

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions

Effective competitive grants program builds extension capacity at Tribal Colleges and Universities and addresses special needs in the tribal communities they serve.

Some 32 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) obtained land-grant status under the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994. As a result, these institutions are eligible to compete for 1994 Extension Services grants administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This program provides eligible institutions with resources to:

- Build and strengthen the capacity of 1994 Institutions to provide individuals, families, and communities with extension education, outreach, and technical assistance.
- Address special needs, respond to emerging issues, and/or achieve long-term sustained benefits of extension grant projects.

The Extension Services Programs at the 1994 Institutions strengthen communities through outreach programs designed to foster economic development, community resources, family and youth development, natural resources stewardship, agriculture, and health and nutrition awareness.

Extension needs among those served by the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions are significant and growing each year. As a result, many meritorious proposals received by the agency under the 1994 program cannot be funded at all or cannot be funded adequately. For example, only about half of the submitted proposals were funded in FY 2008 and FY 2007. Congress must rectify this chronic under-funding when it considers the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill.



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The 1994 Extension program is changing people's lives in communities throughout Indian Country. For example:

- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College in Wisc. strengthens reservation households by offering financial education curriculum in managing budgets, saving for the future, and understanding credit basics.
- United Tribes Technical College in North Dakota provides health and wellness education and outreach to students and families, with a special emphasis on ensuring that young mothers understand the importance of good child nutrition.
- Sitting Bull College serves reservation communities in both North and South Dakota. The College's equine extension program helps youth learn about the historical role of horses in American Indian tribal life, while teaching them important leadership skills necessary to succeed in today's world.



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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture (formerly Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service)				
Account	Extension Activities				
Program Name	Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions				
Requested Amount	\$5,000,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 301 (Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994).				
Description	This NIFA program provides funding to conduct non-formal education and outreach activities to help meet the needs of American Indian people.				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The Extension Services Programs conducted at the 1994 Institutions benefit the nation by providing capacity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide important information to American Indian consumers located in rural and isolated communities on selecting safe and nutritious food products. ■ Help food producers operating on American Indian lands be the most productive in the world. ■ Support American Indian youth through programs that increase self-esteem, transferable skills, and leadership qualities. ■ Help American Indian gardeners to be safe and effective producers of locally grown and consumed foods. ■ Assist American Indians in preventing or controlling diabetes and obesity through education initiatives, healthful diets, and physical activity. ■ Help tribal communities find solutions to issues of employment, leadership, and development. 				
Funding History					
FY 2010 President's Budget	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005
\$4,321,000	\$3,321,000	\$3,298,000	\$3,321,000	\$3,240,000	\$3,247,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	By statute, eligible institutions are not required to provide a match.				
Final Recipients	Eligibility is defined by statute to include the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions.				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.htm				

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, represents 217 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.