

Fourth Nationwide Formula Grants Teleconference

Sponsored by the Office of Extramural Programs, CSREES/USDA Wednesday, May 28, 2008 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm



Welcome and Introductions

CSREES/USDA Attendees:

- Office of Extramural Programs
 - Ellen Danus, Chief, Policy, Oversight, and Funds Management Branch
 - Barry Sims, Staff Accountant (Formula)
- Information Systems and Technology Management
 - Jason Hitchcock, Director, Information Policy, Planning, and Training



Welcome and Introductions

Send questions to: <u>formulagrantquestions@csrees.usda.gov</u>

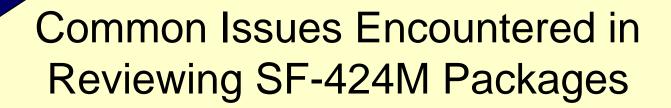


Status of FY 2008 EFNEP Funding

- Current Status
- Expected Release Date



- FGOs
 - » 1890 Research (USDA-CSREES-EA1445-001487) and 1890 Extension (USDA-CSREES-LG1444-001488)
 - » RREA (USDA-CSREES-OP-001546) and McIntire-Stennis (USDA-CSREES-MSCFR-001547)
 - » SL 3b&c-Reg (USDA-CSREES-SLBCD-001589)
 - » SL Special Needs (USDA-CSREES-SLBCD-001585)
 - » DCPPERA (USDA-CSREES-SLBCD-001588)
 - » Cotton Pest Management (USDA-CSREES-SLBCD-001587) and Integrated Pest Management (USDA-CSREES-SLBCD-001586)



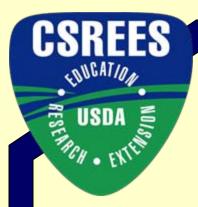
- Please remember that this application is considered an "Update."
- Please list all Congressional Districts in which the project/program operates.
- Please verify your HHS-PMS PIN. We no longer use "B."
- Please complete boxes 1(c) and 1(d) of the Budget (SF-424A).

Common Issues Encountered in Reviewing SF-424M Packages

- The total Object Class Categories amount must equal the total resources (Federal and non-Federal) applied to the Program.
- The Budget Narrative must account for total funding (Federal and non-Federal).
- Please remember that all attachments must be in Portable Document Format (PDF). We can not open non-PDF files.

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- Trouble downloading application?
 - Need Adobe 8.1.2
 - Contact Grants.gov helpdesk
 - » Toll Free: 1-800-518-4726
 - » Business Hours: M-F 7:00 am 9:00 pm Eastern Standard Time
 - » Email: support@grants.gov



Administrative Guidance for Multistate Extension Activities and Integrated Research and Extension Activities

AREERA Section 105 & Section 204

Time Line:

- Comment Period 5/1/2008 6/30/2008
- Release Date 7/15/2008
- Due Dates for Reconfirmation/Reset
 Target Percentages 8/15/2008
- Approval Date 9/15/2008
- Implementation Date 10/1/2008



Applies to:

 – 1862 Land-grant Universities in 50 States

 University of the District of Columbia (Hatch Act Funds only - UDC)

Significant Changes

- Reset Target Percentages for 1862's selecting Options C or D in FY 2000.
- Reconfirm Target Percentages for 1862's selecting Options A or B in FY 2000.

Via Memorandum to Formula Grants Section.

 Use Form CSREES-TARG (Rev. 04/08) and Form CSREES-BASE (2/00) for resetting targets.

Significant Changes

- Use memorandum with attached copies of FY 2000 forms to reconfirm target percentages.
- Submit Form CSREES-Plan (2/00) annually with 5-year Plan of Work Update.
- Continue to submit Form CSREES-REPT (Rev. 09/04) with Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results.



Significant changes

Allocations considered:

- Multistate Extension and Integrated (SL Act)
 - Regular 3(b)& (c) allocation.
- Integrated (Hatch)
 - Regular Hatch allocation & Hatch MRF (use required matching amount).



Significant Changes

Waiver request process clearly identified

 Institutions must submit a formal request to the CSREES Administrator and signed by appropriate institutional official (i.e., dean or director)

– Elements to be addressed in request:



Significant changes

Waiver request process clearly identified

- (a) A request for the waiver by grant;
- (b) A statement of the fiscal year for which the waiver is requested;
- (c) A statement of the amount of the waiver being requested by fiscal year and how the amount was computed;
- (d) A statement of why the waiver is required;
- (e) Documentation supporting the need for a waiver; and
- (f) The university's efforts to meet the AREERA section 204 requirements in the future.



Significant Changes

Waiver request process clearly identified

- CSREES will approve/disapprove within 30 days of receipt.
- Waiver requests will be considered for:
 - a) Hardship;
 - b) Infeasibility; or
 - c) Other circumstances beyond the control of the States.



Significant Changes

- Definitions of "integrated" and "multistate" remain the same.
- "Split appointments" should be doing "integrated" work.



Comments

- Comment period is 5/1 6/30/2008.
- CSREES welcomes your comments.
- CSREES will discuss in future teleconferences.



Questions

- Questions
 - Northeast Region
 - Southern Region
 - North Central Region
 - Western Region
- Questions my be emailed to:
 - formulagrantquestions@csrees.usda.gov



Next Nationwide Teleconference (Wednesday, June 4, 2008)

- SF-424M Application Packages
- Status on Allocation Memos, FGOs, and Letters of Authorization
- Topics??