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Federal Demonstration Partnership NIFA, USDA Update

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Topics

- Grants Modernization update
- Award Terms and Conditions update
- Streamlining of Continuation Awards



USDA Enterprise Solution for Grants Management

ezFedGrants

- Foreign Agricultural Service portal is live, as of this week
- NIFA will go live for FY 2017 capacity programs in late October/November (APHIS also is in this timeframe)



Capacity Programs

- Capacity Research Programs
 - Animal Health and Disease Research, Evans-Allen, Hatch, Hatch Multi-State, McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research
- Capacity Extension Programs
 - Renewable Resources Extension, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education, Cooperative Extension at 1862s, Extension at 1990s, Smith-Lever Special Needs, and District of Columbia Public Postsecondary



What is NOT Changing

- Applicants will apply through Grants.gov just as they currently do – but read the RFA for slight modifications
- Grantees will utilize ASAP to draw funds just as they currently do
- Competitive awards will not be managed in ezFedGrants until a later date



So what does it mean for us?

- External Portal
 - Award Status Updates
 - Submission of SF-425's
- Level 2 e-Authentication
 - Video coming soon -
<https://nifa.usda.gov/grants-modernization>
 - Expectation that on-line e-auth will be avail



Next Steps for NIFA

- **FY 2017 capacity awards will be processed in ezFedGrants**
- Working with capacity award recipients to register in portal
- Identifying functionality to develop in the next releases



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ezFedGrants Questions for NIFA?

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Awards Terms and Conditions Update



NIFA Award Terms

- **Oct 2016 version**
 - Industrial Hemp
 - Section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (“Farm Bill”)
 - Federal Register notice (Aug12, 2016; 81 FR 53395)
 - NIFA - <https://nifa.usda.gov/industrial-hemp>
- **Jan 2017 version anticipated**
 - Implementation of Multi-agency Overlay Effort
 - Federal Register notice (Oct 14, 2015; 80 FR 61849)
(<https://federalregister.gov/a/2015-26090>)
- **Drafting Capacity Award Terms**
- **Updating 1890 Facilities Program Terms**



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Streamlining Continuation Increments of Funding



Streamlined Process

- FY 2017 implementation
- Award amendment - Eliminates RFA and application submission to Grants.gov
- Subsequent increments of funding accomplished through an award amendment
- NIFA Program Staff will email the PD with guidance



Anticipated Release of RFAs

<https://nifa.usda.gov/request-application-rfa-schedule>

Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) RFPA	September 2016
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) RFA	October 2016
Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program RFA	October 2016
Community Food Projects (CFP) RFA	October 2016
Organic Agriculture Research & Extension Initiative (OREI) RFA	October 2016
Organic Transitions (ORG)	October 2016
Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Education Grants	October 2016



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