VMLRP Shortage ID Code CA158

NIFA **NIFA Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

National Institute of Food and Agriculture
US Department of Agriculture
Form NIFA 2009-0001
OMB Control No. 0524-0046
Expiration Date: 11/30/2016

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be submitted under the authority of the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

This form must be used for Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each shortage situation. See the State Animal Health Official (SAHO) section of the VMLRP web site (www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp) for the number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Plumas and Sierra Counties, California
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area; must be a logistically feasible veterinary practice service area)

Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III): Portola, California
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: ❑ Moderate Priority X High Priority ❑ Critical Priority

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty (Choose only one Type)

❑ **Type I Shortage: Private Practice**
Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 80 percent time or 32 hr/week)

Must cover (check at least one)	**May cover**
❑ Beef Cattle	❑ Beef Cattle
❑ Dairy Cattle	❑ Dairy Cattle
❑ Swine	❑ Swine
❑ Poultry	❑ Poultry
❑ Small Ruminant	❑ Small Ruminant
❑ Other: _____	❑ Other: _____

X **Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area**
Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30 percent time or 12 hr/week)

Must cover (check at least one)	**May cover**
X Beef Cattle	❑ Beef Cattle
❑ Dairy Cattle	❑ Dairy Cattle
❑ Swine	❑ Swine
❑ Poultry	❑ Poultry
❑ Small Ruminant	❑ Small Ruminant
❑ Other: _____	❑ Other: _____

❑ **Type III Shortage: Public Practice** (awardee obligation: at least 49 percent time or 19.6 hr/week)
Employer: _____ Position Title: _____
Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas:
❑ Food Safety
❑ Public Health
❑ Epidemiology
❑ Other: _____

Please describe the **importance and objectives** of a veterinarian filling this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

Plumas and Sierra counties occupy 3,507 square miles of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and high mountain valley land. Much of the land is Federal property that is used by cattle producers in the summer for mountain range. The estimated resident cattle population is 20,507 head. The objective of using the VMLRP program is to attract a veterinarian into providing resident large animal service.

Please describe the **activities** of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

This person will provide the typical emergency services including, but not limited to, dystocias, bloats, displaced abomasums, sudden unexplained illnesses/deaths on-farm, and other similar events. An additional need for this clientele is preventive medicine services ranging from developing and performing vaccination and parasite control programs, conducting pregnancy confirmation checks, and other related services. Most importantly they need an accredited veterinarian who can participate in the State's brucellosis vaccination program and assist in interstate movement of cattle by providing herd examinations and issuing certificates of veterinary inspection.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

Currently, there is one practice providing some large animal services in eastern Plumas County and another practice in the central part of Plumas County. Sierra County has to rely on practitioners who reside in the State of Nevada to provide services. The fact that Sierra County has to rely on out-of-state veterinarians to service their needs illustrates there is a definite need for another local practitioner.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

This region of the state is in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, a prime area for interaction between commercial livestock and wild species, especially deer and even feral swine. The wildlife species in the area are ideal reservoirs for a number of diseases, potentially including a number of foreign animal diseases, if ever introduced there. A lack of veterinary oversight could mean a delay in detection of significant pathogens, especially those classified as foreign animal diseases. Additionally, both commercial and wildlife species in the area could become infected, for those that infect multiple species before regulatory authorities are aware, making response more difficult. Furthermore, undetected entry of a foreign animal disease within this area has additional risk in that cattle from other parts of California and even bordering states are pastured here in the summer and then return to their various locations for the rest of the year. Thus, the risk for antibiotic residues and increased resistance in pathogen populations is increased without veterinary involvement in decisions, putting consumers at higher risk.

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type checked on Page 1, please specify the percent time in the box below (based on a 40-hour

work week). Leave the box blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

%

Minimum Service time required for each shortage type
Type I: 80 percent time or 32 hours/week
Type II: 30 percent time or 12 hours/week
Type III: 49 percent time or 19.6 hours/week

SAHO nominator must check both boxes below in order for NIFA to consider this nomination for official designation

X By checking this box, I affirm that this form represents a nomination and is subject to NIFA review and approval.

X By checking this box, I affirm that it is my professional opinion that this is a bona fide food supply or public health-related veterinary shortage situation. I affirm due diligence has been invested to identify this area as a shortage situation of at least moderate priority (severity).

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

Name: Dr. Annette Jones

Title: State Veterinarian

Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Email: Annette.Jones@cdfa.ca.gov

Telephone Number: (916) 900-5000
(Area code required)

Public reporting for OMB control number 0524-0046 is estimated to average two hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to NIFA, OGFM, 800 9th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024, Attention Policy Section. Do not return the completed form to this address.

Form NIFA 2009-0001
OMB Information Collection Approval No. 0524-0046
Expiration Date: 11/30/2016