

USDA-NIFA
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)
CFDA 10.500

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| Legislation | The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, shall establish appropriate extension education programs on Indian reservations and tribal jurisdictions (7 U.S.C. 5930). This program supports Extension programs on American Indian Reservations and Tribal jurisdictions to address the unique needs and problems of American Indian Tribal Nations. |
| Goal | To support Extension agents who establish Extension education programs on the Indian Reservations and Tribal jurisdictions of Federally-Recognized Tribes. |
| Objectives | To identify community and agricultural producer needs and implement informed outreach to address those needs. Program areas such as tribal youth and 4-H Positive Youth Development, food security, farm and ranch management and preservation of traditional and cultural knowledge – are the most relevant to FRTEP programs. |
| Eligibility | Applications may be submitted by 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and the University of the District of Columbia. |
| Funding | \$3.04 million expected appropriation in FY 2017. |
| Strategies | To deploy professional Extension Educators through the CES system onto Tribal and Reservation communities to both conduct targeted outreach to address critical needs and to attract additional personnel and fiscal resources to advance goals and objectives. |
| Matching | Not required. |
| RFA | This is a 4-year continuation grant program. The next open RFA will be released in January 2017. |
| Evaluation | Projects are required to have a formal evaluation plan with both quantitative and qualitative measures. In addition, an informal assessment is conducted annually to assess accomplishments and impacts. |
| Stakeholder | Project Directors attending the 2015 and 2016 Extension Professional Development Conference have provided RFA suggestions – close the RFA to new applicants; develop a new set of panel review criteria and provided suggested text; make a tribal/1862 MOU mandatory in all new applications; move FRTEP program out of Smith-Lever 3(d) NIFA budget line; provide suggested methodology for evaluating individual projects and the overall FRTEP program. |
| Projects | At the University of Nevada, this project was used to fund a Veggies for Kids summer program. FRTEP assisted in providing the cultural foods lessons and in constructing and maintaining traditional housing. The summer program focused on health and obesity mitigation. 562 youth have been served through 2016. FRTEP at University of Montana, Flathead provided 4-H mentoring to 154 youth to aid in self-confidence, academics and social competencies. 8 tribal youth received Junior Ag Loans to purchase cattle and are being trained in youth beef quality assurance programs and record keeping. Research on cattle diet training and stocking rates were compared to reduce knapweed in local rangelands, impacting 150 tribal ranchers. This diverse program also funded SNAP Education for 1,120 youth and 88 adult participants which taught them how to make healthy choices and incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. |
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