

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

# Smith-Lever

*Sustained funding is critically needed for the Cooperative Extension System, to help producers, consumers, families, and communities find science-based solutions to problems large and small.*

**E**stablished by Congress in the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, the Cooperative Extension System (CES) is a unique educational partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and America's land-grant universities. The base source of funding for the CES is the annual Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c) appropriation within the budget for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. These funds are matched at least dollar-for-dollar (most states provide a higher match) and leverage county funds and other public/private monies. Among many other things, Smith-Lever funds are vital to:

- Sustain profitable plant and animal production systems.
- Prepare youth, families and individuals for success in the global workforce and all aspects of life.
- Ensure an abundant and safe food supply for all while conserving valuable soil and water resources.
- Help families, youth and individuals to become physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.

Despite these and other proven benefits, as shown below, the Smith-Lever appropriation failed to keep pace with inflation for 15 years!

**The land-grant system led a successful multi-year effort to reverse that decline, and this hard work must not be undone as Congress considers the FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill. We support a \$310 million appropriation for the Smith-Lever program to restore the \$3.5 million cut in FY 2011 and provide a very slight "cost of living" increase.**



### A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST FOR F Y 2012

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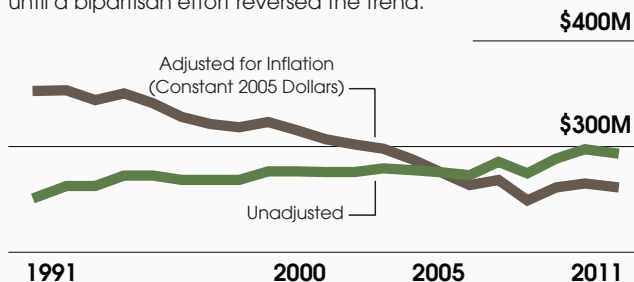
#### Smith-Lever funding...

- Helps U.S. farmers be the most productive in the world.
- Provides information to consumers on selecting safe and nutritious food and products.
- Attacks obesity and diabetes through nutrition, diet, and exercise.
- Provides citizens access to CES resources 24/7/365 by using cutting-edge technology.
- Enables Extension to respond to emergency needs on farms and in communities.
- Sponsors programs helping farmers and consumers use energy more efficiently.
- Supports 6.5 million youth through 4-H programs in science, engineering, technology, citizenship, and healthy living.
- Saves millions of pounds of unneeded agricultural inputs and improves water quality in America's streams and lakes.
- Helps communities find solutions to issues of economic development and leadership.
- Provides capacity for rapid response to urgent societal needs, such as the devastation to families and communities as a result of natural disasters.

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#### Smith-Lever Funding Must be Sustained

Basic federal support for Cooperative Extension Services declined over 15 years until a bipartisan effort reversed the trend.



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

<b>Appropriations Bill</b>	Agriculture				
<b>Agency</b>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
<b>Account</b>	Extension Activities				
<b>Program Name</b>	Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)				
<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>\$310,000,000</b>				
<b>Authorization</b>	7 U.S.C. 341, (Sections 3(b)-(c) of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, as amended).				
<b>Description</b>	This program provides funding for delivery for Cooperative Extension System's wide array of programs which benefit the people of the United States.				
<b>Benefits/Impacts</b>	<p>Smith-Lever funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Helps U.S. farmers be the most productive in the world.</li> <li>■ Provides information to consumers on selecting safe and nutritious food and products.</li> <li>■ Attacks obesity and diabetes through nutrition, diet, and exercise.</li> <li>■ Provides citizens access to CES resources 24/7/365 by using cutting-edge technology.</li> <li>■ Enables Extension to respond to emergency needs on farms and in communities.</li> <li>■ Sponsors programs helping farmers and consumers use energy more efficiently.</li> <li>■ Supports 6.5 million youth through 4-H programs in science, engineering, technology, citizenship, and healthy living.</li> <li>■ Saves millions of pounds of unneeded agricultural inputs and improves water quality in America's streams and lakes.</li> <li>■ Helps communities find solutions to issues of economic development and leadership.</li> <li>■ Provides capacity for rapid response to urgent societal needs, such as the devastation to families and communities as a result of natural disasters.</li> </ul>				
<b>Funding History</b>					
<b>FY 2012 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
\$282,625,000	\$293,911,000	\$297,500,000	\$288,548,000	\$274,660,000	\$285,565,000
<b>Misc. Information</b>					
<b>Matching Funds</b>	States are required to provide at least a one-to-one match; most states provide much more than the minimum.				
<b>Final Recipients</b>	1862 land-grant universities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.				
<b>Note for Senate Offices</b>	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="http://www.land-grant.org">www.land-grant.org</a>				

