

# Colorado State University Extension

## BACKGROUND

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 establishes the Cooperative Extension Service and provides federal funds for cooperative extension activities. The act requires that states provide a 100% match from non-federal resources (many states provide a greater match).

Funding under Smith-Lever sections 3(b) and 3(c) are distributed to cooperative extension units at eligible land-grant institutions under a statutory formula.

Congress has provided modest increases in the last two fiscal years, but this has barely slowed the steady erosion of this vital program in recent decades.

**The land-grant system strongly supports funding for Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) at \$350 million in FY 2011.**

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## VALUE OF SMITH-LEVER FUNDS

In Colorado (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) appropriation is leveraged by \$2.84 in state funding. This in turn leverages \$3.52 in local funds. Combined state and local leveraging adds to a total of \$6.36:

### Funds Leveraged by Our Pro Rata Share of Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) Appropriation

	FY 2009 <sup>1</sup>	FY 2010 <sup>2</sup>	FY 2011 <sup>3</sup>
Federal (Smith-Lever)	2,923,080	3,070,770	3,784,968
State	8,302,061	7,902,061	7,402,061
Local/County	10,300,000	10,000,000	9,700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,525,141</b>	<b>\$20,972,831</b>	<b>\$20,887,029</b>

NOTES: (1) FY 2009 funds are actual amounts; (2) FY 2010 is estimated; (3) FY 2011 assumes a \$350 million appropriation (as requested by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities).

### Additional Program Data

- CSU Extension conducts mission oriented educational outreach in 5 colleges at CSU, including Agricultural Sciences, Natural Resources, Applied Human Sciences, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine.
- CSU Extension has 54 offices delivering programs to 59 counties.
- CSU Extension has strong support from counties, which contribute 40% of the total budget.

### BENEFITS OF SMITH-LEVER FUNDS

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY 2011 Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) appropriation to \$350 million, our pro rata share would be  $\approx$  \$714,198. We would use such an increase to:

- Educational outreach in nutrition and health, which has been identified in a state-wide survey a top priority for Colorado. This work coincides with the work being done in the College of Agricultural Sciences related to chronic diseases associated with diet.
- Increased outreach to K-12, 4-H and adult audiences in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. CSU Extension has recently added four specialist positions in this area.
- Improved efficiency of limited water resources in the semi-arid west including the impact of water availability and climate change on crop production, urban use and the environment.

### OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Sustainable and profitable crop production, including wheat and potato improvement.
- The clean energy team addresses solar; wind; biomass & biofuels; geothermal & hydropower; energy efficiency for homes and communities.
- Issues and opportunities for small acreage, including hops varieties for microbrewers, organic, and specialty crops, programs for new farmers and ranchers.

