Food animal veterinarians are critical to maintaining a healthy, secure and safe food supply. Today, there is a critical shortage of food animal veterinarians in both private and public practice, particularly in rural communities in the United States and Insular Areas. Food animal producers rely on veterinarians and veterinary technicians with expertise in food animal medicine and surgery as well as advanced training in herd health, diagnostic medicine, epidemiology, public health and food safety.

The Veterinary Services Grant Program (VSGP) is designed to help mitigate food animal veterinary service shortages in the U.S. and its territories. This program is designed to support education and Extension activities that will enable veterinarians, veterinary students, and veterinary technicians gain specialized food animal skills and to enhance practices. The goals of the VSGP are to support food animal veterinary medicine through education, Extension and training (EET) funds for accredited schools and organizations and through rural practice enhancement (RPE) funds for veterinary clinics that provide services in veterinary shortage situations. The 2014 Farm Bill authorized the establishment of the VSGP as a companion to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) to incentivize food animal service in veterinary shortage areas.

**VSGP PROGRAM AREAS**

VSGP provides grants for two types of activities: Education, Extension, and Training (EET) and Rural Practice Enhancement (RPE). EET grants have a three-year duration and funding of up to $250,000 to support education and Extension activities for veterinarians, veterinary students, and veterinary technicians to gain specialized skills and to develop, enhance and sustain veterinary services through establishment or expansion of education programs at accredited schools and organizations. The RPE grants have a three-year duration and directly support veterinary clinics by providing up to $125,000 for the purchase of equipment or other practice enhancements for veterinary clinics that serve food animals in designated veterinary shortage areas.
APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS

NIFA opened the FY 2021 application cycle with the release of the VSGP Request for Applications (RFA) on January 15, 2021. The application cycle closed on April 16, 2021. VSGP received 51 applications, a 39% increase in applications from FY 2020.

Applications and Awards Summary

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VETERINARY SHORTAGE SITUATION AREAS

VSGP and VMLRP begin each fiscal year with a call for nominations of veterinary shortage situation areas by state animal health officials. Each state and territory, the federal government, and the District of Columbia, is allocated a maximum number of shortage nominations for submission. NIFA determines each maximum number to allocate based on data from the most recent Agricultural Census conducted by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (see the Allocation Rationale).

NIFA accepts all veterinary shortage situation area nominations for designation after a review by a panel of food animal professionals. Each veterinary shortage situation details a geographic area where veterinary services are needed, agricultural species that must or may be served, and specific activities related to the must- and may-serve species. The veterinary shortage situation areas only apply to RPE grants. Applicants to the RPE program apply to serve one veterinary shortage situation area and are rated based on their ability to serve the specific needs of that area.

Distribution of Must-Serve Species for RPE Awarded Grants

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VSGP EET Awardee Summary

Seven VSGP EET awards ranged from $165,683 to $248,000. The project summary, objectives and approach of the seven awarded EET grants are publicly available on the USDA Current Research Information System.

Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois: Veterinary Microbiology Residency Program at the University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
Project Summary: This proposal is to request funding to establish the Veterinary Microbiology Residency Program (VMRP) at the University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UI VDL). The primary aim of this program is to provide opportunities for veterinarians to receive professional training in clinical microbiology and further increase the members of microbiologists certified by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM). Board-certified veterinary microbiologists help to guard U.S. animal and public health through sentineling foreign animal diseases, identifying the emergence of antimicrobial resistance in bacterial pathogens, and expanding our knowledge in potential zoonotic disease spread. The UI VDL is located in central Illinois, an agriculturally rich region of the U.S. with a critical priority (IL215) for the veterinarian shortage situation. The UI VDL serves veterinary practitioners, livestock producers, public health officials, and researchers and educates professional students, graduate students, and anatomic and clinical pathology residents. In addition to the main laboratory in Urbana, the UI VDL has a Zoological Pathology Program and a satellite clinical pathology laboratory in the Chicago area. These three laboratory facilities service a large number of food animal cases and provide training materials for the proposed VMRP. Moreover, university researchers will provide collaborative research opportunities for VMRP. The microbiology residents will be trained by two ACVM diplomates, with additional support from one microbiologist, one virologist, 12 veterinary pathologists and one board-certified veterinary practitioner in the food animal field. This project will train the clinical veterinary microbiologists to fill the needs in veterinary diagnostic discipline.

Colorado State University: CSU - UAF Hub Outpost Project: Educating for Veterinary Success in Rural Communities

Project Summary: This project aims to address public health concerns and access to veterinary care challenges that the public experiences through rural veterinary shortages through the creation of three education programs. The project will build two curricula designed for veterinary students and interns who plan to work in rural and underserved regions. These curricula will help future veterinary professionals evaluate and prepare for work in a rural region, then to enter a community with understanding and knowledge to be successful and impactful in their role. Job success and satisfaction should help them choose to stay and work in these rural areas longer. Having happy, successful veterinarians will start a positive cycle of events. Staying in rural areas builds continuous access to veterinarians and animal health care, leading to healthy animals. Healthy animals will be less likely to transmit diseases to the humans in contact with them, leading to healthier people and communities. Additionally, the project will build a high school program for students in the target service area of the YK Delta in Alaska. The program will highlight the roles of veterinarians and how veterinary-community partnerships can help manage challenges faced in human, animal and environmental health in a One Health approach. Once students learn about the issues impacting their community, they can also learn about careers they could pursue associated with addressing the challenges in their own back yard. A hope is that these rural high school students would be inspired to attend college and possibly continue on to veterinary school, and then return home and practice medicine, keeping the animals and people in their communities safe with the knowledge earned and inspired from the course.

Iowa State University of Science and Technology: Expanding Rural Veterinary Practice through Continuing Education in Organic and Non-Conventional Livestock
**Project Summary:** The number of small-scale organic/non-conventional (O/NC) livestock producers in the U.S. is growing every year, and that growth is expected to continue. However, veterinarians normally do not receive education on organic regulations, treatment options and practices unique to O/NC production systems in veterinary school or through continuing education. This impacts their knowledge and confidence in working with these producers. The problem is compounded in that O/NC producers appear less likely to use veterinarians to keep their animals healthy. There are gaps in perception, knowledge and communication between O/NC livestock producers and veterinarians. O/NC producers would benefit from veterinary input on the basic elements of herd health including sanitation, stress reduction, biosecurity, nutrition, genetics, parasite prevention and control, and vaccination, including the use of conventional therapies when necessary. Veterinarians would benefit from a better understanding of the regulations, standards, practices, available treatments and concerns of O/NC livestock producers. The goal of this project is to develop an online continuing education (CE) course to introduce veterinarians to organic livestock production practices and regulations and provide them with resources for additional information. The course will be designed to give veterinarians the knowledge and tools to open communication channels with O/NC livestock producers, and expand their practices to improve the health and well-being of O/NC livestock in their communities. The CE course will overview organic regulations, standards, practices, allowed and prohibited substances, health and disease prevention, treatment modalities, biosecurity, and strategies and best practices in working with O/NC producers, including information on how to communicate with these clients. The course will include links to additional information and downloadable resources for future reference. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate to better market themselves and their services to these producers. A comprehensive outreach effort will be implemented to publicize the course to veterinarians nationally. In summary, this project will develop training for veterinarians on O/NC livestock systems, give them confidence to work with these producers, and provide strategies and best practices to encourage them to expand rural veterinary practices. The project will help this nonconventional, niche group of producers improve their operations and build relationships between veterinary practices and O/NC producers. These inputs will ultimately improve the health and welfare of animals on O/NC operations, positively impact food safety and food security, and facilitate prosperity and economic development in rural America.

**Kansas State University:** Developing a Food Animal Veterinary Toxicology Training Program at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine

**Project Summary:** Create impactful and innovative outreach tools to enhance the ability of livestock veterinarians to recognize and address toxicology problems in food animal species (emphasis on cattle, small ruminants, and pigs). This project will utilize veterinary telemedicine and other distance-based education. Outreach portals for training materials/methods: Beef Cattle Institute (website, newsletter, CONSULT posting); Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (website, newsletter); KSU Continuing Education (online CE modules); Colby Community College - Veterinary Nursing Program: Toxicology hotline call-in for practicing veterinarians, CONSULT training for common livestock toxicology problems, YouTube training videos (tox case presentation, sample collection, etc.) All these outreach portals work together to enhance training of practitioners, veterinary students and toxicology residents (as well as level-appropriate training for veterinary technicians/nurses and other audiences). The products of this grant will provide valuable and currently unavailable resources for practitioners (particularly young practitioners within five years of graduation).
addition, the products will greatly enhance currently available toxicology resources for teaching veterinary students during the last two years of their professional education and veterinary technician/nursing students. Some of the resources can be modified to be content-appropriate to introduce important animal health concepts to high school students in grades 11 and 12.

**Prairie View A&M University:** Targeted Training for Veterinary Students in Goat Medicine and Production

**Project Summary:** Goats continue to increase in popularity, as evidenced by the explosion of "goat yoga"-type activities, and the abundance of "goats in pajamas" videos on the internet. Goats have been gaining momentum as a sustainable meat source, their milk is publicly accepted as being more digestible for the lactose-sensitive, and they require less space than a similarly sized cattle herd. Goat producers - though comparatively small in numbers and herd size - are very willing to treat a sick animal, and even more willing to help them thrive, but often lament the lack of trained goat veterinarians. The requirement to provide adequate veterinary care to these unique small ruminants has increased, but the opportunities for veterinary students to receive directed, intensive training in goat medicine are limited. This project offers to address that deficiency by providing funds to cover travel and living arrangements to enable veterinary students in their clinical training year to participate in an externship at Prairie View A&M University's International Goat Research Center (IGRC), while also providing models to practice common techniques they might otherwise be unable to experience at their home institutions. The IGRC houses approximately 300 mature goats and births approximately 250 kids every year, raising three different goat breeds (two meat and one dairy) for reproduction and nutrition research, student teaching, and associated Cooperative Extension Program activities. The IGRC also boasts a full-time veterinarian and veterinary technician who work exclusively on the university's herds, with experiences in specialty practice, rural mixed-animal practice and research. This creates a unique learning environment for students that not only further trains them in proper veterinary treatment for sick goats, but also exposes them to the management of a production herd and its associated needs and daily concerns, allowing students to gain a better understanding of the broader public health implications of goats raised for milk and eventual slaughter. Students will be evaluated according to a rubric set by their home university, as well as an on-site evaluation form created by the IGRC, with follow-up questionnaires during their first two years in practice. In this way, we can address a need for more food animal practitioners trained in small ruminant medicine.

**The Ohio State University:** Moving from Meows to Moo; Recruiting Teens to Food Animal Veterinary Medicine Through Education, Experience and Engagement

**Project Summary:** The nation's 328 million citizens rely on domestic livestock producers to supply high-quality, wholesome protein products at an affordable price. This daunting task relies heavily upon veterinarians and animal health professionals to ensure the health and safety of animals raised for food and fiber. However, the number of individuals choosing careers in food supply veterinary medicine (FSVM) has declined sharply. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports that only 1.8% of all veterinarians exclusively treat food animals, and only an additional 8.7% predominantly treat food animal populations. With less than 2% of Americans working in agriculture, the lack of exposure to FSVM before and during occupational decision-making becomes the major obstacle for recruiting more youth into the FSVM pipeline. Therefore, we propose a multi-prong approach to expose 11th and 12th grade students to education and career opportunities in food animal medicine to combat the veterinary shortage situation. A high school science curriculum unit on food animal production and food supply veterinary medicine will be developed and disseminated to Ohio high school science
teachers. An "Experience Food Supply Veterinary Medicine for A Day" program will be developed to introduce students interested in veterinary medicine to food supply medicine. Lastly, students attending the Buckeye Vet Camp will be engaged in the technical details of food supply veterinary medicine. It is hypothesized that building an awareness of opportunities at an early age will lead to additional youth pursuing FSVM careers, thus reducing the veterinary medicine shortage in the agricultural sector.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: Training the Veterinary Public Practitioner

**Project Summary:** The deficit of veterinarians working in the areas of food safety and public health is perpetuated by insufficient training and career guidance within current veterinary curricula, and an absence of accessible resources for experienced veterinarians seeking to transition careers from private to public veterinary practice. As a result, there is a direct threat to animal health, human health, and economic security caused by a lack of capacity to oversee regulatory obligations and appropriately detect, prepare for, and respond to infectious disease threats. Virginia Tech’s Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine conducted a comprehensive nationwide survey of veterinarians interested in making a career change, to understand the drivers for change and the resources needed to facilitate a career transition. Key findings: 75% of respondents indicated that their veterinary medical training left them "not prepared" or only "minimally prepared" for opportunities beyond private clinical practice; 50% of respondents stated that they were "not aware" or only "minimally aware" of opportunities beyond private practice; and 75% said they were “not aware” of any specific resources available to assist veterinarians wishing to make a career change. As the only U.S.-based veterinary college with a center and full-time faculty devoted to veterinary public practice, the CPCVM works to provide veterinary students with the necessary skills and knowledge to be leaders and scientists in public practice and serves as a resource for veterinarians who wish to make a career redirection. Building on a long history of training and education related to public practice, the CPCVM proposes a collaborative approach to the refinement and nationwide distribution of educational content focused on the veterinary knowledge, skills and abilities central to food safety and public health, as well as career guidance services for entry into the public practice arena. Through partnerships with state and federal agencies, corporate entities, and other colleges of veterinary medicine, the outputs and outcomes of the proposed activities will be sustainable beyond the funding period and will directly address veterinary workforce shortage areas.

**VSGP RPE Awardee Summary**

VSGP RPE grants are awarded to clinics that provide specific food animal medical services in a designated veterinary shortage situation area. RPE grantees are required to service their veterinary shortage area for the three-year duration of the grant. The 10 RPE awards range in funding from $117,250 to $125,000. The project summary, objectives and approach of the 10 awarded RPE grants are publicly available on the USDA Current Research Information System.

**GKW Blue Valley, Inc.:** clinic location in Beatrice, Nebraska, serving NE145

**Project Summary:** This designated shortage area is home to about 150,000 beef cattle, 6,000 dairy cows, 220,000 swine and 9,500 small ruminants. The only practice providing comprehensive food animal services in the main county of the shortage area is owned by a repeat VMLRP recipient. Goals include increasing access to veterinary care, bettering animal handling facilities and elevating livestock knowledge among target groups, such as producers, clinic staff, students and the public. Livestock producers and a community panel will help
prioritize project activities. Grant funds would facilitate hiring an associate veterinarian and purchasing another truck, veterinary box and food animal equipment for safer, effective livestock handling, diagnosis and treatment. Purchase of a portable hydraulic chute system would enable establishing cattle handling facilities at the satellite clinic in a pre-existing dual-clinic system. Some of the additional equipment and grant funds will be used for educational outreach such as producer meetings, student learning opportunities, and agriculture expo and county fair exhibits. The anticipated most dramatic metric is an increase in food animal visits; after three years, there would be approximately a 200% increase between the two clinics. Successful mitigation of this shortage area would include satellite haul-in cattle working facilities, an additional mobile veterinary unit and recruitment of an associate veterinarian. This proposal in all respects fulfills the purpose and goals of the VSGP by ultimately bolstering the capacity of this dual-clinic practice to more sustainably provide food animal veterinary services in the region.

**Animal Clinic West O Street, P.C.:** clinic location in Ogallala, Nebraska, serving NE206  
**Project Summary:** Through my five-year history with producers of NE206, I aim to improve overall animal welfare and maintain the health of the animals that contribute to an abundant, wholesome food supply. The objectives for our Rural Practice Enhancement are: to increase veterinary access for livestock producers; improve efficiency and reduce costs; expand consultation and outreach for our producers; bolster our veterinary student externship program; and become more engaged with local high school students to spark interest in career opportunities in food animal medicine. The current shortcomings of our practice in serving our clientele within Garden and Deuel Counties would be the lack of efficient and safe livestock handling facilities, inadequate veterinarian-to-food-animal ratio, and lack of technologies allowing our producers to become more efficient and profitable. To correct these issues, we have hired an additional food animal veterinarian, and through the proposed equipment within this grant we aim to improve the efficiency, safety and accessibility of veterinary services. The proposed equipment will allow us to better serve our clients, improve animal welfare, and allow us to provide continuing education and extension. These strategies align with the purpose of the VSGP by developing, implementing, and sustaining veterinary services to relieve the shortage situation in NE206. We aim to partner with our producers to facilitate rural prosperity and economic development, stewardship of private lands, and to provide all Americans access to a safe, nutritious, and secure food supply.

**Old Dominion Veterinary Services, LLC:** clinic location in Ruther Glen, Virginia, serving VA215  
**Urban Livestock and Equine Veterinary Services, LLC:** clinic location in San Tan Valley, Arizona, serving AZ172  
**Project Summary:** The current issue we are addressing in our area is simply a shortage of true mixed-animal veterinarians. Very few local veterinarians are willing to see multiple species. Our practice is addressing this issue through outstanding service and additional veterinarians. The VSGP provides our practice with the ability to continue providing service while becoming more appealing to other veterinarians or vet students. These individuals may be interested in mixed animal medicine and, with the appeal of high-quality equipment and an efficient and rewarding environment, we can continue to reduce the shortage in our area. Data collected to measure these results include number of calls per day and the overall number of emergency calls seen as opposed to being referred out. We can also measure the use of new equipment through procedures we previously were unable to offer. The ability to monitor gross profit will always be available and, as with any business, profit means our practice has the ability to grow and expand, providing more and more care to our clients and patients. Our practice has been open for five years this month, and we just hired a second doctor. Keeping in mind that we are an all-mobile service, the goal is to have two vehicles running full time and proving care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Long-term goals include additional doctors so that we are able to provide this level of service while allowing our doctors to enjoy a healthy work-life balance.

**Playa Veterinary Associates, PLLC:** clinic location in Panhandle, Texas, serving TX212
Project Summary: Rural veterinary practices are struggling to recruit and retain veterinarians, leaving the health needs of both livestock and companion animals underserved. Therefore, we want to enhance service to our food animal patients by boosting our time efficiency, which will increase our current veterinarians’ availability. Playa Veterinary Associates, PLLC, was formed to provide communal manpower and specialty equipment to the only two practices that offer food animal services in our area. Not only do we strive to serve over 100 current and active beef cattle clients and a growing livestock auction, we also care for herds and flocks of swine, sheep, goats, fowl, horses and companion animals of all species. We encourage and mentor future veterinarians in our communities by working with 4-H and FFA programs from six different counties and nine school districts. We host veterinary students frequently as an integral part of the Rural Practice Rotation from Texas A&M University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. The time commitment is our biggest hurdle. Adequate accessible equipment is crucial to continue our work. It will improve our efficiency, allowing us to take care of more animal patients, upgrade services and recruit new veterinarians. With the aid of this grant and our continued efforts to increase our efficiency, we can yield an additional 12 to 15 hours of veterinarian availability per week to support the ceaseless need for food animal services in our area. Improved health care for our food animal patients will not only promote their welfare, but also the safety and availability of our country’s food supply.

Twin Forks Clinic, Inc.: clinic location in Benkelman, Nebraska, serving CO184
Project Summary: The Burlington, Colorado area and surrounding communities have been designated as a veterinary shortage situation since 2014. Currently there are only five veterinarians to serve a staggering 440,000 head of cattle and calves, 1,185 horses, 1,718 sheep and goats, and enough pigs that the area ranks third in Colorado’s pork-producing counties. The objective of Twin Forks Clinic aligns with the thoughts presented by Keith Roehr, DVM, in his Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form for this area, CO184. The goal is to bring and sustain veterinary services in this area to improve the access to veterinary assistance for local farmers and ranchers and improve animal health in rural Kit Carson, Yuma, and Cheyenne counties. The specific objectives to accomplish this overarching goal are to enhance our facilities, hold educational seminars and recruit veterinarians with local ties to our practice. Our approach is to upgrade our facility with a roll-over chute, a Daniels alley, and portable radiography equipment that will facilitate veterinary usage in the area; aid in educational opportunities to enhance client knowledge and student instruction; and help sustain services by cultivating job satisfaction and increasing retention of the veterinarians that we recruit. The relevance of this project to the VSGP is that it helps meet the USDA strategic goals by developing, implementing, and cultivating permanent veterinary services for customers in a greatly underserved area, while concurrently facilitating economic growth through producer profitability and fostering improved food safety.

Ellis County Animal Hospital: clinic location in Shattuck, Oklahoma, serving OK212
Project Summary: Without question, rural communities continue to struggle as the population in small communities declines and service-based businesses fail to employ subsequent generations. USDA-NASS data demonstrates that economic drivers favor urban employment. To encourage a return to the rural communities, agricultural employment must be financially competitive. The RPE grant funds utilized in this project will enhance access to technologies that have a proven economic advantage over historical or traditional practices. The foundational principle of this grant application is to increase awareness in the community of practices such as controlled breeding seasons and choosing top breeding sires in the industry’s cow/calf sector. A shorter breeding cycle narrows the calving window and subsequently increases the value of the marketable product through the production of a healthy, heavier calf. Additionally, the more efficient calving cycles improve cost management of feeding the herd by reducing waste of limited resources. Annual income for the cow/calf enterprise relies principally on the pounds of calves sold. Producers who can minimize the cost of their operation and sell heavier calves that have the genetic potential to perform better in the industry’s downstream feeding segment are better able to position themselves as sustainable and more profitable.
Siskiyou Veterinary Services: clinic location in Montague, California, serving CA213
Project Summary: I have been able to establish a successful large animal mobile practice in the area over the last five years. I am requesting funding to help my large-animal mobile practice grow by adding an associate and starting a haul-in facility. I will be purchasing a mobile chute, a vet box, an ultrasound unit, blood machines, veterinary computer software and a microscope to improve the quality of veterinary medicine I am practicing, and to keep staff safe and reach more clients/animals in the shortage area I currently practice in. The equipment and salary support for a new associate will be encourage a new graduate to stay in a rural area and work on food animals, relieving a veterinary shortage situation that has only gotten worse since I arrived in 2016.

Headwaters Veterinary Services: clinic location in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, serving PA213
Project Summary: Headwaters Veterinary Service is uniquely situated to serve veterinary shortage situation area PA213 as the only full-time mobile practice willing to serve the entire region. The overarching problem experienced by shortage situation area PA213 is the inability to provide veterinary services that are economically sustainable for both producers and veterinarians. This is due to small farms predominating in the area with long distances between operations. With funding from the VSGP, the practice will acquire the following equipment: a 3/4-ton pickup with a chassis-mounted mobile veterinary unit, a mobile cattle handling system, a portable chemistry analyzer, and a portable ultrasound. The acquisition of this equipment will allow the practice to achieve the following goals: provide high quality, profit-enhancing and technologically advanced veterinary services to rural producers in PA213; educate rural producers on best animal health management practices; and expose high school students, veterinary students and veterinary technician students to farm animal veterinary medicine. The addition of this equipment and achievement of these goals will provide long-term economic sustainability to Headwaters Veterinary Service and the food animal operations of PA213.

Miller Veterinary Clinic, P.C.: clinic location in Miller, South Dakota, serving SD213
Project Summary: Miller Veterinary Clinic serves clients in over 15 rural counties in central South Dakota. We also maintain veterinary services in two auction markets in central South Dakota. The clinic has experienced exciting and significant growth since 2011. To meet the demand for veterinary services from clients and producers, the clinic must purchase more equipment and is steadily hiring more personnel. Miller Veterinary Clinic is requesting $125,000 to purchase much-needed equipment to increase efficiency and improve ability to serve producers and clients at the auction markets and in the rural communities. Needed equipment includes: electronic identification reader, portable scale head, hydraulic tilt chute, power float, portable calf chute, portable ultrasound, AI breeding barn and two semen tanks, semen testing equipment, and a vet truck. We serve a rural vet shortage area where agriculture is the primary industry. New equipment will allow us to more efficiently and cost effectively serve this area of need.

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