

1890 Institutions Extension

The 2014 Farm Bill mandated the designation of Central State University as an 1890 land-grant university. As Congress develops the FY 2016 Agriculture Appropriations bill, funding for 1890s Extension should be increased to accommodate the addition of this institution so that the historically black land-grant universities can maintain their capacity to provide educational services and extension to farmers, families and communities.

The First Morrill Act established a land-grant university in every state and the Second Morrill Act extended land-grant status to historically-black public universities in southern and border states where, due to segregation, African-American students were barred from attending the 1862 land-grant universities.

The 1890 land-grant universities and Tuskegee University (“the 1890 Institutions”) have an integrated mission to conduct research, educate undergraduate and graduate students, and provide public outreach and engagement (Extension). The 1890s Extension program, is comprised of a broad range of science-based educational efforts which have been proven to:

- Strengthen the food and agricultural industry (especially small farmers) by developing agricultural production systems that are efficient, sustainable, and highly competitive in the global economy.
- Enhance the health of families through diet/nutrition and food safety education and their economic well-being through practical financial education.
- Foster strong, stable communities through leadership development efforts and encouraging entrepreneurship.

In 2015, the 1890 Institutions will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Second Morrill Act. Over the past twelve and a half decades, these universities have grown from struggling colleges rising from the restraints of segregation to world renowned institutions, where scientific discoveries are translated into practical knowledge that benefits the unique stakeholders of these universities and the nation as a whole.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities continues to seek sustained/enhanced funding for the 1890 Institutions Extension program. Although Congress has made modest increases to this critical land-grant capacity program in recent years, as shown in the chart on page two, the appropriation has, nonetheless, barely kept pace with inflation. So that historically black universities can continue to provide high-quality educational services and Extension to farmers, families, and communities, the 1890s Extension program should be funded at a level of \$49,350,000 in FY 2016.



A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2016	
1890 Institutions Extension.....	\$49.350M+

CELEBRATING FOUR DECADES OF SUCCESS

- Transformational programs have improved the economic viability of small-scale agriculture and reduced the decline of small minority-owned farms.
- Limited resource families have gained greater economic stability and a better quality of life by understanding the negative effects of poor dietary choices, obesity, unhealthy life styles, foodborne illness, and potential threats of food insecurity. In one program, 64,634 direct and indirect contacts were made.
- Family relationship programs have helped adults and children in many ways. One such program helped prevent 393 placements of children in foster care with an estimated public savings of \$4-5 million.
- Other community leadership and involvement programs have helped adult and youth entrepreneurs, community gardens, and community-based food systems. For example, over 90 producers from 14 southern states benefited from a two-year leadership program.

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Appropriations Bill

Agriculture

Agency

National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Account

Extension Activities

Program

1890 Institutions and Tuskegee (Extension)

Requested Amount

\$49,350,000

Description

Provides funding to support extension activities at the 1890 Institutions in order to provide useful, research-based educational opportunities that respond to the changing needs of limited-resource, minorities, and economically disadvantaged clients.

Authorization

7 U.S.C. 3221, (Sec. 1444, Research Act of 1977)

Eligible / Final Recipients

1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 Institutions).

Matching Funds

By statute, eligible institutions are required to provide a match.

President's FY2016 Budget Request

\$49,350,000

Five-Year Funding History

FY 2015 \$43,920,000

FY 2014 \$43,920,000

FY 2013 \$39,270,000

FY 2012 \$42,592,000

FY 2011 \$42,592,000

A·P·L·U requests that \$49,350,000 be appropriated for the 1890s Extension program at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. We oppose the FY 2016 budget proposal to change the law and make a portion of these funds competitive.

Benefits / Impacts

The 1890s Extension program benefits America by supporting outreach at the 1890 Institutions focused on:

- Agricultural diversification and marketing strategies to reverse the decline of small minority-owned farms.
- Risk management education that provides farmers and ranchers with tools to address risk related issues.
- Increasing viability and competitiveness of farms through sustainable agricultural practices.
- Improving nutrition, diet, and health of limited resource families with emphasis on reducing obesity.
- After school 4-H and youth enrichment programs to enhance youth skills in science, technology, math, citizenship, and leadership.
- Improving the economic viability and sustainability of individuals, families, in rural and urban communities through enhanced financial literacy.
- Protecting the environment and natural resource management.



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