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Agenda

- NIFA Policy Guide
- CFDA Change
- RFAs To Be Released
- 7 CFR 3419
- Capacity Payments
- ezFedGrants



2018 Policy Guide Update

- NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide - July 2014
- NIFA began process to update Policy Guide in 2017
- Primary areas of update:
 - Uniform Guidance citations and changes
 - New statutory and regulatory changes
 - Capacity terms and conditions
 - Updated NIFA processes
 - Consistent Definitions
 - Discussion of Allowable costs
- Format change – align with 2 CFR 200



Key Additions

- Enhanced Capacity grant section, including info from previous administrative manuals
- Enhanced definitions, bringing in definitions from 2 CFR 200, 7 CFR 3430, and the previous administrative manuals
- Allowable costs matrix and details, addressing FAQs and concerns
- Enhanced post award management section, including additional standards from Uniform Guidance
- Detail on areas requiring prior approval

Timeline and next steps

- Complete update to Policy Guide (Est. May 2018)
- Conduct two webinars to obtain feedback (Est. 3rd week of June 2018)
 - Competitive awardees
 - Capacity awardees
- Feedback due to NIFA: Est. End of July
- Edit based on feedback (Est. August 2018)
- Publish as final (Est. End of August 2018)



Extension CFDA change in 2019!

- Reminder – 10.500 is changing
 - Breaking out into 12 new CFDA numbers
- Crosswalk and memo describing actions grantees must take available at:

<https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/10500-change>



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RFAs Anticipated for Release May 2018

- AFRI – Foundational
- AFRI - Education and Workforce
- Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification
- RREA-National Focus Fund Program
- Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)/Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative (FADI)
- NSF-NIFA Plant Biotic Interactions Program

Full List of RFAs - <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/rfa-list>



1890 and Insular area matching final rule

- Published in the Federal Register on May 11, 2018
 - Published as NPRM November 2017
 - No relevant comments submitted
- Amends 7 CFR 3419 by:
 - Making updates to definitions and language consistent with the past three Farm Bills (e.g., replacing the word “formula” with “capacity”)
 - Finalizing the process by which 1890’s and insular areas submit matching waivers. The process is consistent with the current process NIFA uses.
 - Removes the term qualifying education activities from the definitions and allowable uses.
 - Clarifies allowable uses of matching funds



1890 and Insular area matching rule

- The Rule is available on the federal register website:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/>
- NIFA's website has a resource page with direct links to the rule and the page to submit comments:
<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/capacity-grants>
- NIFA will conduct a webinar on June 7, 2018, to review the elements in the Final Rule and answer questions. Information on our website: www.nifa.usda.gov



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- Foreign Agricultural Service – FAS
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- Office of Advocacy and Outreach – OAO



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NIFA Capacity Programs

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Evans-Allen (Section 1445)

The Hatch Act of 1887 (Regular Research)

The Hatch Act of 1887 (Multistate Research Fund)

Extension at 1890 Land-grant Colleges (Section 1444)

CES at 1862 Land-grant Institutions (Smith-Lever Special Needs)

Renewable Resources Extension Act Program

Joint Cooperative Extension Programs at 1862 Land-Grant Institutions and University of the District of Columbia

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program

Animal Health and Disease Program



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