

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program

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Fiscal Year 2024 Request for Applications

APPLICATION DEADLINE: ~~October 25, 2023~~ November 6, 2023



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**INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program

Assistance Listing Number: This program is listed in the Assistance Listings under 10.202.

Dates: Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on ~~October 25, 2023~~ November 6, 2023**. Comments regarding this Request for Applications (RFA) are requested within six months from the issuance of this notice. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA). The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) recognizes research, education, and extension efforts will have the greatest impacts when programs are grounded in DEIA. NIFA is committed to enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility of programs and encourages individuals, institutions, and organizations from underserved communities to apply to funding opportunities as lead, co-lead, or subaward recipient(s), and to engage as leaders in the peer panel review process to support the development of strong networks and collaborations. NIFA encourages applications that engage diverse communities and have broad impacts through research, education, extension, and integrated activities to address current and future challenges.

Stakeholder Input: NIFA seeks comments on all RFAs. NIFA considers comments to the extent possible when developing RFAs and uses comments to help meet the requirements of [Section 103\(c\)\(2\) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 \(7 U.S.C. 7613\(c\)\(2\)\)](#). Applicants may submit written comments by the deadline set forth in the Dates portion of this notice to Policy@usda.gov. Please use the following subject line: McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program RFA.

Executive Summary

NIFA requests applications for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research (MSCFR) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2024 to assist all states in carrying out a program of state forestry research at state forestry schools and colleges and developing a trained pool of forest scientists capable of conducting needed forestry research under the following research topics: 1) Reforestation and management of land for the production of crops of timber and other related products of the forest; 2) Management of forest and related watershed lands to improve conditions of water flow and to protect resources against floods and erosion; 3) Management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife; 4) Management of forest lands for outdoor recreation; 5) Protection of forest land and resources against fire, insects, diseases, or other destructive agents; 6) Utilization of wood and other forest products; 7) Development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and the harvesting and marketing of forest products.

This RFA is being released prior to the enactment of a FY 2024 Appropriations Act. Subject to any FY 2024 Continuing Resolution, NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions according to the amounts allocated in FY 2023. NIFA will adjust the allocations for FY 2024 once appropriations are finalized. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2023 was \$35,461,896. [Appendix A](#) of this RFA includes specific FY 2023 distributions. NIFA will issue FY 2024 payments subject to the availability of funds and the applicant having met the previous year's reporting requirements. [Part III, B](#) of this RFA identifies if matching is a requirement and, if so, applicants should pay particular attention to the matching instructions included in [Part IV, B, 6](#).

This notice identifies the objectives of MSCFR projects, the eligibility criteria for projects and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions.

The USDA NIFA home page for MSCFR is:

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/programs/mcintire-stennis-capacity-grant>

2024 UPDATES

1. The [Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, P.L. 113-101](#) (DATA Act) was signed into law May 9, 2014. The Act requires federal award information be made available for public view on [USAspending.gov](#). The requirements within the Project/Performance Site Location (s) and Project Abstract forms, OMB Number 4040-0010, have been updated to provide clarity on information needed for data integrity. Additional information regarding this Act can be found at [Data Act Resources for Web](#).
2. Felony Convictions or Tax Delinquent Status - this mandatory information must be appropriately answered within the “Representations and Certifications” section of the SAM.gov registration. Signed PDF forms are no longer acceptable.

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PART I—FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Legislative Authority and Background

The McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act ([16 U.S.C. 582a-1](#)) provides the basis for federal funding in forestry research and graduate education programs at State-certified schools of forestry in the United States. Section 7412 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 amended section 2 of the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act to include the 1890 Land-grant Institutions. Forestry Research is defined as: reforestation and management of land for the production of crops of timber and other related products of the forest; management of forest and related watershed land to improve conditions of water flow and to protect resources against floods and erosion; management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife; management of forest lands for outdoor recreation; protection of forest land and resources against fire, insects, disease, or other destructive agents; utilization of wood and other forest products; development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and marketing of forest products; and such other studies as may be necessary to obtain the fullest and most effective use of forest resources.

Funding is provided to the states through a formula-based allocation process which depends on several factors. First, a base amount (approximately \$25,000) is allocated to each State; however, this base amount is excluded from the formula. The balance of funding to each State is determined through a ranking process and dependent upon the following three factors:

1. forty percent of the remaining balance is allocated based on the area of non-federal commercial forest land;
2. forty percent is allocated based upon the volume of timber cut annually from stock; and
3. twenty percent is allocated based on the total expenditures for forestry research from non-federal sources.

Funds are then distributed to the eligible State-certified Institutions within the State as determined by the Governors or their Designee.

B. Purpose and Priorities

The purpose of this funding is to increase forestry research in the production, utilization, and protection of forestland; to train future forestry scientists; and to involve other disciplines in forestry research. The eligible forestry research mandated areas as defined by the McIntire-Stennis legislation are:

1. reforestation and management of land for the production of crops of timber and other related products of the forest;
2. management of forest and related watershed lands to improve conditions of water flow and to protect resources against floods and erosion;
3. management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife;
4. management of forest lands for outdoor recreation;
5. protection of forest land and resources against fire, insects, diseases, or other destructive agents;
6. utilization of wood and other forest products; and
7. development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and the harvesting and

marketing of forest products; and such other studies as may be necessary to obtain the fullest and most effective use of forest resources.

All research projects submitted to NIFA must fall in one or more of the mandated seven forestry research areas listed above.

The MSCFR Program is aligned with the following [USDA Strategic Plan FY 2022-2026](#) goals:

1. **Strategic Goal 1:** Combat Climate Change to Support America's Working Lands, Natural Resources and Communities
2. **Strategic Goal 2:** Ensure America's Agricultural System is Equitable, Resilient, and Prosperous
3. **Strategic Goal 3:** Foster an Equitable and Competitive Marketplace for All Agricultural Producers
4. **Strategic Goal 5:** Expand Opportunities for Economic Development and Improve Quality of Life in Rural and Tribal Communities

The MSCFR Program is aligned with the following [USDA Science and Research Strategy, 2023–2026](#) goals:

1. **Priority 1:** Accelerating Innovative Technologies & Practices
2. **Priority 2:** Driving Climate-Smart Solutions
3. **Priority 3:** Bolstering Nutrition Security & Health
4. **Priority 4:** Cultivating Resilient Ecosystems
5. **Priority 5:** Translating Research Into Action

PART II—AWARD INFORMATION

A. Available Funding

This RFA is being released prior to the enactment of a FY 2024 Appropriations Act. Subject to any FY 2024 Continuing Resolution, NIFA will distribute funds to the institutions according to the amounts allocated in FY 2023. NIFA will adjust the allocations for FY 2024 once appropriations are finalized. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2023 was \$35,461,896.

The [Automated Standard Applications for Payment System \(ASAP\)](#), operated by the Department of Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service, will be the payment system for all NIFA grant awards. Questions or concerns regarding the ASAP system and its functionality or use should be sent to ASAPCustomerService@usda.gov for the quickest resolution.

B. Type of Application

Applications for FY 2024 are limited to “new” applications.

C. Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

In accordance with sections 2, 3, and 8 of [2 CFR Part 422](#), institutions that conduct USDA-funded extramural research must foster an atmosphere conducive to research integrity, bear primary responsibility for prevention and detection of research misconduct, and maintain and effectively communicate and train their staff regarding policies and procedures. In the event an application to NIFA results in an award, the Authorized Representative (AR) assures, through acceptance of the award the institution will comply with the above requirements.

Award recipients shall, upon request, make available to NIFA the policies, procedures, and documentation to support the conduct of the training. See [Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research](#) for further information.

PART III—ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

The following list of State-Certified Schools of Forestry are eligible for MSCFR funds. Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply provided the subcontracts are necessary for the conduct of the project. Failure to meet an eligibility criterion by the time of application deadline may result in the application being excluded from consideration, or even though an application may have been reviewed, will preclude NIFA from making an award.

1. Alabama A&M University
2. Alcorn State University
3. American Samoa
4. Auburn University
5. Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska
6. Cal Poly Corporation
7. Central State University
8. Clemson University
9. Colorado State University
10. Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
11. Cornell University
12. Delaware State University
13. Florida A&M University
14. Fort Valley State University
15. Humboldt State University
16. Iowa State University
17. Kansas State University
18. Kentucky State University
19. Leech Lake Tribal College
20. Lincoln University
21. Louisiana State University Ag Center
22. Louisiana Tech University
23. Michigan State University
24. Michigan Technological University
25. Mississippi State University
26. Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station
27. New Mexico State University
28. North Carolina State University
29. North Dakota State University
30. Northern Arizona University
31. Ohio State University
32. Oklahoma State University
33. Oregon State University
34. Pennsylvania State University
35. Purdue University
36. Regents of the University of California
37. Regents of the University of Idaho

38. Regents of the University of Michigan
39. Regents of the University of Minnesota
40. Research Foundation for the State University of New York
41. Rutgers, The State of New Jersey
42. Salish Kootenai College Inc.
43. South Dakota State University
44. Southern Illinois University
45. Southern University
46. Stephen F Austin State University
47. Tennessee State University
48. Texas A&M AgriLife Research
49. Tuskegee University
50. University of Alaska Fairbanks
51. University of Arizona
52. University of Arkansas Ag Experiment State
53. University of Connecticut
54. University of Delaware
55. University of Florida
56. University of Georgia
57. University of Guam
58. University of Hawaii
59. University of Illinois
60. University of Kentucky
61. University of Maine
62. University of Maryland College of Ag
63. University of Maryland Eastern Shore
64. University of Massachusetts
65. University of Missouri
66. University of Montana
67. University of Puerto Rico
68. University of Rhode Island
69. University of Tennessee
70. University of Virgin Islands
71. University of Vermont
72. University of Washington
73. University of Wisconsin
74. University of Wyoming
75. University of New Hampshire
76. Utah State University
77. Virginia Polytechnic Institute
78. Virginia State University
79. Washington State University
80. West Virginia State University
81. West Virginia University

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

MSCFR recipients are to provide matching, either cash or in-kind, on a dollar-for-dollar basis on all federal funds allotted. [16 U.S.C. 582a-3](#) states “The amount paid by the Federal Government to any State-certified institutions eligible for assistance under this subchapter shall not exceed during any fiscal year the amount available to and budgeted for expenditure by such college or university during the same fiscal year for forestry research from non-Federal sources.” The matching funds requirement is not applicable to the Virgin Islands and Guam. In accordance with [48 U.S.C. 1469a\(d\)](#), eligible institutions located in other insular areas (i.e., American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, and the Northern Mariana Islands) are not required to match if the allocation is below \$200,000.

[7 CFR 3419.6](#) states, “The required matching funds for the capacity programs must be used by an eligible institution for the same purpose as Federal award dollars: Agricultural research and extension activities that have been approved in the plan of work required under sections 1445(c) and 1444(d) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, section 7 of the Hatch Act of 1887, and section 4 of the Smith-Lever Act. For all programs, tuition dollars and student fees may not be used as matching funds.” Projects funded by non-federal funds intended to be utilized as match are subject to the provisions found in [2 CFR Part 200](#) - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, the [NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide](#), and the [NIFA Capacity Specific Terms and Conditions](#).

PART IV—APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Method of Application

Applicants must apply to this RFA electronically; no other method or response is accepted. The electronic application for this RFA and additional resources are available on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [Grants 101](#). The tables below provide instructions on how to obtain an electronic application.

The [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#) contains necessary, detailed information to prepare and submit Grant applications to NIFA through Grants.gov and is contained within the specific funding opportunity package. When applying for a NIFA award, it is important to reference the version of the guide that is included in the specific funding opportunity application package.

Table 1. Steps to Obtain Application Materials

Steps	Action
Step One: Register	<i>New Users</i> to Grants.gov must register early with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application (Register Here).
Step Two: Download Adobe	Download and Install Adobe Reader (see Adobe Software Compatibility for basic system requirements).
Step Three: Find Application	Using this funding opportunity number USDA-NIFA-10202-MSCFRXXX-24-0001 , search for application here: Opportunity Package .
Step Four: Assess Readiness	Contact an AR prior to starting an application to assess the organization's readiness to submit an electronic application.

Table 2: Help and Resources

Grants.gov Support	NIFA Support
Grants.gov Online Support Telephone support: 800-518-4726 Toll-Free or 606-545-5035 Email support: support@grants.gov Self-service customer-based support: Grants.gov iPortal Key Information: Customer service business Hours 24/7, except federal holidays .	Email: grantapplicationquestions@usda.gov Key Information: Business hours: Monday thru Friday, 7a.m. – 5p.m. ET, except federal holidays

B. Content and Form of Application Submission

The [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#) is part of the corresponding application package for this RFA. The RFA overrides the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#) if there is a discrepancy between the two documents. Applicants that do not meet the application requirements, to include partial applications, risk being excluded from NIFA's review. Applicants must refer to the Grants.gov application number when corresponding with NIFA.

Each grant application must contain the following:

1. Application for Federal Assistance, Form SF-424 R&R Cover Sheet
2. Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form
3. Project Abstract Form (include attachment in PDF)
4. Key Contacts Forms
5. NIFA Supplemental Information Form
6. Attachment Form (including attachments in PDF)

The [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#) includes instructions for additional forms not needed for an application in response to this RFA. Complete and submit only the forms associated with the funding opportunity package and as instructed below.

Table 3: Key Application Instructions

Instruction	References (All references are to the NIFA Grants Application Guide)
Attachments must be in a portable document format (PDF) format.	Part IV
Check the manifest of submitted files to verify attachments are in the correct format.	Part IV
Conduct an administrative review of the application before submission.	Part IV
Follow the submission instructions.	Part IV
Provide an accurate email address, where designated, on the SF-424 R&R.	Part V
Contact the Grants.gov helpdesk for technical support and keep a record of the correspondence.	N/A
Contact NIFA if applicant does not receive correspondence from NIFA regarding an application within 30 days of the application deadline.	N/A

1. SF 424 R&R Cover Sheet

Information related to the fields within this form is available in Part V of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#). The following are additional instructions. The information included in Appendix A is based on FY 2023 applications received for this program. If your organization intends to apply using information other than what appears in Appendix A, please contact capacitygrantquestions@usda.gov or 1890@usda.gov prior to submitting.

- a. **Field 11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project** – Limit title to 200 characters including spaces. Do not use acronyms or special characters.
- b. **Field 15. Estimated Project Funding** – For items a and b, enter your institution's FY 2023 allocation and matching as listed in [Appendix A](#) of this RFA.
- c. **Field 19. Authorized Representative** – Signature of Authorized Representative in this box shall match information completed within this section. **If signature is a designee or**

other party, a letter on institution letterhead designating the signature authority shall be included with the submission as part of the attachments within the **Attachment Form**. This application may be returned if this document is missing.

2. Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form

Information related to the requirements on this form is available in Part V of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#).

3. Project Abstract Form

The Project Abstract information is important to Data Act requirements for tracking federal spending more effectively with agency programs. The abstract submitted should follow these requirements:

- a. Should be one continuous paragraph (no hard returns and no bullet points)
- b. Should be 4,000 characters or less (including spaces, dashes, etc.)
- c. Only the following characters should be used within the abstract if necessary:
.,!@#\$%^&*;<>:-=+[] { } () ' ^ | _
- d. Abstract information should include the following items to describe the work:
 - i. A plain language description of the purpose of the federal award.
 - ii. Activities to be performed with the funds from the award.
 - iii. Deliverables and expected outcomes from the activities.
 - iv. Intended beneficiaries of the activities.
 - v. Any subrecipient activities if known/specified at the time of the award.
- e. **Remember**, whatever information is provided in this abstract will be displayed to the public via the [USA Spending](#) website. Therefore, do not include any proprietary or confidential information.

4. Key Contacts Form

Information related to the requirements of this form is available in Part V of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#). The following are additional instructions. The Project Role field of the Key Contact form must contain the exact roles indicated below for each contact listed. Enter the Contact's official job title in the "title" field of the form. Do not enter an official job title in the Project Role field.

- a. **Contact 1 Project Role "Administrative – Technical Representative"**: Enter the contact information for the representative assigned as the Administrative -Technical Representative.
- b. **Contact 2 Project Role "Administrative – Technical Representative Designee"**: Enter the contact information for the representative assigned as the Administrative -Technical Representative designee if one is appointed.
- c. **Contact 3 Project Role "Business Office Manager/Administrator"**: Enter the contact information for the representative assigned as the Business Office Manager/Administrator.
- d. **Contact 4 Project Role "ASAP Draw Administrator"**: Enter the contact information for the representative assigned to process the ASAP grant award withdrawals.

5. Supplemental Information Form

Information related to the requirements of this form is available in Part V of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#). The following are additional instructions.

- a. **Field 1. Funding Opportunity Name** – enter in this field “McIntire Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program.”
- b. **Field 2. Program to which you are applying** – enter this information into the fields within this section:
 - i. Program Code Name – McIntire Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research
 - ii. Program Code – MSCFR
- c. **Field 3. Type of Applicant** - Enter the Institution type as registered in SAM.gov.
- d. **Field 6. ASAP Recipient Information** – Check “Yes” and enter in the Institution ASAP Recipient ID corresponding with the Institution receiving the award.
- e. **Field 8. Conflict of Interest List** - Do not attach a conflict-of-interest list, leave this section blank.

6. Attachment Form

Information related to the requirements on this form is available in Part V of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#). The following are additional instructions.

- a. **Matching Requirement** – If matching funds are required as specified under [Part III, B](#) of this RFA, then matching is an eligibility criterion, and applicants must include the non-federal source documentation with the application. NIFA will consider this documentation when ascertaining final matching requirements or in determining if required matching can be waived. NIFA retains the right to make final determinations regarding matching requirements.

The matching documentation shall include:

- i. the non-federal sources (e.g., the type as third party or cash; the source as state, non-state, county, or non-tax) and the amount from each source;
- ii. the program name;
- iii. the fiscal year and
- iv. signed by an authorized representative of the institution.

The match information must be in PDF (see Part IV of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#) for attachment requirements) and included as a separate attachment identified on the Attachment Form.

To establish the value of applicant contributions in accordance with applicable cost principles, refer to [2 CFR Part 200](#), “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards” for further guidance and other requirements relating to matching and allowable costs.

C. Submission Dates and Times

Instructions for submitting an application are included in Part IV of the [NIFA Grants Application Guide](#).

Applications must be received by Grants.gov by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on ~~October 25, 2023~~ November 6, 2023**. Applications received after this deadline will normally not be considered for funding.

In case of trouble submitting an application to Grants.gov, you should FIRST contact the [Grants.gov Help Desk](#) to resolve any problems. Keep a record of any such correspondence. See [Part IV, A](#) of this RFA for Grants.gov contact information.

You may check the status of your application in the [ezFedGrants](#) portal or by looking in Grants.gov.

If you are not able to validate that NIFA received your application by **November 8 20, 2023**, contact the Agency Administrative Contact identified in [Part VII](#) of this RFA. Failure to do so may result in the application not being processed and funding being held. You should cite your [Grants.gov](#) tracking number on all inquiries until an award number is assigned.

D. Funding Restrictions

- 1. Approved MSCFR Projects**

McIntire Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research funding may be used on approved McIntire Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research projects.

- 2. Indirect Costs and Tuition Remission**

In accordance with section 1473 of NARETPA ([7 U.S.C. 3319](#)), indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable as HMFP capacity grant expenditures. Further, costs that are a part of an institution's indirect cost pool (e.g., administrative or clerical salaries) may not be reclassified as direct costs for the purpose of making them allowable.

- 3. Carryover of Funds**

McIntire-Stennis funds are expected to be fully expended in the fiscal year of appropriation; however current policy allows 50 percent of the allocation from the fiscal year of appropriation to be carried over into the next fiscal year. These carryover funds must be fully expended by September 30 of the carryover year (e.g., September 30, 2025, for FY 2024 funds). However, waiver requests may be considered and approved. Requests should be submitted to the national program leaders listed in [Part VII](#) of this RFA, who will provide the required format for requesting a greater than 50 percent carryover of funds.

E. Other Submission Requirements

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM) – each applicant (unless excepted under [2 CFR 25.110\(b\) or \(c\)](#), or has an exception approved by the federal awarding agency under [2 CFR 25.110\(d\)](#)) is required to:

1. be registered in SAM before submitting an application;
2. provide a valid UEI number in its application; and
3. continue to always maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal award or an application or plan under

consideration by a federal awarding agency.

If you have not complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements, you may be considered ineligible to receive an award.

Your SAM registration information determines your organization ID in the [ezFedGrants](#) system, and the information must match your ASAP recipient UEI and EIN.

PART V—APPLICATION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

A. General

NIFA will review submitted documents to determine if all program, financial, and administrative requirements are met and are current. Missing or incomplete information within an application may require additional submittals and deletion of application(s) already submitted.

B. Organizational Management Information

Specific applicant organizational management information shall be submitted on a one-time basis, with updates submitted as needed. If this information has not been submitted under this or another NIFA program, it is the responsibility of the organization to do so for determination of eligibility prior to the award of a grant identified under this RFA.

NIFA will provide the forms to fulfill these requirements as part of the Pre-Award process. Although an applicant may be eligible, there are factors that may exclude an applicant from receiving federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits under this program (e.g., debarment or suspension of an individual involved, or a determination an applicant is not responsible based on submitted or discovered organizational management information).

PART VI—AWARD ADMINISTRATION

A. General

Within the limit of funds available for such purpose, the NIFA awarding official shall make grants to eligible applicants.

B. Award Notice

The notice of federal award is the authorizing document. The award document will provide pertinent instructions and information as described in [2 CFR 200.211](#) (see [NIFA's Terms and Conditions](#)). Awardees should ensure that a copy of the NOA, as well as all future amendments, are retained within their institutional systems.

C. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Several federal statutes and regulations apply to grant applications considered for review and to project grants awarded under this program. These may include, but are not limited to, those listed at [USDA/NIFA Federal Regulations](#). Unless specifically noted by statute or award-specific requirements, [NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide](#) applies to all NIFA awards.

D. Expected Program Outputs and Reporting Requirements

Institutions receiving MSCFR funding from NIFA are required to submit the following reports:

1. Annual MSCFR Program of Research (PoR);
2. Program/Project Initiation in the NIFA Reporting System (NRS);
3. Program/Project progress reports;
4. Project Financial Report; and
5. Federal Financial Reports (SF-425)

Program/Project Initiations and Progress Reports are to be completed by any institution who has been granted authority to use capacity dollars. NIFA is building an integrated reporting portal for research and extension grants. Information regarding requirements for submittals of reporting through the NRS are available at the NRS web page <https://nifa.usda.gov/tool/pow-nifa-reporting-system>.

A Project Financial Report must be submitted to NIFA annually for all eligible projects from the preceding fiscal year. A Project Financial Report is also required for expenditures on all state projects to be included in the non-federal funds and matching funds computation. Reports shall be made on the federal fiscal year basis.

Federal Financial Report (SF-425) - Federal Financial reporting via the SF-425, is due within the ezFedGrants portal, at minimum on an annual basis. Please see your NOA for information on additional SF-425's that may be required throughout the life of the award. Information on how to access the ezFedGrants portal can be found on the [ezFedGrants \(eFG\) Grants and Agreements System Overview](#) page.

See [McIntire-Stennis](#) for additional McIntire Stennis reporting requirements.

PART VII—AGENCY CONTACTS

For questions regarding MSCFR projects/programs, please contact:

Dr. Daniel Cassidy, National Program Leader
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Institute of Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment
National Institute of Food and Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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E-mail: patrick.cassidy@usda.gov

Dr. Diomides “Diomy” Zamora, National Program Leader
Division of Environmental Systems
Institute of Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment
National Institute of Food and Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Telephone: 202-590-6049
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For general administrative application questions contact us at
Grantapplicationquestions@usda.gov.

For questions relating to NRS forms and submissions, please contact the Planning, Accountability and Reporting Staff; Email: nrs@usda.gov.

APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
National Institute of Food and Agriculture
FY 2023 Distribution of Funds to Eligible State Institutions or
Institutional Units Authorized Under the Cooperative Forestry Research
(McIntire-Stennis) Act, October 10, 1962
Appendix A – Final

Recipient Name	UEI Number	State	Allocation	Required Match
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS GRANTS & CONTRACTS	FDLEQJSJ8FF63	AK	\$ 649,845	\$ 649,845
ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	JDVGS67MSLH7	AL	375,464	375,464
AUBURN UNIVERSITY	DMQNDJDHTDG4	AL	500,619	500,619
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY	U9JCYEXFEEU4	AL	375,464	375,464
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION	WJNTJ7LBL823	AR	1,043,266	1,043,266
AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	N1Z3DCLYKZR9	AS	48,142	0
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY	MXHAS3AKPRN1	AZ	243,924	243,924
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	FYVHW7FANDT3	AZ	243,924	243,924
CAL POLY CORPORATION	MC4RJJM9XLT5	CA	135,662	135,662
HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY SPONSORED PROG HSU FOUNDATION	K1S8M8RU4FK7	CA	135,662	135,662
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES	DJA9TB2ULCT1	CA	633,088	633,088
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION	TA9JL4AN666	CO	372,136	372,136
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, THE	N48NWM27W7R3	CT	313,816	313,816
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE SPONSORED PROGRAMS	WNTPS995QBM7	CT	104,605	104,605
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY	RZZ8BMQ47KX3	DE	84,056	84,056
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE	T72NHKM259N3	DE	126,083	126,083
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY	W8LKB16HV1K5	FL	111,269	111,269
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF SPONSORED RESEARCH	NNFQH1JAPEP3	FL	1,001,424	1,001,424
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY	LVDJS9UYPLD4	GA	127,469	127,469
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SPONSORED PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION	Q2LKTLYJM4P8	GA	1,147,221	1,147,221
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM	YL62T9FVJXG3	GU	48,142	0
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEMS COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE & HUMAN RESOURCES	GJJ9S9R7NJU7	HI	256,424	256,424

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	DQDBM7FGJPC5	IA	\$ 580,418	\$ 580,418
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO	QWYKRJH5NNJ3	ID	788,699	788,699
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY OFC. OF SPONSORED PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION	Y28BEBJ4MNU7	IL	278,637	278,637
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, THE	Y8CWNJRCNN91	IL	278,637	278,637
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	YRXVL4JYCEF5	IN	626,702	626,702
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PRE-AWARDS SERVICES	CFMMM5JM7HJ9	KS	348,994	348,994
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY	HT6FA2BL8JG7	KY	118,305	118,305
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	QUKNKLZ4N889	KY	670,394	670,394
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY LSU AGRICULTURAL CENTER	UF3LV6W2W6K9	LA	506,210	506,210
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY	PAMDY6DMVVE7	LA	409,789	409,789
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER	DNVMJM76ZCF3	LA	289,263	289,263
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF GRANT & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION	VGJHK59NMPK9	MA	441,563	441,563
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES	G2XMPKNUYNG4	MD	325,294	325,294
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE UMES	LNUBJQ26R2M5	MD	139,412	139,412
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAM	PB3AJE5ZEJ59	ME	973,838	973,838
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	R28EKN92ZTZ9	MI	347,825	347,825
MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY INC	GKMSN3DA6P91	MI	347,721	347,721
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	GNJ7BBP73WE9	MI	347,721	347,721
LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE, INC.	N4FUN5A9WCN8	MN	114,084	114,084
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OFFICE SPONSORED PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION	KABJZBBJ4B54	MN	836,612	836,612
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	JJLJP4TQ9HM7	MO	76,556	76,556
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	SZPJL5ZRCLF4	MO	689,001	689,001

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ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION, THE	JBCNNCHJVYC8	MS	\$ 245,681	\$ 245,681
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY	NTXJM52SHKS7	MS	982,724	982,724
SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE, INC.	Q1G9U7V3Q8C7	MT	80,758	80,758
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS	DAY7Z8ZD48Q3	MT	592,229	592,229
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY	U3NVH931QJJ3	NC	1,158,978	1,158,978
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	EZ4WPGRE1RD5	ND	186,997	186,997
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	HTQ6K6NJFHA6	NE	372,136	372,136
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATION	DLYQONLYNUM11	NH	534,133	534,133
RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	N1SLEML7PBF9	NJ	510,990	510,990
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS	J3M5GZAT8N85	NM	325,851	325,851
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION NEVADA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION	ZBSLB5G5DST4	NV	117,570	117,570
CORNELL UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS	G56PUALJ3KT5	NY	208,746	208,746
RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE SUNY ESF	LVVEB3CF8MB8	NY	626,238	626,238
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY	UZUVJXMDNZY6	OH	115,084	115,084
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, THE OHIO AGRICULTURE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CENTER	MCVMCJ21DRU4	OH	604,188	604,188
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY	NNYDFK5FTSX9	OK	696,130	696,130
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY	MZ4DYXE1SL98	OR	1,182,120	1,182,120
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, THE PENN STATE	NPM2J7MSCF61	PA	811,842	811,842
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO ESTACION EXPERIMENTAL AGRICOLA	DHVQFXGFBLE9	PR	140,712	140,712
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND CONTROLLERS' OFFICE	CJDNG9D14MW7	RI	163,854	163,854
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	H2BMNX7DSKU8	SC	1,020,123	1,020,123
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	DNZNC466DGR7	SD	302,709	302,709
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY	N63ZMY7UETA3	TN	128,719	128,719
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AGRICULTURE EXPERIEN	LXG4F9K8YZK5	TN	729,407	729,407
STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY	KB7KMZD3GF51	TX	544,775	544,775
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH	KU3DCFJJTVN3	TX	544,775	544,775

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UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY USU	SPE2YDWHDYU4	UT	\$ 279,566	\$ 279,566
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY	QDE5UHE5XD16	VA	1,022,251	1,022,251
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY	VKZLFK6M5DD3	VA	113,583	113,583
UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	JTFKX11JLHS8	VI	48,142	0
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT & STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	Z94KLERAG5V9	VT	510,990	510,990
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON GRANT & CONTRACTS DIVISION	HD1WMN6945W6	WA	586,524	586,524
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY WSU EXTENSION AND CAHNRS	MRKLS79DJBD9	WA	479,884	479,884
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM	LCLSJAGTNZQ7	WI	881,269	881,269
WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	NG22FMM6Y8Q2	WV	148,483	148,483
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY	MNL4D3VQUWA5	WV	593,931	593,931
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SPONSORED PROGRAMS	FDR5YF2K32X5	WY	256,424	256,424
Payment to States			\$35,461,896	\$35,317,470
Federal Administration			1,140,000	
Small Business Set-Aside			1,398,104	
Total Appropriation			\$38,000,000	