

# Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)

Authorized by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, Cooperative Extension translates science for the public and engages people to act. Cooperative Extension is a unique network that links locally based educators with faculty at land-grant universities—along with federal, state, and local partnerships—to people in more than 3,000 counties/parishes in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.



### Helps youth build the future

4-H reaches 6 million youth annually who are three times more likely to contribute to their communities and two times more likely to go to college.



### Builds economies in communities

Extension programs netted \$400 million in grants/resources leveraged by communities, 16,491 jobs created, 704 businesses started and 2,288 community plans initiated in the North Central and Southern regions.



### Fosters better nutrition and health

Program participants improve diets, manage food resources better, keep food safer, and increase physical activity.



### Prepares for times of disaster

The Extension Disaster Education Network is the premiere provider of disaster education resources delivered through the Land-grant University System.



### Sustains the nation's food supply

Program participants improve pasture management practices, protect the poultry industry through biosecurity measures, and maintain crop yields while reducing water usage and more.



### Helps link online learners

Extension addresses priority issues such as health and climate, fosters innovation in developing online solutions, and advances the measureable impact of Extension for the public good.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities seeks enhanced funding for the Smith-Lever capacity program. Congress has provided relatively steady funding for this critical land-grant capacity program in recent years, and we hope to see that continue. To continue to provide America and its citizens with Extension's myriad benefits, we support Smith-Lever capacity funding at a level of \$304,000,000 in FY 2017.

### Capacity funds are used to:

- Change lives
- Continue to engage with the public
- Compete in the federal grants environment
- Provide infrastructure and faculty support
- Support multistate partnerships
- Leverage state and local funding
- Solidify the legislated partnership with NIFA
- Operate as a national system
- Provide rapid response
- Inform research questions
- Translate science for practice

### Want to know more?

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## Appropriations Bill

Agriculture

## Agency

National Institute of Food & Agriculture

## Account

Extension Activities

## Program

Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)

## Requested Amount

\$304,000,000

## Program Description

This program provides funding for delivery for Cooperative Extension's wide array of programs which benefit the nation.

## Authorization

7 U.S.C. 341, (Sections 3(b)-(c) of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, as amended)

## Eligible / Final Recipients

1862 land-grant universities in all 50 states, DC, and the U.S. territories.

## Matching Funds

States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match.

## President's FY 2017 Request

\$300,000,000

## Five-Year Funding History

FY 2016	\$300,000,000
FY 2015	\$300,000,000
FY 2014	\$300,000,000
FY 2013	\$271,068,000
FY 2012	\$294,000,000

A·P·L·U requests that \$304,000,000 be appropriated for the Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) program at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

## Benefits

Smith-Lever funding provides education you can trust to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future. Among other benefits, this funding:

- Helps U.S. farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners be the most productive in the world.
- Provides information to consumers on selecting safe and nutritious food and helps them fight obesity and diabetes through nutrition, diet, and exercise.
- Provides Extension capacity for rapid response to urgent needs, such as the devastation to families and communities as a result of natural disasters.
- Helps farmers and consumers use energy more efficiently.
- Improves water quality in America's streams and lakes by helping producers understand and employ best management practices.
- Helps communities find solutions to issues of economic development and leadership.

## Smith-Lever Successes

Extension has one core feature: IT WORKS!

- Food security -- In North Carolina, 17 percent of households are food insecure and the state ranks 10<sup>th</sup> highest in adult obesity and 11<sup>th</sup> highest in childhood obesity. Extension convened 95 partners to organize community gardens resulting in 9,000 pounds of produce valued at \$18,000. Capacity funds were leveraged to obtain \$500,000 in additional support. More than 90 percent of participants said they spent less money on food and were better able to provide food for their families.
- Corn and water – Ten midwest land-grant universities deliver tools and techniques to more than 160 corn growers to deal with climate variability, protect the water supply, and enhance the Nation's food security.
- Strong families – Alabama Extension's *Successful Aging Initiative* provides lessons on healthy aging, estate planning and legal and financial matters to older adults in urban areas. Nearly three-fourths of 2,800 participants are African American, many of whom engage in estate planning as a result of the program. This can reduce probate costs, saving families thousands of dollars.

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