

FACT SHEET

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND WAIVERS: 1890 LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY CAPACITY PROGRAM GRANT RECIPIENTS

This fact sheet details information about the matching requirements and waiver considerations for 1890 Land-grant Universities receiving Capacity Program funding from NIFA.

ABOUT MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

What are matching requirements?

Matching requirements are when a funder requires that a grantee “match” some portion of the federal funds provided for project or program funds. These requirements can facilitate the equitable distribution of project or program costs across jurisdictions and promote the sustainability of projects past the life of the grant program. There are regulations that govern what qualifies as a match, how the funds should be documented, and what type of funds may be used. Please see the applicable matching requirements in the [NIFA Policy Guide-Capacity Program Matrix](#), pages 66-76.

ABOUT MATCHING WAIVERS

What is a matching waiver and why is it used?

Matching requirements may create challenges for potential awardees unable to satisfy a matching requirement. Some programs have waiver options under the authorizing legislation while others do not. NIFA cannot consider matching waivers unless the program authorizing legislation contains program-specific matching waiver authority. Please see the applicable waiver authority in the [NIFA Policy Guide-Capacity Program Matrix](#), pages 66-76.

ABOUT CAPACITY PROGRAMS AND 1890 LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES

What work do Capacity Programs support?

[Capacity Program grants](#) provide state-level support for research and Extension activities at Land-grant Universities based on statutory formulas. Eligibility is limited to the cooperating institutions, most of which are 1862, 1890 and 1994 Land-grant Universities.

What are 1890 Land-grant Universities?

The 1890 Land-grant Universities are the historically Black colleges and universities established under the [Second Morrill Act of 1890](#). The 1890 Land-grant System consists of 19 universities.

MATCHING & MATCHING WAIVER INFORMATION

There are matching and matching waiver eligibility requirements for 1890 Land-grant University Capacity Program grant recipients, which are detailed in the table below.

Capacity Program	Match Requirement	Matching Waiver Allowance
Ag Extension Section 1444	100%	Up to 50%
Ag Research Evans-Allen Section 1445	100%	Up to 50%
Animal Health and Disease Research	100% of amounts over \$100,000	No waiver
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program	Not applicable	Not applicable
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research	100%	Insular Areas: 100% < \$200k All others: No waiver
Renewable Resources Extension Act	Not applicable	Not applicable

Information on Capacity Programs allocations and matching is available on the [Capacity Programs webpage](#) and through the [NIFA Grant Funding Dashboard](#). Download the [NIFA Grant Funding Dashboard User Guide](#) to learn more about the Dashboard and how to search and filter funding information.

For more information on matching requirements, please contact the 1890s Customer Care Team at 1890@usda.gov.