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Matching Requirements Change



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What happened?



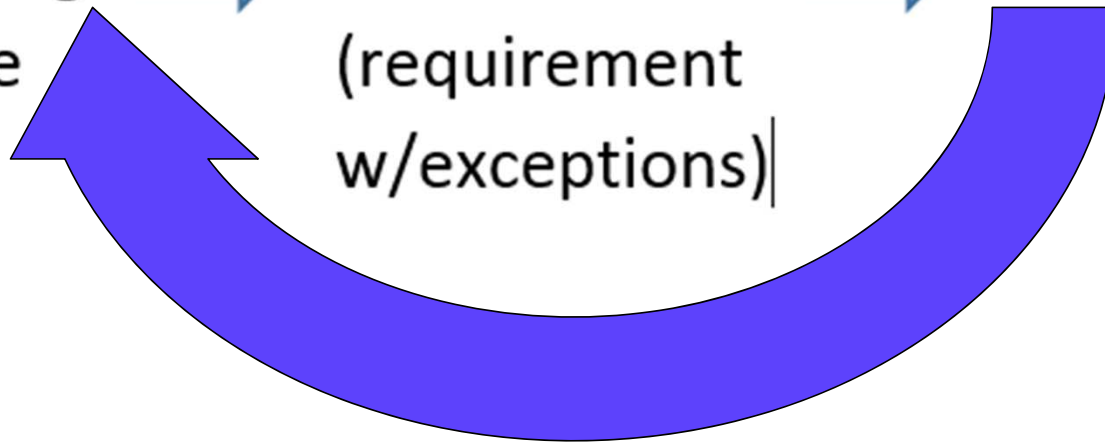
Authorizing
Language



2014 Farm Bill
(requirement
w/exceptions)



2018 Farm Bill





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What does it mean?

- The match requirements will vary by program
- Apply to new awards beginning 12/21/2018
- Simplified Chart - <https://nifa.usda.gov/matching-requirement>
 - Program and match requirement
 - Now includes FAQs
- Complex Chart

NIFA Federal Assistance Program	CFDA #	Authorizing Legislation	Pre-2014 Farm Bill Match Requirement	Post 2014 Farm Bill Match Requirement	Post 2018 Farm Bill (as of 12-21-2019)
1890 Capacity Building -Teaching & Research	10.216	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4) (§ 1417(b)(4) of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required



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Indirect Cost Recovery Change



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What happened?

Mandatory Programs
(e.g., OREI, SCRI, CDRE)

22% of TFFA



Most Competitive Programs

30% of TFFA

**30% of TFFA* applies
to IC of overall award**

*Total Federal Funds Awarded



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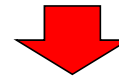
Taking a Closer Look

- 2008 Farm Bill **MANDATORY**
 - Except as provided in law, IC against any ag rsch, ed, or ext grant may not exceed 22% of TFFA
- Appropriation **DISCRETIONARY**
 - None of the funds in this act, IC against any ag rsch, ed, or ext grant may not exceed 30% of TFFA
- 2018 Farm Bill
 - Except as provided in law, IC against any ag rsch, ed, or ext grant may not exceed 30% of TFFA – limitation on prime to be applied to overall award (prime + sub)



What does it mean?

- The IC limitations have changed for most
- Chart - <https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/indirect-cost-chart>
 - Now includes FAQs



Total Federal Funds Awarded (TFFA) = Field K., Total Costs and Fee, on SF-424 R&R Budget

For overall award, not to exceed 30 percent of TFFA; see <https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/2018-farm-bill-indirect-cost-provision> for calculation information.

Research and Education Activities:

Program	CFDA Number	Legal Authority	Allowable Indirect Cost	Indirect Cost Limitation Authority
Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative	10.307	7 U.S.C. 5925b (Section 1672B of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990)	For overall award, not to exceed 30 percent of TFFA of the recipient	7 U.S.C. 3310(a) and (c) (Section 1462(a) and (c) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977)

- Applies to new awards beginning December 21, 2018



Indirect Costs - continued

- NIFA initially provided information that indirect costs for the overall award were limited to the lesser of the prime's negotiated rate *or* the maximum of 30% of TFFA.
- UPDATE: when the prime awardee's negotiated rate is less than the maximum allowed (30% of TFFA), subrecipients have the opportunity to receive indirect costs.



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Indirect Costs - continued

- Prime: Lesser of negotiated rate or 30% TFFA*
- Subs: Lesser of negotiated rate or 30% TFFA
- Add IDC for Prime plus Subs – if the amount exceeds 30% TFFA of Prime's budget, then adjustments must be made

*may be split between the Federal and any required match



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Industrial Hemp Research

- Section 7606 of 2014 Farm Bill
 - legitimized industrial hemp research if grown or cultivated either pursuant to section 7606 or in connection with a DEA permit
- 2018 Farm Bill
 - removed industrial hemp from controlled substance list
 - production unlawful if done without a USDA license issued under a USDA plan or in state without an USDA approved industrial hemp production plan; until reg is issued growing industrial hemp is illegal unless done per 2014 Farm Bill
 - AMS regulation by end of 2019; fed reg production/process for submission of State, and Indian tribal plans to USDA



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USDA Hemp Production Program

- Section 10113 added Subtitle G-Hemp Production to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 ([7 USC 1621](#) et seq)
- Agricultural Marketing Service is lead agency
- Until AMS issues reg, adhere to Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill
- For further info (NIFA FAQs and links to AMS' web site) - <https://nifa.usda.gov/industrial-hemp>



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New Programs

- Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions
 - publication of RFA anticipated by end of September 2019
 - 1890 Inst Webinar May 29th (1pm to 3pm ET)(edaly@nifa.usda.gov)
- Centers of Excellence at 1890 Institutions
- Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network
- Urban, Indoor, and Other Emerging Agricultural Production Research, Education, and Extension Initiative



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Non-Land-Grant College of Agriculture Designation

- NLGCA definition changed (Section 7102)
 - no longer excludes the cooperating forestry schools and HSACU
 - must be a public college or university offering a baccalaureate or higher degree in the study of agricultural sciences, forestry, or both, which is any of the 32 specified areas of study
 - 84 FR 22105; May 16, 2019



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Modified Programs

- NLGCA Program
 - amended the definition of NLGCA
- Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification Program
 - demonstration grants to provide agricultural education and assistance to individuals with disabilities engaged in farming or farm-related occupations; applies to veterans engaged in farming or farm-related occupations, or who are pursuing new farming opportunities.



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Modified Programs – continued.

- Alfalfa Forage (now Alfalfa Seed & Alfalfa Forage Systems Prog)
 - purpose of studying improvements in alfalfa and forage yields, biomass and persistence, pest pressures, the bioenergy potential of alfalfa seed and other alfalfa forages, and systems to reduce losses during harvest and storage.
- Farm Business Management and Benchmarking Program
 - to make research & extension grants for the purpose of improving the farm management knowledge and skills of agricultural producers by maintaining and expanding a national, publicly available farm financial management database to support improved farm management.



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Modified Programs – continued.

- Rural Health and Safety Education
 - priority to be given to an applicant that will use grant for substance use disorder education and treatment and the prevention of substance use disorder.
- Food Safety and Outreach
 - strikes the prohibition restricting USDA from providing additional grant funding once entity received three years of grant funding
- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI)
 - Now the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Grants Program



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Modified Programs – continued.

- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Programs
 - New program priorities and evaluation criteria; limits awards to 3 yrs
- Agriculture Risk Management Education Program
 - Updated purpose to include technical assistance to agricultural producers on a full range of farm viability and risk management activities. Also updates the list of activities.
- Evans Allen and 1890 Extension
 - Adjustments to allocations based on new language applicable to Central State



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Other Changes

- 1994 Institutions
 - McIntire-Stennis: includes 1994's that offer an associate's or baccalaureate degree in forestry (Section 7604)
 - Updated eligible 1994 Institution's names and added Red Lake Nation College (Section 7502)
 - Eligible for Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) and Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program (Section 7609)



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Other Changes

- Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program
 - Trust fund established to support program (Section 12605)
- Time and Effort Reporting (Section 7613)
 - Capacity Programs



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Capacity Budget Implementation Plan

- To enhance its monitoring, oversight of all grants, including capacity
- Standard Form 424a (Non-construction Programs)
- FY 2020 – Pilot
 - By mid-June email policyguide@nifa.usda.gov if interested
- FY 2021 – Budgets will be required as part of applications for all but one capacity program*
 - *EFNEP will continue with currently required budgeting process and forms



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