

TO: State Extension Directors

FROM: Colien Hefferan *Colien Hefferan* AUG 29 2006

SUBJECT: Allocation of Fiscal Year 2006 Pesticide Safety Education Program Funds and Request for Budget

A signed Interagency Agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has made available \$1,200,000, for fiscal year (FY) 2006 for the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP). This amount is distributed based on the adopted formula.

The attached table reflects each State's share of funds allocated based on the adopted formula. Your total payment for FY 2006, as reflected on the attached table, will be included in your next funding authorization under the Payment Management System. Please be advised that the award period of these grant awards is October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, with an automatic no-cost extension of time through September 30, 2007. Any additional no-cost extensions of time beyond this date must be submitted to this office for approval.

States are permitted to use up to 10 percent of their PSEP budget to fund new technologies coming on line. These new technologies include conventional audiovisual equipment that will aid in transfer technology and educational programs utilizing distance education technologies and visual and audio teleconferencing (e.g., satellite programming, electronic classrooms, computer-based networks, etc.). This will aid States in offering pesticide education and training to a wider audience while conserving resources.

Attached are copies of guidelines and a form for your use in preparing a budget to cover the PSEP funds. The State contribution must be equal to the Federal funds. Two copies of this budget should be submitted no later than August 31, 2006, to:

Regular Mail

Oversight Section
Office of Extramural Programs
CSREES, USDA
STOP 2298
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-2298

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Office of Extramural Programs
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If you have any question regarding this allocation, please contact Janet Downey, Oversight Section, Office of Extramural Programs, at 202-205-0453 or via electronic mail at jdowney@csrees.usda.gov.

Attachments

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION SERVICE

Pesticide Applicator Training Education Funds

<u>STATE/TERRITORY</u>	FY 2006
	Allocation <u>Amount</u>
ALABAMA	\$ 21,876
ALASKA	10,091
AMERICAN SAMOA	9,497
ARIZONA	15,206
ARKANSAS	17,940
CALIFORNIA	30,864
COLORADO	13,071
CONNECTICUT	11,645
DELAWARE	10,816
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	10,435
FLORIDA	29,124
GEORGIA	31,649
GUAM	10,189
HAWAII	11,677
IDAHO	13,913
ILLINOIS	38,497
INDIANA	25,645
IOWA	35,374
KANSAS	24,648
KENTUCKY	44,511
LOUISIANA	41,885
MAINE	12,745
MARYLAND	18,164
MASSACHUSETTS	13,244
MICHIGAN	25,038
MICRONESIA	0
MINNESOTA	31,794
MISSISSIPPI	21,624
MISSOURI	35,748
MONTANA	14,858
NEBRASKA	31,604
NEVADA	11,667
NEW HAMPSHIRE	10,663
NEW JERSEY	24,870
NEW MEXICO	12,492
NEW YORK	35,793
NORTH CAROLINA	26,680
NORTH DAKOTA	21,592
NORTHERN MARIANAS	0
OHIO	40,109
OKLAHOMA	25,968
OREGON	20,226
PENNSYLVANIA	33,105
PUERTO RICO	20,013
RHODE ISLAND	10,509
SOUTH CAROLINA	14,625
SOUTH DAKOTA	20,724
TENNESSEE	39,231
TEXAS	41,202
UTAH	12,972
VERMONT	11,554
VIRGIN ISLANDS	0
VIRGINIA	24,942
WASHINGTON	17,085
WEST VIRGINIA	17,637
WISCONSIN	29,280
WYOMING	13,689
TOTAL	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

**PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR _____
BUDGET ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES**

	EPA/USDA/PSEP PASS-THRU FUNDS	CES FUNDS (c)	TOTAL
1. Salaries (a):			
a. Professional	____ SYE)*	____ SYE)*	____ SYE)*
b. Paraprofessional and Technical	_____	_____	_____
c. Clerical and Secretarial	_____	_____	_____
2. Publications and Training Aids	_____	_____	_____
3. Travel	_____	_____	_____
4. Equipment (b)	_____	_____	_____
5. Supplies	_____	_____	_____
6. Other (specify)	_____	_____	_____
Total Program Costs	_____	_____	_____
Unobligated FY04 Funds	_____	_____	_____

*SYE Staff year equivalents

(a) Identify all staff time devoted to Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) including those not directly funded by EPA pass-through funds.

(b) The Intergaency Agreement with EPA indicates that the States shall be permitted to use up to 10 percent (10%) of their PAT budget to fund new technologies coming on line. These new technologies include conventional audiovisual equipment that will aid in transfer technology and educational programs utilizing distance education technologies, video and audio teleconferencing (i.e. satellite programming, electronic classroom, computer based networks).

(c) The State contribution must be equal to the EPA/USDA/PSEP allocation. Indirect costs are not allowable against the formula funded program nor can they be used as a match.

DATE

Director, Cooperative Extension Service

Name of Institution

GUIDELINES

BUDGET AND ACCOUNTABILITY **FOR STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES** **PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Situation: The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, provides for cost-sharing by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT). The amended FIFRA states:

Section 23, STATE COOPERATION, AID AND TRAINING.

- (a) Cooperative Agreements, --...Effective with the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1978, there are authorized to be appropriated annually such funds as may be necessary for the Administrator to provide through cooperative agreements an amount equal to 50 percent of the anticipated costs to each State or Indian tribe, as agreed to under such cooperative agreements, of conducting training and certification programs during such fiscal year. If funds sufficient to pay 50 percent of the cost for any year are not appropriated, the share of each State and Indian tribe shall be reduced in a like proportion in allocating available funds.

- (c) Information and Education, --...The Administrator shall, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, use the services of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to inform and educate pesticide users about accepted uses and other regulations made under this Act.

In accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement Between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture of June 14, 1972," and subsequent amendments, CSREES has established an Interagency Agreement for training with EPA as noted in Section 23 above, as amended, on behalf of the State Cooperative Extension Services. CSREES has coordinated the training program with the State Cooperative Extension Services with the concurrence of EPA, by distributing and administering EPA "pass-through" funds on a formula basis, and has on file "Plans of Work" from each State Cooperative Extension Service for pesticide applicator training.

The State Cooperative Extension Services are encouraged to coordinate training activities with State Lead Agencies and to ensure that all training is compatible with Federal and/or State administered certification programs. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1991, the Interagency Agreement stipulates that the training must address requirements for certification as defined in 40 CFR 171.

Objectives: The purposes of the PAT Program are to help assure the proper, effective, and safe use as well as storage and disposal of pesticides; to assist both private and commercial applicators in meeting the initial and continuing standards of certification to apply restricted use pesticides; and to address adverse risks associated with pesticide misuse and consequences of pesticide drift. Emphasis should be placed on personal safety, protection of the environment, prevention of pesticide drift, endangered species, water quality, and food safety.

Allowable Costs: No expenditures can be charged to the PAT Program that do not directly relate to the objectives above and that are not reasonably moderate in comparison with national averages. Restrictions that apply to Smith-Lever, Section 3(d), funds apply to the "pass-through" funds. No overhead shall be charged to the Federal funds or as contribution of the State Cooperative Extension Service in determining funding assistance levels.

Funds allocated for the EPAT-PAT program are available for expenditure during the fiscal year in which they are allocated plus one additional fiscal year.