§ 3419.2 Formula funds

Formula funds means agricultural research funds provided to the eligible institutions under section 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA), as amended, or under section 3 of the Hatch Act of 1887, 7 U.S.C. 361c, and agricultural extension funds provided to the eligible institutions under section 1444 of NARETPA or under sections 3(b) and (c) of the Smith-Lever Act, 7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c).

§ 3419.2 Matching funds

The distribution of formula funds shall be subject to the following matching requirements:

(a) For fiscal year 2000, matching funds shall equal not less than 30 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution;

(b) For fiscal year 2001, matching funds shall equal not less than 45 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution; and

(c) For fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter, the matching funds shall equal not less than 50 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution.

§ 3419.3 Determination of non-Federal sources of funds.

Each eligible institution shall submit by September 30, 1999, a report describing for fiscal year 1999:

(a) The sources of non-Federal funds made available to the eligible institutions for agricultural research, extension, and qualified educational activity to meet the matching requirements of section 1449 of NARETPA, as amended; and

(b) The amount of funds generally available from each source. This report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, may also include a request for a waiver of the matching funds requirement for fiscal year 2000.

§ 3419.4 Limited waiver authority.

The Secretary may waive the matching funds requirement for fiscal year 2000 for an eligible institution of a State if the Secretary determines that, based on the report received under §3419.3, the State will be unlikely to satisfy the matching requirement. The criteria to waive the match in fiscal year 2000 may include:

(a) Natural disaster, flood, fire, tornado, hurricane, or drought;

(b) State and/or institution facing a financial crisis; or

(c) Demonstration of a good faith effort to obtain funds. Approval or disapproval of the request for a waiver will be based on the report submitted under §3419.3. The Secretary may not waive the matching requirement for any fiscal year other than fiscal year 2000.