestions@nifa.usda.gov or (202) 401-6520 prior to submitting your application.

   a. **Field 1. Type of Submission** – Check “Application”
   b. **Field 5. Applicant Information**
      
      - Enter Legal Name of the Applicant as registered in the System for Awards Management which appears in the first column of Appendix A to this RFA
      - Enter Organizational DUNS as it appears in the third column of Appendix A to this RFA
      - Enter Department Name of Eligible Recipient as it appears in the second column of Appendix A to this RFA
   a. **Field 8. Type of Application** – Enter “new”
   b. **Field 15. Estimated Project Funding** – For item a, enter your institution’s FY 2018 allocation as listed in Appendix A to this announcement
   c. **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.

   a. **Contact 1 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the Dean or Director.
   b. **Contact 2 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the Dean’s or Director’s designee, if applicable.
   c. **Contact 3 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the Business Office Manager/Administrator.
   d. **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.

a. **Field 2. Program to which you are applying.** Enter the program code name (i.e., enter “Animal Health and Disease Research Program”) and the program code (i.e., enter “AHDR”).

b. **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.

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 July 23, 2018.** 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.

We send email correspondence to the AR regarding the status of submitted applications. You are, therefore, strongly encouraged to provide accurate email addresses, where designated, on the SF-424 R&R Application for Federal Assistance.

If the AR has not received the above correspondence by **July 23, 2018** the Agency Administrative Contact identified in Part VII of this RFA and request the proposal 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 a proposal number, you should cite this number on all future correspondence.

D. **Funding Restrictions**

(1) **Approved NIFA AHDR Projects**
AHDR federal funding may only be used on AHDR approved projects.

(2) **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.

(3) Matching
See Part III, B. for additional information.

(4) Carryover of Funds
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.

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 https://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 https://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 https://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

See Animal-Health - https://nifa.usda.gov/program/animal-health-and-disease-research-program 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 https://nifa.usda.gov/reeport-resources-land-grant-partners.
PART VII—AGENCY CONTACT

For questions regarding Animal Health and Disease Research Program projects and the Animal Health and Disease Research Program projects/program, please contact:
Dr. Robert M. Smith, National Program Leader, or Lisa Stephens, Program Specialist, Division of Animal Systems, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability; NIFA/USDA, Stop 2220, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2220; For Dr. Smith, Telephone: (202) 401-4892; E-mail: rsmith@nifa.usda.gov. For Lisa Stephens, Telephone (202) 401-6438; E-mail: lstephens@nifa.usda.gov.

For administrative questions relating to the completion of the grants.gov forms please contact Brenda Barnett or Allison Owens, OGFM, NIFA/USDA, Stop 2271, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2271; Telephone: (202) 401-6520; Fax: (202) 401-1804; Email formulagrantquestions@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 or reeport@nifa.usda.gov.
PART VIII - OTHER INFORMATION

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

FY 2018 Distribution of Funds of Eligible State Institutions
Authorized Under Public Law 95-113, Section 1433, September 29, 1977, As Amended

**Appendix A**

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<tr>
<th>Legal Name</th>
<th>Department ( Eligible Institution or Department)</th>
<th>DUNS Number</th>
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