

**Cooperative State Research, Education, and extension Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Administration of Hatch Act Funds
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. We understand that there was a significant increase in Hatch Act funds for FY 2007. What can these funds be used for?

These funds may be used for any approved Hatch Act project. In addition, these Hatch Act funds may be used to pay the necessary expenses of administrative planning and direction of research. Funds also may be used capital expenditures for special and general purpose equipment and renovation of existing facilities. These approvals have been delegated to the State Agricultural Experiment Station (SAES) Director. Please see page 11 of the Administrative Manual for Hatch (Experiment Station) Act available at <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/awards/formula/manuals/hatch.pdf> for more information.

Funds also may be used for the purchase and construction of new buildings as well as the purchase of land; however, the SAES Director must receive prior approval from CSREES for these expenditures. Please contact Barry Sims, Staff Accountant, Oversight Section, Office of Extramural Programs, at (202) 205-0453 or via e-mail at bsims@csrees.usda.gov for more information.

2. When do the Hatch Act funds allocated and awarded in FY 2007 need to be expended by?

The FY 2007 funds must be expended by September 30, 2008. CSREES does not have any authority to grant no-cost extensions of time beyond September 30, 2008, for the FY 2007 Hatch Acts funds.

3. Can we use program income, user fees, sales, or in-kind items to meet our matching requirement for the Hatch Act funds?

No, you cannot use program income, user fees, sales, or in-kind items to meet these matching requirements. The Hatch Act requires that the State provide non-Federal funds.

4. What can the matching funds for the regular Hatch Act allocation be used for?

The matching funds may be used for any approved Hatch Act project, including Hatch Multistate Research Fund (MRF) projects.

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5. What can the matching funds for the Hatch Multistate Research Fund (MRF) projects be used for?

The matching funds may be used for any approved Hatch Act project, including regular Hatch projects.

6. What if we cannot meet our matching requirements for FY 2007?

CSREES does not have any authority to grant matching waivers, except for the Insular 1862 Land-Grant Institutions. If you are unable to certify your matching requirement by August 15, 2007, your unmatched Hatch Act funds will be redistributed to those institutions that have met their FY 2007 matching requirements.

7. If we have further questions, whom should we contact?

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