§ 3430.603 Eligibility.
To be eligible to receive an award under this subpart, the recipient shall be a collaborative State, tribal, local, or regionally-based network or partnership of public or private entities, including:
(a) A State cooperative extension service;
(b) A Federal, State, or tribal agency;
(c) A community-based and non-governmental organization;
(d) A college or university (including a junior college offering an associate’s degree) or foundation maintained by a college or university;
(e) A private for-profit organization;
or
(f) Any other appropriate partner, as determined by the Secretary.

§ 3430.604 Project types and priorities.
(a) Standard BFRDP projects. For standard BFRDP projects, competitive grants will be awarded to support programs and services, as appropriate, relating to the following focus areas and activities:
(1) Mentoring, apprenticeships, and internships.
(2) Resources and referral.
(3) Assisting beginning farmers or ranchers in acquiring land from retiring farmers and ranchers.
(4) Innovative farm and ranch transfer strategies.
(5) Entrepreneurship and business training.
(6) Model land leasing contracts.
(7) Financial management training.
(8) Whole farm planning.
(9) New and emerging issues, facing farmers and ranchers, including climate change and changing world markets.
(10) Conservation assistance.
(11) Risk management education.
(12) Diversification and marketing strategies.
(13) Curriculum development.
(14) Understanding the impact of concentration and globalization.
(15) Basic livestock and crop farming practices, forestry and range management.
(16) Acquisition and management of agricultural credit.
(17) Environmental compliance.
(18) Information processing.
(19) Tax management, including record keeping and tax form preparation.
(20) Basic agricultural law.
(21) Other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers or ranchers.
NIFA may include additional activities or focus areas that further address the critical needs of beginning farmers and ranchers as defined in this subpart. Some of these activities or focus areas may be identified by stakeholder groups or by NIFA in response to emerging critical needs of the Nation’s farmers and ranchers.
(b) Other BFRDP Projects. In addition to the competitive grants made under paragraph (a) of this section, competitive awards (grants or cooperative agreements) will be made:
(1) to establish beginner farmer and rancher educational enhancement projects that develop curricula and conduct educational programs and workshops for beginning farmers or ranchers in diverse geographical areas of the United States; and
(2) to establish and maintain an online clearinghouse.

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§ 3430.605 Funding restrictions.
(a) Facility costs. Funds made available under this subpart shall not be used for the planning, repair, rehabilitation, acquisition, or construction of a building or facility.
(b) Indirect costs. Subject to §3430.5460, indirect costs are allowable.
(c) Participation by other farmers and ranchers. Projects may allow farmers and ranchers who are not beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the programs funded under this subpart if their participation is appropriate and will not detract from the primary purpose of educating beginning farmers and ranchers as defined under this subpart.

§ 3430.606 Matching requirements.
(a) Requirement. Awardees are required to provide a match in the form of cash or in-kind contributions in an amount at least equal to 25 percent of the Federal funds provided by the award. The matching funds must be from non-Federal sources except when