

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions

Greater investment needed for competitive grants program that builds extension services capacity at the Tribal Colleges and Universities to effectively address unique challenges of the tribal communities they serve.

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

- Develop and expand 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. Due to a lack of adequate funding, many meritorious proposals cannot be funded at all or cannot be funded adequately. For example, less than 40 percent of the special emphasis grants submitted under the 1994 Extension program were funded in FY 2010.

The 1994 Extension program is changing people's lives in communities throughout Indian Country. Here are two examples:

The extension program at the College of Menominee Nation (CMN) in Keshena, Wisconsin, strengthens sustainable economic development on the Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee, Oneida, and Potawatomi Reservations and surrounding communities by increasing distance education capacity, conducting needs assessment studies, providing workshops and training sessions, and providing strategic planning assistance. CMN's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) project, for instance, addresses the excessive number of high interest refund anticipation loans in Menominee County, saving Menominee communities \$92,000 in tax preparation fees and interest payments.



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Turtle Mountain Community College in North Dakota, through its "Improving Family Health through Gardening" program, provides a culturally relevant and effective strategy for addressing the health and well-being of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. An initial goal is to address the ever-increasing rates of obesity, especially in children, and the resulting chronic conditions, including diabetes and cardiovascular problems that are at epidemic levels on the reservation. Working through the college's Anishinabe Learning, Cultural & Wellness Center all of the extension activities utilize the concept of lifelong learning to improve the economic and social well-being and overall health choices of the Turtle Mountain reservation community.

A·P·L·U supports \$5.321 million for the Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions program the same as the President's Budget Request and a \$1 million increase over the FY 2011 enacted level for this important program.

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Account	Extension Activities				
Program Name	Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions				
Requested Amount	\$5,321,000				
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 2012 President's Budget	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
\$5,321,000	\$4,312,000	\$4,321,000	\$3,321,000	\$3,298,000	\$3,321,000
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				

