Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

FY 2010 Formula Grant Opportunity (FGO) – Final

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EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE: This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under 10.500.

DATES: Applications must be received by close of business (COB) on April 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for the FY 2010 formula grants authorized under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). These grants are used to assist all States in carrying out a program of extension activities designed to employ and train professional and paraprofessional aides to engage in direct nutrition education of low-income families and in other appropriate nutrition education programs. The amount available for this program in FY 2010 is $67,547,880.

This notice identifies the objectives for EFNEP projects, the eligibility criteria for projects and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a FY 2010 EFNEP formula grant allocation. NIFA additionally requests stakeholder input from any interested party for use in the development of the next Formula Grant Opportunity (FGO) for this program. Written stakeholder input should be submitted by mail to: Policy and Oversight Branch; Office of Extramural Programs; National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA; STOP 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, DC 20250-2299; or via e-mail to: RFP-OEP@nifa.usda.gov. (This e-mail address is intended only for receiving stakeholder input regarding this FGO.) In your stakeholder input, please state that you are responding to the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program FGO.

Please send questions or comments to Formula Grants Section of the Office of Extramural Programs, Stop 2271, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-2298; fax: (202) 690-3002; or e-mail: formulagrantquestions@nifa.usda.gov.
What’s New for FY 2010?

- The FY 2010 formula grant awards will be disbursed through the Automated Standard Application for Payment System (ASAP) operated by the Department of Treasury’s Financial Management Service. Applicants have received information on how to access ASAP, establish an account, if necessary, and how to utilize ASAP to draw funds, create reports, etc. The information will also include instructions to inform NIFA, Formula Grant Section, Awards Management Branch (FGS/AMB) of the account number to use for the FY 2010 formula grant disbursements.

- All FY 2009 and prior formula grant awards will continue to be disbursed via the Payment Management System (PMS) operated by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

- There will be two submissions in FY 2010:
  - Initial – For an estimated amount (see Appendix A) based on the FY 2009 allocation amounts.
  - Final – Based on the actual appropriated amount for FY 2010 and actual formula distribution for FY 2010 (see Appendix A).

- No Standard Form (SF) 424-A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs, and no Budget Narrative Attachment Form are required for either the initial or final submissions for FY 2010. However, EFNEP specific budget forms, budget justification narrative and Annual Update document will be due as described in PART II.B.

- The Application Package for the initial and final submissions will include:
  - Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form (SF) 424-M (Mandatory) (Required)
  - NIFA Supplemental Information Form (Required)
  - Key Contacts Form (Required)
  - EFNEP 2010 Annual Update (as PDF attachment)
  - EFNEP Budget Sheet (as PDF Attachment)
  - EFNEP Budget Justification (as PDF Attachment)


- On October 1, 2009, all authorities of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) were transferred to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) per section 7511 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246).
• Effective February 1, 2010, OEP Awards Management Branch assumed responsibility for business functionality of the OEP Formula Grants Section.
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PART I—FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Legislative Authority and Background

Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may fund extension work in the several States, Territories, and possessions. Section 1425 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (as amended) (7 U.S.C. 3175) provides the statutory formula for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). This program supports Federal funding for extension activities associated with disseminating the results of food and nutrition research performed or funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to enable low-income individuals and families to engage in nutritionally sound food purchase and preparation practices. Funding extends to EFNEP at State land-grant colleges established under the Morrill Act of July 2, 1862, as amended, and the Morrill Act of August 30, 1890, as amended, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University.

Section 7116 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) amended Section 1425 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3175) to accomplish the following:

Notwithstanding section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914 (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) for administration, technical, and other services for coordinating the extension work of the Department and the several States, Territories, and possessions the remainder shall be allocated among the States as follows:

1. 1862 Institutions shall receive a base in an amount equaling their FY 1981 allocation.

2. Four percent (4%) shall be available for administrative expenses.

3. $100,000 will be distributed to each 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant Institution including the University of the District of Columbia.

4. For fiscal year (FY) 2010, 11 percent of funds appropriated for EFNEP in excess of funds appropriated in FY 2007 will be allocated to the 1890 Institutions in an amount that bearing the same ratio to the population living at or below 125 percent of the poverty level (as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget and as adjusted pursuant to section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.9902(2))) in the State where the 1890 Institution is located; bears to the total population living at or below 125 percent of the poverty level in all States where 1890 Institutions are located; as determined by the most recent decennial census at the time when the appropriated amount first exceeds levels appropriated for EFNEP in FY 2007. This FY 2010 rate of 11 percent is to increase by 1 percentage point annually until FY 2014 – maxing out at 15 percent and remaining at that level for every year thereafter.

5. The remainder will be allocated to each 1862 Land-Grant Institutions in an amount that bears the same ratio to the total amount allocated as the population living at or below 125 percent of the poverty level in the State; bears to the total population living at or below 125 percent of
poverty level in all States; as determined by the most recent decennial census at the time at which each such additional amount is first appropriated.

In FY 2007, the former CSREES conducted a Grants.gov pilot for the solicitation of one of the NIFA Formula Programs, the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program. Under this pilot the institutions were required to submit a SF-424M Application (Cover Page Form), NIFA Supplemental Form, and Key Contacts Form through Grants.gov. NIFA implemented this process for all NIFA Formula Programs in FYs 2008 and 2009 and thereafter due to the mandated reporting requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). Under this law, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was required to develop and maintain a public searchable data base for all Federal financial assistance awards, and Federal agencies are required to report specific data elements which will be collected via these applications (e.g., Dun and Bradstreet data Universal Numbering (D-U-N-S®) numbers, legal names of institutions, legal addresses, congressional districts). OMB makes this information available at http://www.usaspending.gov.

In FY 2010, NIFA requires an initial submission (based on estimated amounts per the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act) followed by a final submission (based on the actual appropriated amount for FY 2010 and the actual formula distribution for FY 2010). The initial submission took place and NIFA now requests the final submission via this FGO. NIFA is not requiring the following forms for FY 2010 for the final submission:

- Standard Form (SF) 424-A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs
- Budget Narrative attachment form

However, the final submission will require some EFNEP-specific forms.

Please note that the submission of this application package does not change the following:
- Delegated authorities of the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator;
- How funds are managed at your institution; and
- Indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable costs.

Guidelines for the administration of this program are published as Chapter III, Financial Operations, of the Administrative Handbook for Cooperative Extension Work, which may be accessed at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/awards/formula/manuals/coopextension.pdf. Please note that any instructions in this FGO supersede policies and procedures identified in this manual. In 2010, NIFA will revise this manual and promulgate administrative provisions for this program through rulemaking which includes a public comment period in 2010. In addition, NIFA is drafting an EFNEP policy document to replace the current policy issued in October 1983.

B. Purpose and Priorities

The purpose of this funding is to increase the impact of nutrition education disseminated to low-income families and youth in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Insular Areas.
PART II—AWARD INFORMATION

A. Available Funding

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-80) provides $67,547,880, in FY 2010 for this program.

Funds will be distributed to the institutions on a quarterly basis. See Appendix A for the specific allocations.

EFNEP funds are expected to be fully expended in the fiscal year of appropriation; however funds may be carried over for up to four (4) years after the end of the year for which they were appropriated. No prior approval is required to carryover funds.

B. Types of Submission

Initial Submission:
In FY 2010, pre-award form submissions should have been submitted to EFNEP as a “new” application on the www.grants.gov website. The SF-424M Application Package should include:
- Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF) 424M (Mandatory)
- NIFA Supplemental Information Form
- Key Contacts Form
- *EFNEP Budget Sheet (as PDF attachment) -OR- a statement in the Annual Update indicating that the budget sheet does not vary significantly from the FY2009 submission
- *EFNEP Budget Justification Narrative (as PDF attachment) -OR- a statement in the Annual Update indicating that the justification does not vary significantly from the FY2009 submission
- EFNEP 2010 Annual Update (as PDF attachment)

Final Submission (solicited under a FY 2010 FGO-Final):
After the federal budget is passed and institution allocations are published, a final FY 2010 EFNEP application must be submitted through the www.grants.gov website, based on the actual allocations. This SF-424M Application Package should include:
- Updated Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF) 424M (Mandatory); (excluding the SF-424A Budget Form)
- Updated NIFA Supplemental Information Form
- Updated Key Contacts Form
- EFNEP 2010 Budget Sheet (as PDF attachment)
- EFNEP 2010 Budget Justification Narrative (as PDF attachment)
- *EFNEP 2010 Annual Update (as PDF attachment) -OR- a statement in the Budget Justification Narrative indicating that the Annual Update does not vary significantly from the FY2010”initial” submission

Please note that the EFNEP forms are not a part of the Grants.gov Application Package. The EFNEP forms must be submitted as PDF attachments. Attach the PDF documents to the
“Application for Federal Assistance”. To attach the PDF documents to the form, go to “1) Please add Attachment 1,” click on “Add Attachment,” and follow the instructions.

*An EFNEP Annual Update does not need to be submitted as part of the “final” FGO unless the institution anticipates significant changes from what was submitted with their FY2010 “initial” FGO package. If a revised Annual Update is not being submitted, a statement in the Budget Justification Narrative must be included.

See PART IV.B. for further information on completing the EFNEP PDF forms.

C. Project Types

Applicants should request funding equal to the amounts in Appendix A. NIFA will fund EFNEP in FY 2010 for approved EFNEP projects.

Projects should consist of employing and training professional and paraprofessional (peer educator) staff to engage in direct nutrition education and other appropriate nutrition education efforts with low-income families and youth. To the maximum extent practicable, peer educators shall be hired from the “indigenous target population.”

EFNEP serves two primary low-income audiences: 1) families (parents and other caregivers with primary responsibility for feeding young children); and 2) youth/children.

The objectives of EFNEP are to assist low-income families and youth in acquiring knowledge, skills, attitudes, and changed behaviors necessary for nutritionally sound diets and to contribute to their personal development and improvement of the total family diet and nutritional well-being.

Participation in EFNEP should result in:
• Improved diets and nutritional well-being of the total family;
• Increased knowledge of the essentials of human nutrition – particularly as reflected in the Federal Food Guidance System;
• Increased ability to select and buy food that meets nutritional needs;
• Improved practices in food production, preparation storage, safety, and sanitation;
• Increased ability to manage food budgets and related resources such as electronic benefit transfer cards from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly the Food Stamp Program).

PART III—ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by State colleges and universities in accordance with Section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act: Auburn University; Alabama A & M University; Tuskegee University; University of Alaska; American Samoa Community College; University of Arizona; University of Arkansas; University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff; University of California; Colorado State University; University of Connecticut; University of Delaware; Delaware State University; University of the
District of Columbia; University of Florida; Florida A & M University; University of Georgia; Fort Valley State University; University of Guam; University of Hawaii; University of Idaho; University of Illinois; Purdue University; Iowa State University; Kansas State University; University of Kentucky; Kentucky State University; Louisiana State University; Southern University; University of Maine; University of Maryland (College Park); University of Maryland (Eastern Shore); University of Massachusetts; Michigan State University; College of Micronesia; University of Minnesota; Mississippi State University; Alcorn State University; University of Missouri; Lincoln University; Montana State University; University of Nebraska; University of Nevada; University of New Hampshire; Rutgers University; New Mexico State University; Cornell University; North Carolina State University; North Carolina A & T University; North Dakota State University; Northern Marianas College; Ohio State University; Oklahoma State University; Langston University; Oregon State University; Pennsylvania State University; University of Puerto Rico; University of Rhode Island; Clemson University; South Carolina State University; South Dakota State University; University of Tennessee; Tennessee State University; Texas A&M University; Prairie View A & M University; Utah State University; University of Vermont; University of the Virgin Islands; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Virginia State University; Washington State University; West Virginia University; West Virginia State University; University of Wisconsin; and University of Wyoming.

Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply for funding provided that such arrangements are necessary to complete the project.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

There is no cost-sharing or matching requirement for these funds.

PART IV—SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Address to Request Formula Grants Opportunity Package

Only electronic applications may be submitted via Grants.gov to NIFA in response to this FGO.

Prior to preparing an application, it is suggested that the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, first contact an Authorized Representative (AR) to determine if the organization is prepared to submit electronic applications through Grant.gov. If the organization is not prepared, the AR should see http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp for steps for preparing to submit applications through Grants.gov.

The State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, also must contact the institution’s AR in order to be granted permission for the submission of applications through Grants.gov. Once that permission is granted, the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, can obtain a login and password.

The steps to access application materials are as follows:

1. In order to access, complete and submit applications, applicants must download and install a version of Adobe Reader compatible with Grants.gov. This software is essential to apply for
NIFA Federal assistance awards. For basic system requirements and download instructions, please see http://www.grants.gov/help/download_software.jsp. To verify that you have a compatible version of Adobe Reader, Grants.gov established a test package that will assist you in making that determination. Grants.gov Adobe Versioning Test Package: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/AdobeVersioningTestOnly.jsp.

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2. The application package must be obtained via Grants.gov, go to http://www.grants.gov, click on “Apply for Grants” in the left-hand column, click on “Step 1: Download a Grant Application Package and Instructions,” enter the funding opportunity number “USDA-NIFA-SLBCD-002917” in the appropriate box and click “Download Package.” From the search results, click “Download” to access the application package.

If assistance is needed to access the application page (e.g., downloading or navigating PDF forms, using Adobe with a Macintosh computer), refer to the resources available on the Grants.gov Web site first (http://grants.gov).

Grants.gov assistance is also available as follows:

Grants.gov customer support
Toll Free: 1-800-518-4726
Business Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Closed on Federal Holidays
Email: support@grants.gov


B. Content and Form of Formula Grants Opportunity Package Submission

General

Each grant application must contain an “Application for Federal Assistance,” Form SF-424 Mandatory; NIFA Supplemental Information Form; and Key Contacts Form.

Additionally, the EFNEP 2010 Budget Sheet, EFNEP 2010 Budget Justification Narrative, and EFNEP 2010 Annual Update are required as PDF forms as described in PART II.B. Instructions for completing these program documents can be found on the EFNEP FGO Website (http://www.nifa.usda.gov/nea/food/efnep/formula_grant.html.) Extension Directors/1890 Administrators and Authorized Representatives are encouraged to work with EFNEP Coordinators/Directors to complete these forms.

The following are the governmentwide instructions followed by agency specific guidelines, if any, for each data element for each form.

Grant Application Package

Verify that the information shown corresponds to the grant for which the applicant wishes to apply. Grants.gov will auto-populate the following information:
• Opportunity Title
• Offering Agency
• Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number
• CFDA Description
• Opportunity Number
• Competition ID
• Opportunity Open Date
• Opportunity Close Date
• Agency Contact

Enter a name for the application in the *Application Filing Name* field. This field is required. This name is for use solely by the applicant for you to track through the Grants.gov submission process. It is not used by the receiving agency.

Open and complete all of the documents listed in the “Mandatory Documents” box. Complete the SF-424 first. Data entered on the SF-424 will populate other mandatory and optional forms where possible.

To access a form or document, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the => button. This will move the form/document to the “Mandatory Documents for Submission” box. To open an item to complete it, simply click on it to select the item and then click on the “Open Form” button. To remove a form/document from the “Mandatory Documents for Submission” box, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the <= button. This will return the form/document to the “Mandatory Documents” or “Optional Documents” box.

1. **Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF)-424 M (Mandatory))**

   1a. **Type of Submission:** Select one Type of Submission with agency instructions. Select “Application.”

   1b. **Frequency:** Select applicable frequency for the Type of Submission in 1.a. Select “Annual”.

   1c. **Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?** Indicate if the submission is a consolidated application/plan/funding request. Select “No”.

   1d. **Version:** Select the applicable version for the Type of Submission in 1.a:

      Update: **Select “Update” in response to this FGO.** Use this submission to revise your institution’s “initial” application to reflect its actual Federal funds as well as any other changes to the application. Formula distribution amounts for FY 2010 can be found in Appendix A.

2. **Date Received:** Federal use only.

3. **Applicant Identifier:** Applicant use only. Use or leave blank.
4a. **Federal Entity Identifier:** Enter Federal entity identifier, if any, as specified in agency instructions. *Leave blank.*

4b. **Federal Award Identifier:** Enter Federal award identifier assigned by agency (if applicable). *Enter “USDA-NIFA-SLBCD-002917”.*

5. **Date Received by State:** State use only. *Use or leave blank.*

6. **State Application Identifier:** State use only. *Use or leave blank.* This field is for use when an institution has its own system for tracking applications. This field allows the applicant to enter its application identifier on the application.

7a. **Legal Name:** Enter the following: Legal name of applicant. *Enter the name of the institution.*

7b. **Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):** Enter: Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.

7c. **Organizational DUNS:** Enter: Organization’s D-U-N-S® number (received from D&B) or the D-U-N-S +4 number® (if available).

7d. **Address:** Enter: Complete address of applicant. *Enter the institution’s mailing address.*

7e. **Organizational Unit:** Enter: Name of primary organizational unit (and department/division, if applicable), which will undertake the assistance activity. *Enter the office where the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, is located.*

7f. **Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:** For the person to contact on matters related to this submission: name, organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other than the applicant organization, e-mail address, phone number, and fax number. *Enter the contact information for the person performing this electronic submission.*

8a. **Type of Applicant:** Select the appropriate code letter and enter in the space provided. Code letters O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, and W are not applicable.
   - A. State Government
   - B. County Government
   - C. City or Township Government
   - D. Special District Government
   - E. Regional Organization
   - F. U.S. Territory
   - G. Independent School District
   - H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education
   - I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)
   - J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized)
Please enter the applicable code letter for your institutions.

9. **Name of Federal agency:** Enter name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested. *No entry required. This field is pre-populated from the opportunity package.*

10. **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number and title of the program under which assistance is requested. Use the continuation sheet to enter multiple CFDA numbers and titles. *No entry required. This field is pre-populated from the opportunity package.*

11. **Areas Affected by Funding (Cities, Counties, States, etc. Use continuation sheet on page 5 if necessary):** List areas or entities affected using categories specified in agency instructions. Use the continuation sheet to enter multiple entities beyond the space provided. Enter cities, counties, states, etc. anticipated to be affected by the FY 2010 allocation you will receive.

12a. **Congressional Districts of (Use continuation sheet on page 5 if necessary), Applicant:** Applicant—Enter the applicant’s congressional district. Enter the congressional district where the main campus is located.

12b. **Congressional Districts of (Use continuation sheet on page 5 if necessary), Program/Project:** Program/Project—Enter the congressional district(s) affected by the program or project. If all congressional districts are included for a State, use “all”, e.g., all congressional districts in Maryland would show as MD-all). Use the continuation sheet to enter multiple congressional districts that represent less than all congressional districts in a State or congressional districts in multiple States. *(Note: If this application is being completed by someone other than the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, may need to be consulted on this question.)*

13a. **Funding Period, Start Date:** Enter the start date of the funding period for this submission. Enter “10/01/2009”.

13b. **Funding Period, End Date:** Enter the end date of the funding period for this submission. Enter “09/30/2010”.

14a. **Estimated Funding, Federal:** Federal—Enter the amount requested from the Federal agency. If the agency has specified an amount, enter that amount. Enter your institution’s actual FY 2010 allocation as listed in Appendix A to this announcement.
14b. **Estimated Funding, Match:** Match—Enter the amount of funds from all other sources. *Institutions are not required to match; enter “0”.*

15. **Is Submission Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12732 Process?** Select “c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372”.

16. **Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?** Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans, and taxes. This question applies to the applicant (institution) organization.

17. **By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in this list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any resulting terms (as identified under Part VI, B) if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) To be signed by the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, of the applicant organization. Enter the name, title, phone number, e-mail address, and fax number of the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee. The required assurances designated here includes the institutions compliance with all Federal laws and regulations associated with receipt of Federal Domestic Assistance for this program, including the matching certification and certification regarding lobbying activities. By hitting the submit button of the application, the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee, certifies to the above.

2. **NIFA Supplemental Information Form (Required)**

1. **Funding Opportunity Name:** No entry required. This is pre-populated from the opportunity package.  
   **Funding Opportunity Number:** No entry required. This is pre-populated from the opportunity package.

2. **Program Code Name:** Enter “Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Formula Program”.  
   **Program Code:** Enter “EFNEP”.

3. **Type of Applicant:** No entry required. This will be pre-populated from your entry on the application cover sheet.

4. **Additional Applicant Types:** Select the appropriate institution type from the drop down menu in this block.

5. **Supplemental Applicant Types:** Please check all that apply.

6. **HHS Account Information:** If the legal applicant has a HHS account select yes. If it does not select no. This field is required. *This information will no longer be utilized as payments*
will be made via the Automated Standard Application System (ASAP) operated by the Department of Treasury’s Financial Management Service.

7. **Key Words: Enter “Not applicable”.**

8. **Conflict of Interest List: Leave blank.**

3. **Key Contacts Form (Required)**

**Applicant Organization Name:** Enter the complete legal name of the institution.

**Contact 1 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the State Extension Director or 1890 Administrator, or his or her designee.

**Contact 2 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the Program Coordinator or Program Director.

**Contact 3 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the Business Office Manager/Administrator for this program.

**Contact 4 Project Role:** Enter the contact information for the person responsible for Drawdowns.

**Saving the Application**

The application package can only be saved from the Grant Application Package screen. It is recommended that after the applicant completes each form/document that they click on the “Close Form” button to close the form and then save the application package by clicking on the “Save” button at the top of the Grant Application Package Screen. It is important to note that the application package will be saved to the last active directory on the applicant’s computer. Therefore, the applicant should save the application package to their hard drive where it can be easily accessed. The applicant may save their application package at any time and should save it with the same file name each time. An error message will occur each time that the applicant saves the form before completing all of the mandatory fields on the mandatory forms or the optional forms are moved to the Optional Completed Documents for Submission column on the application package. The applicant may ignore this warning. This warning will not appear when all of the mandatory fields have been completed on all of the forms/documents in the application package.

**Check Package for Errors**

To initiate the Grants.gov edit check process, simply click on the “Check Package for Errors” button at the top of the screen. This process will identify all mandatory fields that have not been completed by the applicant. These errors will be displayed one at a time.

No checks against NIFA business rules will take place at this time.
Submitting the Application

The AR must open the browser, open the application and then press the Submit button. To submit the application:
1. Close all open browser(s) and running applications.
2. Open the internet browser.
3. Navigate to the physical location where the application file is located. Select the application to open.
4. The internet browser will open the application. This may take a few moments. Please be patient.
5. Once the application is completely open, click the Save and Submit button. (The Submit button will not become active until all mandatory documents have been properly completed and the application has been saved.)
6. Click Save and Submit.
7. A dialog box will appear and you will need to, enter your Grants.gov username and password.
8. Lastly, click Login.

Only the AR has the authority and user rights to Save and Submit an application to Grants.gov.

Additional submission tips may be found at the Grants.gov website.


C. Certifications

Important Note: By signing Form SF-424-M, the applicant is providing the certifications required by 7 CFR Part 3017, regarding Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3018, regarding Lobbying, 7 CFR 3021, regarding Drug-Free Workplaces, and compliance with the provisions of Chapter III, Financial Operations, of the NIFA Administrative Handbook for Cooperative Extension Work, including 7 CFR 3015, Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations; 7 CFR 3019, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-profit Organizations (now codified at 2 CFR 215); 7 CFR 3016, Uniform Administration Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to States and Local Governments; and OMB Circulars A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (now codified at 2 CFR Part 220), and A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-profit Organizations (now codified at 2 CFR Part 215). If the project will involve a subcontractor or consultant, the subcontractor and/or consultant should submit a Form AD-1048, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions, to the grantee organization for retention in their records. This form should not be submitted to USDA.

D. Submission Dates and Times

In response to this announcement, an “Application for Federal Assistance,” Form SF-424 Mandatory; NIFA Supplemental Information Form; Key Contacts Form, and EFNEP Specific Forms “EFNEP 2010 Budget Sheet”, “EFNEP 2010 Budget Justification Narrative”, and “EFNEP 2010 Annual Update” (see Part II.B for additional details on program specific reporting requirements) should be submitted online at the www.grants.gov website by COB on April 12, 2010 (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time).
The receipt of all applications will be acknowledged by e-mail. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to provide accurate e-mail addresses on the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 Mandatory Form.

If an applicant has not received an acknowledgment within 60 days of the submission, the applicant must contact the Agency contact (see Part VII) immediately and ask for the application number assigned to the application. Failure to do so may result in the application not being processed and funding being held. Once the application has been assigned an application number, this number should be cited on all future correspondence.

E. Funding Restrictions

(1) Approved NIFA EFNEP Projects

EFNEP Federal funding must be used on NIFA approved EFNEP projects.

(2) Matching

There is no cost-sharing or matching requirement for this program.

(3) Indirect Costs and Tuition Remission

In accordance with section 1473 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319), indirect costs and tuition remission are unallowable as EFNEP formula grant expenditures.

PART V—SUBMISSION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

The National Program Leader, Program Specialist and the OEP Formula Grants Section will be reviewing submitted documents to determine if all program, financial, and administrative requirements have been met and are current.

PART VI—AWARD ADMINISTRATION

A. General

The National Program Leader or Program Specialist will notify the OEP Formula Grants Section regarding institutions’ compliance with reporting requirements. If all program and administrative requirements have been met by the eligible institution, funding will continue to be released on a quarterly basis. The OEP Formula Grants Section will notify the institutions when all requirements have been met are current.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Several Federal statutes and regulations apply to grant applications considered for review and to project grants awarded under this program. These include, but are not limited to:

7 CFR Part 15, subpart A — USDA implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.


7 CFR Part 3017 — USDA implementation of Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).

7 CFR Part 3018 — USDA implementation of Restrictions on Lobbying.


7 CFR Part 3407 — NIFA procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

29 U.S.C. 794 (section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973) and 7 CFR Part 15b (USDA implementation of statute) —prohibiting discrimination based upon physical or mental handicap in Federally assisted programs.

35 U.S.C. 200 et seq. —Bayh Dole Act, controlling allocation of rights to inventions made by employees of small business firms and domestic nonprofit organizations, including universities, in Federally assisted programs (implementing regulations are contained in 37 CFR Part 401).

C. Expected Program Outputs and Reporting Requirements

States must provide a state program report, using the State Reporting System version 5 (SRS5) which was due November 1, 2009. The FY 2010 report will be due November 1, 2010.
Guidance on the submission of the SF-425, Federal Financial Report, for FY 2010 formula grant awards will be provided by mid-March 2010.

**PART VII—AGENCY CONTACT**

For questions regarding EFNEP, please contact: Stephanie Blake, Program Specialist, Stop 2225, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2225; Telephone: (202) 720-6079; Fax: (202) 720-9366; E-mail: sblake@nifa.usda.gov; or Helen Chipman, National Program Leader, Stop 2225, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2225; Telephone: (202) 720-8067; Fax: (202) 720-9366; E-mail: hchipman@nifa.usda.gov.

For questions relating to the completion of the grants.gov forms and funding release, please contact: Patricia Myers, Office of Extramural Programs, Stop 2271, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2298; Telephone: (202) 205-0453; Fax: (202) 690-3002; E-mail: formulagrantquestions@nifa.usda.gov.

If help is needed with the Grants.gov registration process for the applicant organization, downloading or navigating PDF forms, using Adobe Reader with a Macintosh computer or with the technical aspects of submitting to the Grants.gov system, check the resources available on the Grants.gov Web site first ([http://www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)).

Grants.gov assistance is also available as follows:

- **Grants.gov customer support**
  - Toll Free: 1-800-518-4726
  - Business Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Closed on Federal Holidays
  - Email: support@grants.gov

If the Authorized Representative (AR) has not received a confirmation message from Grants.gov within 48 hours of submission of an application, please contact Grants.gov customer support.

When Grants.gov is contacted, a ticket number is issued to track the response. The applicant should maintain the ticket number as documentation of electronic issues associated with the application.

Grants.gov Help Desk Operations Process is described below:

- **Tier 1: Grants.gov Contact Center Operator**
  - Handles the initial contact and attempts to resolve the call.
  - If not, files a research request (escalation).

- **Tier 2: Research Analyst**
  - Escalations go to the research analyst who does further research on the issue.
  - Unable to resolve, issue escalated to Grants.gov Program Management Office (PMO).

- **Tier 3: Grants.gov PMO**
  - Research Analyst works with PMO to resolve the issue.
• Typical escalations: Policy questions/System bugs/Training or Meeting Requests.
### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

**FY 2010 DISTRIBUTION OF EXPANDED FOOD NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM (EFNEP) FUNDING**

**AUTHORIZED UNDER THE SMITH-LEVER ACT, SECTION 3(d)**

**APPENDIX A**

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