

# University of Missouri 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 Missouri, (FY 2009), each dollar we receive under the Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) appropriation is leveraged by **\$3.40** in state funding. This in turn leverages **\$1.33** in local funds. Combined state and local leveraging adds to a total **\$4.73**:

### 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)	8,342,169	8,693,972	10,395,219
State	28,319,176	28,321,496	26,848,778
Local/County	11,097,469	11,502,435	11,272,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,758,814</b>	<b>\$48,517,903</b>	<b>\$48,516,383</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

- Maintain 110 county offices; provide educational programming in ALL of Missouri's 114 counties.
- Employ the full-time equivalent of 710 people.
- Make 1.1 million educational contacts annually through Extension employees
- Provide life skills for 94,230 active 4-H youth.
- Generate 53% of \$99 million budget through grants, contracts, fees, gifts.

## 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 \$1,701,247. We would use such an increase to:

- Double involvement of faculty in eXtension Communities of Practice from 70 to 140; reach more learners online through this interactive learning environment, connecting the "best-of-the-best" from the nation's land-grant universities
- Increase opportunities for 1 in 10 Missouri youth to increase knowledge and skills in mathematics, engineering, science and technology through 4-H.
- Increase number of Missouri residents who move from a sedentary to an active lifestyle, reducing obesity and chronic disease rates.
- Deliver education and technical assistance for farmers and businesses related to energy conservation and production of energy alternatives, resulting in sustainable communities.

## OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The Pasture-Based Dairy program has stabilized the decline in dairy cow numbers; expansion and growth in new grazing dairies created \$100 million in investment, added \$124 million in economic output, and added 1,100 jobs.
- Tourism expenditures in each of six counties (as measured by 17 tourism-related SIC codes) increased by an average of 10.5%, thanks to the Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development program.
- A grocery co-op in an abandoned warehouse in Old North St. Louis is bringing fresh food from local producers to residents who live in a food "desert," as a result of MU Extension's partnership with UM-St. Louis and area agencies.