

1890s Extension

As Congress looks for alternatives to sequestration, completes the F. Y. 2013 appropriations process, and develops the F. Y. 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill, sustained funding is needed for historically black universities providing educational services and extension to farmers, families, and communities.

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 (Extension). The 1890s Extension program, is comprised of a broad range of science-based educational efforts which have been proven to:

- Strengthen the 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.



A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST

1890 Institutions Extension.....\$42.592 M

MAINTAIN 1890S EXTENSION FUNDING!

1. Sequestration. Congress and the President must work out a fiscally-sound alternative to the scheduled sequestration cuts. *If it is not possible to avoid these reductions totally, then the effects on the 1890s Extension program must be minimized.*

2. F. Y. 2013 Appropriations. Congress must act expeditiously to complete the F.Y.2013 appropriations process and should maintain 1890s Extension funding at no less than the F.Y.2012 level of \$42.592 million.

3. F. Y. 2014 Appropriations. Once the F.Y.2013 appropriations decisions are final, Congress should complete the F.Y.2014 appropriations process in a timely way and fund the 1890s Extension program at no less than the F.Y.2012 level of \$42.592 million.

1890S EXTENSION: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS 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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1890 Institutions Extension

Appropriations Bill

Agriculture

Agency

National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Account

Extension Activities

Program

1890 Institutions and Tuskegee (Extension)

Requested Amount

\$42,592,000

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 FY 2014 Budget Request

Unknown at this time

Five-Year Funding History

FY 2013 Unknown at this time

FY 2012 \$42,592,000

FY 2011 \$42,592,000

FY 2010 \$42,677,000

FY 2009 \$40,150,000

A·P·L·U requests that Congress provide no less than \$42.592 million for the 1890s Extension program at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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 practices.
- Improving nutrition, diet, and health of limited resource families with emphasis on reducing obesity.
- After school enrichment programs to enhance youth skills in science, technology, and math.
- Improving the economic viability of rural communities.
- Protecting the environment and natural resource management.

1890s Extension Appropriation Must be Maintained

Basic federal support for 1890s Extension program remaining static for more than 15 years until a bipartisan effort reversed the trend. Recent gains must be preserved.

