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APPENDIX IV: NIFA Federal Assistance Programs: Authority References ALL AWARDS

A. CAPACITY

- 1890 Extension: 7 U.S.C. 3221 – CFA. 10.512*
- 1890 Research (Evans-Allen): 7 U.S.C. 73222 – Assistance Listing 10.205
- Animal Health and Disease Research: 7 U.S.C. 3195 – Assistance Listing 10.207
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: 7 U.S.C.3175; 7 U.S.C. 343(d) – Assistance Listing 10.514*
- Hatch and Hatch Multistate: 7 U.S.C. 361a and 361c – Assistance Listing 10.203
- McIntire-Stennis: 16 U.S.C. 582a *et seq.* – Assistance Listing 10.202
- Renewable Research Extension Act: 16 U.S.C. 1671 *et seq.* – Assistance Listing 10.515*
- Smith-Lever 3(b) & 3(c) and Special Needs: 7 U.S.C. 343 – Assistance Listing 10.511*
- University of District of Columbia Extension: Section 208 of the District of Columbia Public Post-secondary Education Reorganization Act (DC ST Section 38-1202.09) – Assistance Listing 10.511*

B. COMPETITIVE

- 1890 Capacity Building -Teaching & Research: Section 1417(b)(4) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) - Assistance Listing 10.216
- 1890 Centers of Excellence (7 U.S.C. 5926): Section 774 of the Public Law Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019-P.L. 116-6. Assistance Listing 10.523
- 1890 Facilities, National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222b) – Assistance Listing 10.513
- 1890s Scholarships (Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions Program) (7 U.S.C. 3222a)
- Alaskan and Hawaiian Native-Serving Institutions: Section 1419B of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156) - Assistance Listing 10.220
- AgrAbility: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)); Section 1680 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5933) - Assistance Listing 10.500 Section 2(b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)); Section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626) - Assistance Listing 10.310
- Agricultural Genome to Phenome Initiative (7 U.S.C. 5924): Section 7208 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334)- Assistance Listing 10.332
- Agriculture in the Classroom (7 U.S.C. 3152(j))
- Agriculture Risk Management Education Program: Section 524(a)(3) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(3)) - Assistance Listing 10.520
- Alfalfa Forage and Research Program (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)(8)): High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives – Assistance Listing 10.330
- Aquaculture Centers: Section 1475(d) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3322(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.200
- Aquaculture Research (7 U.S.C. 3157(c))

- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS): Section 7405 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2279) - Assistance Listing 10.311
- Biomass Research and Development Initiative: Section 9008(e) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8108(e)) - Assistance Listing 10.312
- Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program: Section 1668 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921) - Assistance Listing 10.219
- Capacity Building Grants for Non Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture (NLGCA) Program: Section 1473F of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA), as added by Section 7138 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, (7 USC 3319i) – Assistance Listing 10.326
- Children, Youth, Families at Risk Program: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.521*
- Common Bean Productivity Research for Global Food Security Competitive Grants Program: Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriation Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-55), Economy Act of 1932, as amended, (31 U.S.C. 1535) and Section 632(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2392(b)), the U.S. Agency for International Development in order to utilize the unique resources of USDA and its land-grant institution partners has provided NIFA with funds to support the Common Bean Productivity Research (BPR) for Global Food Security Competitive Grants Program - Assistance Listing 10.327
- Community Food Projects Program: Section 25 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2034) - Assistance Listing 10.225
- Critical Agricultural Materials: Section 5(d) of the Critical Agricultural Materials Act (7 U.S.C. 178c(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.200
- Crop Protection and Pest Management (U.S.C. 7626): section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 – Assistance Listing 10.329
- Distance Education Grants for Insular Areas: 7 U.S.C. 3362 – Assistance Listing 10.322
- Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension (7 U.S.C. 7632)
- Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (Pub. L. 116-94): Section 760 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (H.R. 244) – Assistance Listing 10.334
- Equipment Grants Program (7 U.S.C. 3310) Public Law 115-334 – Assistance Listing 10.519
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Web Education Program (WebNEERS): 7 U.S.C. 3175)
- Expert Integrated Pest Management Decision Support System Program: Section 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)(1)(B)) - Assistance Listing 10.200
- Extension Disaster Education Network/Food and Agriculture Defense Network (7 U.S.C. 3351) Section 1484 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 – Assistance Listing 10.304
- Extension Integrated Pest Management Coordination and Support Program: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.329
- Farm Bench Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grants Program: Section 7208 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, (Pub. L. 110 – 246),

amended the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, by adding Section 1672D (7 U.S.C. 5925f) – Assistance Listing 10.319

- Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (7 U.S.C. 5936): Section 7522 of the Title Agricultural Improvement Act, Public Law 115-334 – Assistance Listing 10.525
- Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7
- U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.517*
- Food and Agricultural Education Information System (7 U.S.C. 3362):
- Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program (7 U.S.C. 7633): Section 4209 of Title IV of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998(Pub. L. 113-79) – Assistance Listing 10.522
- Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (7 U.S.C. 7642): Section 604 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 Assistance Listing 10.520
- Food Safety Outreach Competitive Grants Program (7 U.S.C. 7625): Section 405 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 – Assistance Listing 10.328
- Global Change, UV Radiation Monitoring and Research (Agroclimatology) (7 U.S.C. 3157(c))
- Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (7 U.S.C. 7517): The Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79) – Assistance Listing 10.331
- Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center: Section 25(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2034(h)) - Assistance Listing 10.225
- Higher Education – Graduate Fellowships Grant Program (7 U.S.C 3152) - Section 1417 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA) (99 Stat. 1548; 7 U.S.C. 3152) – Assistance Listing 10.210
- Higher Education-Institution Challenge Grants Program (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1)): Section 1405 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 US Code 3121,1417(b)(1)). Assistance Listing 10.217
- Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grants (7 U.S.C. 3241): section 1455 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (NARETPA) (7 U.S.C. 3241- Assistance Listing 10.223
- Integrated Forest Products Research Grant: subsection 2 (c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act Public Law 89-106, 7 U.S.C. § 3157(c)(1)(B) – Assistance Listing 10.200
- IR-4 Minor Crop Pest Management: Section 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B)) - Assistance Listing 10.200
- Methyl Bromide Transitions Program: Section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626) - Assistance Listing 10.303
- Multicultural Scholars: Section 1417(b)(5) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)) - Assistance

Listing 10.220

- National Animal Health Laboratory Network /Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative (7 U.S.C. 3351) Section 1484 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 – Assistance Listing 10.304
- National Biodiesel Fuel Education Program: Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535).
- National Extension Integrated Pest Management Special Projects Program: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d) - Assistance Listing 10.329
- National Integrated Water Quality Program: Section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626) - Assistance Listing 10.303
- National Needs Graduate Fellowships Program: Section 1417(b)(6) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(6)) - Assistance Listing 10.210
- National Plant Diagnostic Network/Food and Agriculture Defense Network (7 U.S.C. 3351) Section 1484 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 – Assistance Listing 10.304
- New Beginnings for Tribal Students (7 U.S.C. 3222e) Public Law 95-113 – Assistance Listing 10.527
- New Technologies for Agriculture Extension: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.500
- Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative: Section 1672B of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925b) - Assistance Listing 10.307
- Organic Transitions (ORG): Section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (7 U.S.C. 7626), as reauthorized by Section 7306 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (Pub. L. 110-246) – Assistance Listing 10.303
- Pest Management Alternatives: Section 2(c)(1)(A) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(A)) - Assistance Listing 10.200
- Policy Research Centers Grant Program: Section 1419A of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, And Teaching Policy Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. 3155. – Assistance Listing 10.200
- Potato Breeding Research (7 U.S.C. 3157(c))
- Rangeland Research: Section 1480 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3333) - Assistance Listing 10.200
- Regional Integrated Pest Management: Section 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B)) - Assistance Listing 10.200 - AND - Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.329
- Resident Instruction Grants for Insular Areas: Section 1491 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3363) - Assistance Listing 10.308
- Regional Rural Development Centers (7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(b))
- RREA National Focus Fund Program (16 U.S.C. 1671-1676): Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-306) – Assistance Listing 10.515
- Rural Health and Safety: Section 502(i) of the Rural Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C.

- 2662(ii) - Assistance Listing 10.516*
- Secondary Education, and 2-Yr Postsecondary Education and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants: Section 1417(j) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3152(j)) - Assistance Listing 10.226
 - Small Business Innovation Research Program: Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) - Assistance Listing 10.212
 - Smith-Lever Special Needs Competitive Grants (U.S.C. 341-349): Section 3(b) & 3(c) of the Smith-Lever Act, Pub. L. No 63-95 – Assistance Listing 10.511
 - Specialty Crop Research Initiative: Section 412 to the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632) - Assistance Listing 10.309
 - Sun Grant Program (7 U.S.C. 8114): Section 778 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-199) – Assistance Listing 10.320
 - Supplemental and Alternative Crops: Section 1473D(c) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319d(c))
 - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (Sustainable Agriculture Projects): Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.511*
 - Tribal College Endowment Interest Formula Program: Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note) - Assistance Listing 10.221
 - Tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program: Section 534(a) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note) - Assistance Listing 10.221
 - 1994 Extension Capacity (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4))
 - Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program: Section 536 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note) - Assistance Listing 10.227
 - Urban Indoor and Emerging Agriculture (7 U.S.C. 5925(g)): Urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production research, education, and extension initiative Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1672E – Assistance Listing 10.333
 - Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (7 U.S.C. 3151a) – Section 1415A of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NAREPTA) – Assistance Listing 10.313
 - Veterinary Services Grant Program (7 U.S.C. 3151b) - Section 7104 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the Farm Bill) (H.R. 2642). Assistance Listing 10.336
 - Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS) (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)(7): Section 7204 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (Pub. L. 110-246). – Assistance Listing 10.318
 - Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification Program: Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) - Assistance Listing 10.500

* The Assistance Listing number for extension programs changed in FY 2019. The above Assistance Listing numbers are for FY 2019 and later grants. Prior to FY 2019, this program was housed in Assistance Listing 10.500.