

APLU requests \$200M increase for NIFA

America's Land-grant universities lead the research, education, and public outreach that sustains U.S. agriculture: safe and nutritious food, clean drinking water, sustainable and productive forest resources, fuel to power the nation, healthy families and communities, national security, equitable trade, and jobs that support a prosperous economy. The nationally recognized scientists and educators at Land-grant universities are solving the urgent and important local, regional, national, and global challenges that threaten agriculture.

Financial support for these world-renowned R&D and applied research enterprises comes from a partnership of federal, state, and private organizations. The primary federal partner is the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA's extramural science agency.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) seeks a \$200 million increase in federal funding for NIFA in Fiscal Year 2019. The increase will be dedicated to six strategic priorities that provide research, education, and extension through the nationwide system of Land-grant universities. (see table).

This increased investment will ensure that America's Land-grant universities recruit and retain the best and brightest innovators, drive innovation and discovery through research, expand outreach through Cooperative Extension in support of vibrant and prosperous communities and families, bolster public-private partnerships, and train and develop the human capital needed to meet the growing demands of a contemporary agribusiness workforce.



The **McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act of 1962** provides capacity funding for university-based forestry research and education to protect our wooded ecosystems, preserves environmental resources, and trains 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** authorizes the establishment of an Agricultural Experiment Station in each state that cooperates by engaging in research addressing high-priority agricultural needs: safe and nutritious food, plant and animal protection and health, soil and water conservation, and a healthy environment.



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: Capacity Building for Non-Land-grant Colleges of Agriculture; and "Multicultural Scholars, Graduate Fellowship and Institution Challenge Grants."

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Appropriations Bill: Agriculture Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program	FY 2019 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 intuitions 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 Ins tuitions to provide educational opportunities that respond to the changing needs of limited-resource, minorities and economically disadvantaged clients.	7 U.S.C. 3221, (Sec on 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 Ins tuitions, including Tuskegee University.	7 U.S.C. 3222, (Sec on 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 multi-state, state and local problems.	7 U.S.C. 361a (Hatch Act of 1887, as amended)	State Agricultural Experiment Stations established pursuant 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)	\$418,129,000	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 2014—FY 2018

Program	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 *
McIntire-Stennis	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000	\$33,961,000
1890 Institutions Extension	\$43,920,000	\$43,920,000	\$45,620,000	\$45,620,000	\$45,620,000
Evans-Allen	\$52,485,000	\$52,485,000	\$54,185,000	\$54,185,000	\$54,185,000
Hatch Act	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000	\$243,701,000
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000
AFRI	\$316,409,000	\$325,000,000	\$350,000,000	\$375,000,000	\$375,000,000

*As reflected in H. Rept. 115-232 and S. Rept. 115-131.