

APLU requests \$200M increase for NIFA

America’s Land-grant universities and related institutions provide essential research, education and public outreach that sustains U.S. food, fiber and renewable fuel production by addressing many urgent and important local, regional, national and global problems. Financial support for this world-renowned enterprise comes from both public and private sources. However, the most significant funding source is the federal-state partnership managed by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)—USDA’s extramural science agency.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) supports a \$200 million increase in federal funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2018. APLU supports increases for these six strategic priorities that support research, education and extension efforts at America’s Land-grant universities and related institutions at the levels contained in the table on the next page.



The **McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act of 1962** provides capacity funding for university-based forestry research and education to increase knowledge of ecosystems and related species to train the next generation of natural resource scientists.



Authorized by the second Morrill Act, the **1890s Extension Program** focuses on underserved populations by providing a broad range of science-based education efforts that strengthen the food and agricultural industry, enhance the health of families and foster stable communities.



The **Evans-Allen Act of 1977** provides capacity funding for food and agricultural research at the 1890 Land-grant universities and Tuskegee University for underserved populations in a manner similar to that provided to the 1862 Land-grant universities under the Hatch Act of 1887.



The **Hatch Act of 1887** authorized establishment of an Agricultural Experiment Station in each state that cooperates by providing research, matching federal dollars more than seven fold. The Agricultural Experiment Stations conduct research addressing high priority needs while providing leadership for program direction and priorities.



Authorized by the **Smith-Lever Act of 1914**, Cooperative Extension translates science for the public and engages people to act. Cooperative Extension is a unique network that links local educators with Land-grant university faculty and state and

federal partners to people in more than 3,000 counties/parishes in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.



The **Agriculture & Food Research Initiative (AFRI)** was established by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill as the nation’s flagship competitive grants program. Funding supports research, education and extension in six Farm Bill categories: plant health and production and plant products; animal health and production and animal products; food safety, nutrition and health; bioenergy, natural resources and environment; agriculture systems and technology; and agriculture economics and rural communities.

APLU also supports increased funding for the following programs: XXX, XXX, XXX and XXX.

Want to know more?

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Appropriations Bill: Agriculture

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program	Requested Amount	Program Description	Authorization	Eligibility	Matching Funds
McIntire-Stennis (Research and Education Programs)	\$40,572,000	Provides funding to support forestry research, (which includes forests and related rangelands) at Land-grant and other public universities.	16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq. (McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act of 1962)	Land-grant institutions, including 1890 institutions and other public universities that have a forestry school	States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match.
1890 Extension (Extension Activities)	\$54,500,000	Provides capacity funding to support extension activities at the 1890 Institutions to provide educational opportunities that respond to the changing needs of limited-resource, minorities and economically disadvantaged clients.	7 U.S.C. 3221, (Section 1444, Research Act of 1977)	1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 Institutions)	States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match.
Evans-Allen (Research and Education Programs)	\$64,732,000	Provides capacity funding to support agricultural research at the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University.	7 U.S.C. 3222, (Section 1445, Research Act of 1977)	1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University	States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match.
Hatch Act (Research and Education Programs)	\$291,138,000	Provides capacity funding to support the State Agricultural Experiment Stations, enabling them to address critical national, multistate, state and local problems.	7 U.S.C. 361a (Hatch Act of 1887, as amended)	State Agricultural Experiment Stations established pursuant to the Hatch Act of 1887	States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match.
Smith-Lever (Extension Activities)	\$358,396,000	Provides capacity funding for delivery for Cooperative Extension's wide array of programs which benefit the nation.	7 U.S.C. 341, (Sections 3(b)-(c) of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, as amended)	1862 Land-grant universities in all 50 states, DC and the U.S. territories.	States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match.
AFRI (Research and Education Programs)	\$418,000,000	Provides competitively awarded research, Extension and education grants addressing key issues of national and regional importance to agriculture, forestry and related topics.	7 U.S.C. 450i(b), (National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teach Policy Act of 1977)	1862, 1890 and 1994 Land-grant institutions; other universities; government agencies; and many others	There is no matching requirement.

LAND-GRANT FUNDING FY 2013—FY 2017

Program	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017*
McIntire-Stennis	\$30,427,000	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000
1890 Institutions Extension	\$39,270,000	\$43,920,000	\$43,920,000	\$45,620,000	\$45,620,000
Evans-Allen	\$47,023,000	\$52,485,000	\$52,485,000	\$54,185,000	\$54,185,000
Hatch Act	\$218,342,000	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	\$271,068,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000
AFRI	\$276,423,000	\$316,409,000	\$325,000,000	\$350,000,000	\$375,000,000

*As reflected in H. Rept. 114-531 and S. Rept. 114-259.