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Hello-

NASULGC just put out the following information that includes some details related to higher education priorities contained in the FY2009 Omnibus package. To see the bill language and explanatory statements of the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, please click on the following link: http://appropriations.house.gov/FY2009_consolidated.shtml. In addition to the funding allocations highlighted below, it is also important to note that the bill would extend the current E-Verify program through FY2009.

Comparisons, where provided, are to FY2008 enacted levels.

Agriculture

- Figures of interest are at the bottom of this email and reported by Cornerstone Government Relations.

Commerce, Justice, Science

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

- Total - $17.7 billion, an increase of $380 million
- Science - $4.5 billion
- Aeronautics - $500 million
- Education - $169 million

National Science Foundation (NSF)

- Total - $6.49 billion, an increase of $362 million
- Research - $5.1 billion, an increase of $361 million
- Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) - $152 million, a decrease of $68.7 million
- Education and Human Resources (EHR) - $845 million, an increase of $119 million

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

- Total - $819 million, an increase of $63 million
- Technology Innovation Program (TIP)- $65 million, a decrease of $200,000

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- Total - $4.3 billion, an increase of $376 million
- Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) - $396.7 million
- Sea Grants - $54.99 million

Energy

Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science

- Total - $4.77 billion, an increase of $754 million
- High Energy Physics - $795 million, an increase of $107 million
- Nuclear Physics - $512 million, an increase of $70 million
- Biological and Environmental Research - $601 million, an increase of $57 million
- Basic Energy Research - $1.4 billion, an increase of $249 million
- Advanced Scientific Computing Research - $368 million, an increase of $17 million
- Fusion Energy Sciences - $402 million, an increase of $118 million

<u>Interior</u>

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

- Total - $1.04 billion, an increase of $37 million

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- Total - $155 million, an increase of $10 million

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

- Total - $155 million, an increase of $10 million

<u>Labor, Health & Education</u>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- Total - $30.3 billion, an increase of $937 million

Pell Grants

- Maximum Pell grant- $4,860, an increase of $119

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants

- $757 million, level funded

Work Study

- $980 million , level funded

Perkins

- $67 million, level funded

LEAP

- $63 million, level funded

TRIO

- $848 million, an increase of $19 million

GEAR UP

$313 million, an increase of $9 million

Javits

- $9.6 million, an increase of $157,000

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)

- $ 31 million, and increase of $1 million

State and Foreign Operations

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

- Collaborative Research Support Programs CRSPs - $29 million, an increase of $1 million
- Higher Education - $133 million

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F.Y. 2009 Appropriations Results Finally Released

To Members of the NASULGC System:
- Board on Agriculture Assembly
- Budget and Advocacy Committee
- Council on Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching

Almost five months after the beginning of the fiscal year, House and Senate negotiators have finally reconciled their differences over the F.Y. 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill. Thus, we are able to report final results for the programs at the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

We are pleased to report that overall funding for CSREES is up $45.41 million compared to F.Y. 2008. In addition, 13 of 14 of the programs on the BAC's list for priority enhancement increased by a total of $48.531 million.

The following table shows the final results for all CSREES programs:

Research and Education Activities	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Final
Hatch Act	322.597	195.812	207.106
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	30.008	24.791	27.535
Evans-Allen Program (1890s Research)	40.680	41.051	45.504
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	190.229	190.883	201.504
Improved Pest Control	14.650	15.313	15.945
Special Research Grants		91.775	84.499
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433)	5.006	4.971	2.950

1994 Institutions Research Program	1.544	1.533	1.610
Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration	0.990	0.983	0.983
Graduate Fellowship Grants	3.701	3.675	3.859
Institution Challenge Grants	5.423	5.385	5.654
Multicultural Scholars Program	0.988	0.981	0.981
Hispanic Education Partnership Grants	5.940	6.046	6.237
Secondary/2-year Post Secondary	0.990	0.983	0.983
Capacity Building Grants (1890 Institutions)	12.375	13.592	15.000
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	3.342	3.319	3.342
Native Alaska/Hawaiian-Serving Education Grants	3.218	3.196	3.196
Resident Instruction Grants for Insular Areas	0.495	0.745	0.800
New Era Rural Technology Program			0.750
Veterinary Medical Services Act	0.495	0.869	2.950
Federal Administration (Total)	10.278	42.154	39.426
Alternative Crops	1.175	0.819	0.819
Aquaculture Centers (Sec.1475)	3.928	3.928	3.928
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	1.091	1.083	1.083
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Ed. (SARE)	12.276	14.399	14.399
Subtotal	**671.419**	**668.286**	**691.043**

Extension Activities	**FY 2007 Enacted**	**FY 2008 Enacted**	**FY 2009 Final**
Smith Lever Sections 3(b) and 3(c)	285.565	274.660	288.548
Smith Lever Section 3(d):			
Farm Safety	4.517	4.726	4.863
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	63.538	65.557	66.155
Indian Reservation Agents	3.000	2.979	3.000
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	1.485	1.475	1.500
Pest Management	9.860	9.791	9.791
Sustainable Agriculture	4.026	4.568	4.568
Youth at Risk	7.651	7.968	8.182
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification	0.440	0.463	0.479
1890 Institutions and Tuskegee	35.205	35.850	40.150
1890 Facilities Grants (Sec. 1447)	16.777	17.267	18.000
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.019	4.008	4.008
Rural Health and Safety Education	1.946	1.738	1.738
Extension Services at the 1994 Institutions	3.321	3.298	3.321
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database			0.806
Grants to Youth Organizations	1.980	1.737	1.767
Federal Administration and Special Grants (total)	7.016	17.180	17.374
Subtotal	**450.346**	**453.265**	**474.250**

Integrated Activities	**FY 2007 Enacted**	**FY 2008 Enacted**	**FY 2009 Final**
Water Quality	12.867	12.649	12.649
Food Safety	14.847	14.596	14.596
Regional Pest Management Centers	4.167	4.096	4.096
Crops at Risk from FQPA Implementation	1.389	1.365	1.365
FQPA Risk Mitigation Prog. for Major Food Crops	4.464	4.388	4.388
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	3.106	3.054	3.054
Organic Transition Program	1.874	1.842	1.842
International Science and Education Grants Program	1.000	1.986	3.000
Critical Issues Program	0.744	0.732	0.732
Regional Rural Development Centers	1.334	1.312	1.312
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	10.000	9.830	9.830
Subtotal	**55.792**	**55.850**	**56.864**

Other CSREES Accounts	**FY 2007 Enacted**	**FY 2008 Enacted**	**FY 2009 Final**

Tribal Colleges Endowment Fund	12.000	11.717	11.880
Interest (Estimated) on Tribal Colleges Endowment	3.250	3.209	3.700

CSREES (Agency Total)	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Final
TOTAL	**1,192.807**	**1,192.327**	**1,237.737**

Spreadsheet on BAC priorities: www.nasulgc-bac.com/documents/FY2009/BAC_Final.xls

Other Issues

Mandatory (Farm Bill) program funding. The final agreement between the House and Senate left intact the $106 million in F.Y. 2009 mandatory funding to flow through CSREES: (1) $18M for Organic Research and Extension; (2) $50M for Specialty Crops Research Initiative; (3) $18M for Beginning Farmer and Rancher; and (4) $20M for Biomass R&D.

Specialty Crops - Unrecovered Indirect Costs. The final conference agreement contains a legislative "patch," permitting universities to count their unrecovered indirect costs against the Specialty Crops Research Program's 100% matching requirement.

Smith-Lever 3(d) - IPM. Due to strong opposition on the part of the House and Senate Agriculture (authorizing) Committees, the conferees did not provide this legislative "fix," which the system had sought.

The Cornerstone Team

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