

TO: State Extension Directors/Administrators

FROM: Colien Hefferan
Administrator *Colien Hefferan* MAY 15 2009

SUBJECT: Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Funds Distribution for FY 2009

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) allocation to eligible institutions for fiscal year (FY) 2009 is attached. These funds are allocated under the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-306, 92 Stat. 349, 16 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.).

As stated in my April 9, 2008 memorandum, "Update on CSREES Formula Policies and Procedures," CSREES transitioned to Grants.gov in FY 2008 for the submission of all administrative requirements via the SF-424, Mandatory Application Forms. CSREES will be soliciting for these applications via Formula Grant Opportunities (FGOs) which will provide instructions for the completion and submission of these forms. CSREES will notify eligible institutions when the instructions and forms are available on the Grants.gov site. Therefore, there are no reporting requirements at this time. Please note that this process will not change any current reporting processes such as the Current Research Information System. The FGO for this program will be released within seven (7) days of this memorandum.

Working in concert with the ECOP Natural Resources and Forestry Task Force, CSREES will continue to use the FY 2005-FY 2009 RREA Strategic Plan (http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/in_focus/forests_if/rrea.html) as the framework for designating the issues to be addressed with RREA funds. Thus, I again ask that you continue to focus your institution's RREA funds on one or more of the strategic issues that are identified in the plan:

- Diverse Audiences
- Economic Opportunities for Individuals and Communities
- Forest Stewardship and Health
- Invasive Species
- Land Conversion, Fragmentation, and Parcelization
- Public Policy
- Rangeland Stewardship and Health
- Wildlife and Fisheries Resources

Within these broad topics are important issues of the day that the Cooperative Extension System should strongly consider for RREA programming. These include: sustainability, climate change, forest- and rangeland-based biofuels, and ecosystem services.

In FY 2007, CSREES implemented a more transparent and competitive process for awarding the RREA National Focus Funds. This will continue in FY 2009 and a Request for Applications (RFA) will be released soon. These funds provide for the development of innovative programs that can be replicated and delivered across states, regions, and on a national scale.

Please align your RREA-supported programs with the strategic issues. I call you attention, once again, to the issue of serving diverse audiences and ask that you ensure your programs reach the diversity of under-served audiences that would benefit from your programs.

The criticality of ensuring that Federal funds are spent as required with the RREA legislation and that results are achieved necessitates that we increase the emphasis on program accountability. A key to program accountability is ensuring that RREA funds are spend in a manner that directly results in extension education program impacts.

CSREES has released first and second quarter FY 2009 funds to all institutions that have an approved 3-year plan of work. Third and fourth quarter funding will be released upon the receipt of an acceptable FY 2008 annual report. The RREA Program Mangers will continue to work closely with your RREA Project Director to ensure that funding is not delayed and to assist your institutions, as needed, in ensuring that your institution's report describes the program impacts that you have and are achieving.

We will continue to e-mail you important information regarding all of the formula grants you receive. This information is released at our "Formula Grants News Updates" web page:

http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/awards/formula/ff_updates.html

If you have any questions about the RREA program, please contact Eric Norland, National Program Leader (forest resource RREA programs), (202) 401-5971, email: enorland@csrees.usda.gov or Jim Dobrowolski, National Program Leader (rangeland resource RREA programs), (202) 401-5016, email: jdobrowolski@csrees.usda.gov. If you have any fiscal questions, please contact Brenda Barnett, Team Leader Formula Grant Section, Office of Extramural Programs at (202)-401-4527 or via email to formulagrantsquestions@csrees.usda.gov.

Attachment

**Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)
FY 2009 Allocation
(Grant #2009-46000)
Final**

<u>State</u>	<u>Institutions</u>	<u>FY 2009 Allocation</u>
AL	Auburn University	\$96,840
AL	Alabama A & M University	11,000
AL	Tuskegee University	-
AK	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	83,117
AZ	University of Arizona	72,444
AR	University of Arkansas	84,642
AR	University Of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	11,000
CA	University of California	99,889
CO	Colorado State University	61,772
CT	University of Connecticut	46,526
DE	University of Delaware	46,526
DE	Delaware State University	11,000
DC	University of the District of Columbia	11,000
FL	University of Florida	86,167
FL	Florida A & M University	11,000
GA	University of Georgia	98,364
GA	Fort Valley State University	11,000
GU	University of Guam	11,000
HI	University of Hawaii	46,526
ID	University of Idaho	54,148
IL	University of Illinois	55,673
IN	Purdue University	52,623
IA	Iowa State University	46,526
KS	Kansas State University	46,525
KY	University of Kentucky	69,395
KY	Kentucky State University	11,000
LA	Louisiana State University	81,593
LA	Southern University	11,000
ME	University of Maine	66,346
MD	University of Maryland - College Park	46,525
MD	University of Maryland - Eastern Shore	11,000
MA	University of Massachussets	46,525
MI	Michigan State University	80,068
MN	University of Minnesota	60,247
MS	Mississippi State University	93,790
MS	Alcorn State University	11,000
MO	University of Missouri	70,920
MO	Lincoln University	11,000
MT	Montana State University	63,296
NE	University of Nebraska	46,525
NV	University of Nevada	48,049
NH	University of New Hampshire	46,525
NJ	Rutgers University	46,525
NM	New Mexico State University	67,870
NY	Cornell University	92,265
NC	North Carolina State University	95,315
NC	North Carolina A & T State University	11,000

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ND	North Dakota State University	46,525
OH	The Ohio State University	64,821
OK	Oklahoma State University	57,198
OK	Langston University	11,000
OR	Oregon State University	90,741
PA	Pennsylvania State University	87,691
PR	University of Puerto Rico	11,000
RI	University of Rhode Island	46,525
SC	Clemson University	73,969
SC	South Carolina State University	11,000
SD	South Dakota State University	46,525
TN	University of Tennessee	75,494
TN	Tennessee State University	11,000
TX	Texas A & M University	101,414
TX	Prairie View A & M University	11,000
UT	Utah State University	49,574
VT	University of Vermont	46,525
VI	University of the Virgin Islands	11,000
VA	Virginia Tech	89,216
VA	Virginia State University	11,000
WA	Washington State University	78,543
WV	West Virginia University	58,722
WV	West Virginia State University	11,000
WI	University of Wisconsin	77,019
WY	University of Wyoming	51,099
	Total Payments to States	<u>\$3,572,688</u>
	Federal Administration	160,320
	National Focus Projects	275,000
	Grand Total	<u><u>\$4,008,008</u></u>