

LIAISON REPORT TO THE BOARD on HUMAN SCIENCES BoHS Board of Directors' Retreat –July 2017

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About USDA NIFA

The USDA [National Institute of Food and Agriculture \(NIFA\)](#) provides leadership and [funding](#) for programs that advance agriculture-related sciences, including human sciences. NIFA applies an integrated approach to ensure that groundbreaking discoveries in agriculture-related sciences and technologies reach people who can put them into practice. NIFA's Offices are located at 800 9th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

Current Topics of Interest to NIFA/Human Sciences

- [Calls to Conversation](#)
- [NIFA State Liaisons](#)
- [APLU "Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People" Initiative](#)
- Focus on Opioids
- Focus on Rural Opportunities
- Focus on Zika Virus
- [Focus on Global Engagement](#)
- [Share Your Science Campaign](#)
- [NIFA News Subscription Service](#)
- [NIFA's Data Gateway](#)

Division Information and Grant Opportunities

Division of Family & Consumer Sciences

Through research, education, and extension, NIFA's [Institute of Youth, Family and Community Division of Family & Consumer Sciences](#) programs provide resources that support [Community Vitality](#) and strengthening [Family Well-Being](#) in partnership with the Land-Grant University and Cooperative Extension System. DFCS works to strengthen families, farms, communities, and the economy by focusing on the human and community aspects of food and agriculture, and addressing priority issues through scientific research and its application; strategic partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies; extension education; and preparing the next generation of Family & Consumer Sciences professionals. Contact: Caroline Crocoll ccrocoll@nifa.usda.gov

DFCS Grant Programs

- AgrAbility Assistive Technology Program for Farmers with Disabilities
- Agriculture Risk Management Education Partnerships (ARME) Competitive Grants Program
- Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)
- Farm Business Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grants Program
- Healthy Homes Partnership
- Military Family and Veterans Programs
- New Technologies for Ag Extension (NTAE)
- Regional Rural Development Centers
- Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program (RHSE)
- Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I
- Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase II
- Smith-Lever Special Needs Competitive Grants Program
- Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification Program

Division of Youth & 4-H

Through the [Institute of Youth, Family and Community Division of Youth and 4-H](#), positive youth development programs engage youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youth's strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths. Contact: Lisa Lauxman llauxman@nifa.usda.gov

DY4-H Grant Programs

- Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Sustainable Community Projects
- CYFAR 4-H Military Partnership Professional Development and Technical Assistance (CMP-PDTA)
- 4-H Military Partnership and Outreach Support Program
- Military Youth Programs

Division of Community and Education

To address the complex challenges of the 21st Century, resources are needed to improve scientific and agricultural literacy; and to recruit and train a skilled workforce to implement the scientific practices and advance technologies needed to remain competitive in the global markets. NIFA's [Institute of Youth, Family and Community Division of Community and Education](#) seeks to accomplish the following three goals: workforce development through grants for scholarships and fellowships; enhancing the research, teaching, and extension capacity at Minority Serving Institutions; and foster learning and engagement in the food and agricultural sciences through programs and opportunities at secondary and postsecondary institutions. Contact: Suresh Sureshwaran ssureshwaran@nifa.usda.gov

DOCE Grant Programs

- Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship (NNF) Grants Program
- 1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants (CBG) Program
- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative
- Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Education Competitive Grants Program (ANNH)
- Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Program (NLGCA)
- Distance Education Grants for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (DEG)
- Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP) (formerly Extension Indian Reservation Program)
- Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program
- Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP)
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program (HSI)
- Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (RIIA)
- Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program (SPECA)
- Tribal Colleges Education Equity Program (TCEG)
- Tribal Colleges Extension Services Program - Capacity (TCEP)
- Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program (TCRGP)
- Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)

Division of Nutrition

The [Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition Division of Nutrition](#) manages a range of food, nutrition, and obesity prevention programs intended to help Americans eliminate these risk factors from their lifestyles. In partnership with the Cooperative Extension System, the division conducts nutrition-related research and delivers educational programs to consumers throughout the country. In addition, the division informs policymakers of emerging research and public needs in order to support enactment of sound policies and laws. Contact: Dierdra Chester dncchester@nifa.usda.gov

DN Grant Programs

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge Area
- AFRI Foundational: Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health
- Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grants Program
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program WebNEERS
- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program

Other Programs of Interest to Human Sciences

- AFRI Foundational: Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities
- AFRI Foundational: Critical Agricultural Research and Extension (CARE) Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)
- Food Safety Outreach Program
- Promoting Integrated Pest Management in Affordable Housing

[NIFA Grants Information](#)

The lifecycle of grants and cooperative agreements consists of four phases: Pre-Award, Award, Post-Award, and Close Out. NIFA's Office of Grants and Financial Management provides support and guidance for award recipients during each of these phases.