

NIFA FEDERAL ASSISTANCE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

APPLICABILITY: Pursuant to section 7614 of Pub. L. 115-334, the matching requirement in NARETPA § 1492 shall no longer apply to competitive grants awarded on or after December 21, 2018. A matching funds requirement under a “covered law” (as defined in NARETPA § 1492(d)) that was in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Pub. L. 115-334 (December 20, 2018) shall continue to apply to a grant awarded between October 1, 2014 and December 20, 2018.

Certain entities were exempt from the NARETPA § 1492 matching requirement, and NIFA was also permitted to waive the NARETPA § 1492 matching requirement under certain, limited circumstances. For programs that were in existence prior to October 1, 2014, with the removal of the NARETPA § 1492 matching requirement, they revert to earlier legislative matching requirements, as applicable and described below. Some programs will have no matching requirement, while others may have a 100% match requirement for all grantees, since previously exempted entities are no longer exempt, that cannot be waived by NIFA. For programs first-authorized or first-funded after October 1, 2014, legislative matching requirements are described below.

The matching requirements identified here are summaries only; reference should be made to the underlying statute, implementing regulations, and RFA for a complete description of the matching requirement.

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1890 Capacity Building -Teaching & Research	10.216	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4) (§ 1417(b)(4) of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
1890 Facilities Grant Program	10.500	7 U.S.C. 3222b (§ 1447 of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
1890's Scholarship Program	TBD	Section 7117 of 2018 Farm Bill	N/A	N/A	No match required

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1994 Institutions (Extension Work)	10.500	7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3) (§ 3(b)(3) of the Smith-Lever Act, as added by § 534(b) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note))	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)	10.310	7 U.S.C. 3157(b)	EQUIPMENT GRANT REQUIREMENT: The amount of an equipment grant may not exceed 50 percent of the cost, unless a waiver is granted in accordance with (9)(A)(ii)	No change to match requirement	EQUIPMENT GRANT REQUIREMENT: The amount of an equipment grant may not exceed 50 percent of the cost, unless a waiver is granted in accordance with (9)(A)(ii)
	10.310	7 U.S.C. 3157(b)	OTHER AFRI GRANTS REQUIREMENT: 100% match if the grant is for applied research that is commodity-specific and not of national scope.	Covered; 100% match required	OTHER AFRI GRANTS REQUIREMENT: 100% match if the grant is for applied research that is commodity-specific and not of national scope.
Agriculture Risk Management Education Program	10.500	7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(3) (§ 524(a)(3) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Alaskan and Hawaiian Native-Serving Institutions	10.228	7 U.S.C. 3156 (§ 1419B of NARETPA)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required

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Alfalfa and Forage Research	10.330	7 USC 5925(d)(8)	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity
Aquaculture Centers	10.200	7 U.S.C. 3322(d) (§ 1475(d) of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Aquaculture Research	10.200	7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B) (§ 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program	10.311	Section 12301 of 2018 Farm Bill (moved authorization to 7 USC 2279)	25% match required	No change to match requirement; 25% match required	25% match required, waivable if Secretary determines such a waiver or modification is necessary to effectively reach an underserved area or population
Biomass Research and Development Initiative	10.312	7 U.S.C. 8108(e) (§ 9008(e) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002)	20% match required for research and development projects; 50% match required for demonstration or commercial projects.	No change to match requirement; 20% match required for research and development projects; 50% match required for demonstration or commercial projects.	20% match required for research and development projects; 50% match required for demonstration or commercial projects.

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Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program	10.219	7 U.S.C. 5921 (§ 1668 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required
Capacity Building for Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture	10.326	7 USC 3319i (§ 1473F of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Children, Youth, Families at Risk Program	10.500	7 U.S.C. 343(d) (§ 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Community Food Projects Program	10.225	7 U.S.C. 2034 (§ 25 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008)	100% match required	No change to match requirement; 100% match required	100% match required
Critical Agricultural Materials	10.200.	7 U.S.C. 178c(d) (§ 5(d) of the Critical Agricultural Materials Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Crop Protection and Pest Management	10.303	7 U.S.C. 7626 (§ 406 of AREERA)	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity
Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Competitive Grants Program	10.309	Section 12605 of 2018 Farm Bill (previously authorized in § 412(j) of the Agricultural Research,	N/A	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required

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		Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(j))			
Enhancing Ag Opportunities for Military Veterans in Ag	10.334	Section 777 of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018	N/A	No match	No match required
Farm Business Management and Benchmarking	10.319	7 U.S.C. 5925f (§ 1672D of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required
Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification	10.500	7 U.S.C. 5933 (§ 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)); § 1680 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	10.500	7 U.S.C. 343(d) (§ 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Food and Agricultural Defense Initiative (aka Homeland Security)	10.304	7 U.S.C. 3318(c) (§ 1472(c) of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required

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Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (FARAD)	10.500	7 U.S.C. 7642 (§ 604 of the AREERA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Food Safety Outreach Program	10.328	7 U.S.C. 7625	N/A	Covered	No match required
Global Change and UVB Monitoring	10.200	7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B) (§ 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Grants for Insular Areas	10.322	7 U.S.C. 3362 (§ 1490 of NARETPA); 7 U.S.C. 3363 (§ 1491 of NARETPA)	Statutory matching provision is discretionary and not administratively applied	No change to match requirement; no match	Statutory matching provision is discretionary and not administratively applied
Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program	10.331	7 U.S.C. 7517 (§ 4405 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008)	N/A	100% match required	100% match required
Higher Education Challenge Grants	10.217	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1) (§ 1417(b)(1) of NARETPA)	25% match administratively required	No change to match requirement; 25% match required	No match required, dropped administrative match requirement
Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grants Program	10.223	7 U.S.C. 3241 (§ 1455 of NARETPA)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required

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IR-4 Minor Crop Pest Management	10.200	7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B) (§ 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required
Methyl Bromide Transitions Program	10.303	7 U.S.C. 7626 (§ 406 of AREERA)	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity
Multicultural Scholars	10.220	7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5) (§ 1417(b)(5) of NARETPA)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
National Integrated Water Quality Program	10.303	7 U.S.C. 7626 (§ 406 of AREERA)	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity
National Needs Graduate Fellowships Program	10.210	Section 7106 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (FCEA) of 2008 (P.L. 110-246)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
New Beginning for Tribal Students	TBD	Section 7120 of 2018 Farm Bill	N/A	N/A	100% match required
New Technologies for Agriculture Extension	10.500	7 U.S.C. 343(d) (§ 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required

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Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative	10.307	7 U.S.C. 5925b (§ 1672B of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990)	100% match required	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity
Organic Transitions Program	10.303	7 U.S.C. 7626 (§ 406 of AREERA)	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity
Potato Research	10.200	7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B) (§ 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required
Regional Rural Development Centers	10.303	7 U.S.C. 3157(c)(1)(B) (§ 2(c)(1)(B) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Renewable Resources Extension Act National Focus Funds	10.500	16 U.S.C. 1671 et seq (Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required

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Rural Health and Safety	10.500	7 U.S.C. 2662(i) (§ 502(i) of the Rural Development Act of 1972)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Secondary Education, and 2-Yr Postsecondary Education and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants	10.226	7 U.S.C. 3152(j) (§ 1417(j) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977)	25% match administratively required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required, dropped administrative match requirement
Small Business Innovation Research Program	10.212	15 U.S.C. 638 (§ 9 of the Small Business Act)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Smith-Lever Special Needs Projects	10.500	7 U.S.C. 343(b) (§ 3(b) of the Smith-Lever Act)	RFA says award recipients subject to the matching requirements of the Smith-Lever Act.	No change to match requirement; 100% match required	100% match required
Specialty Crop Research Initiative	10.309	7 U.S.C. 7632 (§ 412 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998)	100% match required, general provision to appropriations allowing unrecovered indirect costs to be used toward match	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required, NO general provision allowing unrecovered indirects to be used toward match
Sun Grants	10.320	7 U.S.C. 8114 (§ 7526 of the Food, Conservation,	No match required for grants to Sun Grant Centers or Subcenters	Covered; 100% match required	No match required for grants to Sun Grant Centers or Subcenters

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	10.320	7 U.S.C. 8114 (§ 7526 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008)	20% match required on grants from a Sun Grant Center or Subcenter.	No change to match requirement; 20% match required on grants from a Sun Grant Center or Subcenter.	20% match required on grants from a Sun Grant Center or Subcenter.
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	10.200	7 U.S.C. 3319d(c) (§ 1473D(c) of NARETPA)	No match required	Covered; 100% match required	No match required
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (Sustainable Agriculture Projects)	10.500	7 U.S.C. 5811, 5812, 5831, and 5832 (§ 1621, 1622, 1628, and 1629 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990)	No match required for Chapter 1 OR Chapter 3 awards	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required for Chapter 1 OR Chapter 3 awards
Tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants Program	10.221	7 U.S.C. 301 note (§ 534(a) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994)	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required
Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program	10.227	7 U.S.C. 301 note (§ 536 of the Equity in Educational	No match required	No change to match requirement; no match	No match required

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		Land-Grant Status Act of 1994)			
Urban Ag Competitive Grant Program	TBD	Section 7212 of 2018 Farm Bill	N/A	N/A	No match required
Veterinary Services Grant Program	10.336	7 U.S.C. 3151b	N/A	No match	No match
Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields	10.318	7 U.S.C. 5925 (§ 1672 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990)	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity	Covered; 100% match required	100% match required if a grant provides a particular benefit to a specific agricultural commodity

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