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NIFA

OPEN COMMENT *CYFAR Program*

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Spending Down Funds

Spending Funds

- There was a broad inability to spend funds since FY2020 due to the impacts of COVID
- You will continue to receive quarterly updates of current spending
- Do not wait until the final year to spend all funds
- Funds that are not spent by the deadline have to go back to the treasury
 - Funds that go back to the treasury is negative for NIFA
 - If funds go back to treasury, congress will question the need for additional funds in the future

SPENDING FUNDS

CYFAR program: Awarded Projects Since 2017

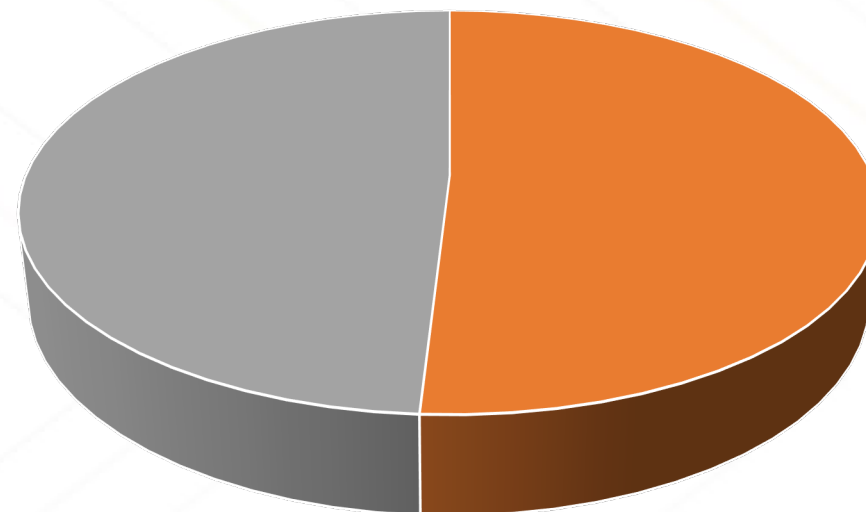
\$27,650,393.00
awarded

\$14,081,591.05 has
been dispersed

\$13,568,801.95 was
not dispersed

\$0 De-obligated

(de-obligated + not dispersed)
**0% Returned to
Treasury**



- De-obligated
- Dispersed
- Not yet dispersed



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Continuation Submission

Continuations

- Applications will be sent to you for your continuation funding January – March of each year
 - Continuation application will be sent to the PD's not the AOR
 - If you are out of the office at the beginning of the year, please be sure to alert NIFA of an alternative contact
- Please send requested information within 30 days of receiving the email notification
- Necessary documents may change



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Use of Gift Cards

Gift Cards

- Gift cards are allowable
- Exclusions per 12 CFR § 205.20

(b) Exclusions. The terms “gift certificate,” “store gift card,” and “general-use prepaid card”, as defined in [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section, do not include any card, code, or other device that is:

- (1) Useable solely for telephone services;
- (2) Reloadable and not marketed or labeled as a gift card or gift certificate. For purposes of this paragraph (b)(2), the term “reloadable” includes a temporary non-reloadable card issued solely in connection with a reloadable card, code, or other device;
- (3) A loyalty, award, or promotional gift card;
- (4) Not marketed to the general public;
- (5) Issued in paper form only; or
- (6) Redeemable solely for admission to events or venues at a particular location or group of affiliated locations, or to obtain goods or services in conjunction with admission to such events or venues, at the event or venue or at specific locations affiliated with and in geographic proximity to the event or venue.

Gift Cards

- Gift cards cannot be used as hourly pay, but can be presented :
 - As a reward for volunteer contributions/service
 - Team Leader service
 - Adult volunteer service
 - For survey participation
 - Cannot be given just to complete a survey or as an incentive to complete a survey
 - Survey must be long/arduous or asking for **very** personal information

Contact NIFA prior to utilizing gift cards



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Use of Logo/Mention of CYFAR Program

CYFAR Mention

- Please notify NPL of any newsletters, social media posts pertaining to CYFAR award
- Be sure to mention USDA NIFA and CYFAR as funding source
- The integrity of the complete identifier should be maintained in all uses
- Additions and deletions to the identifier are not permitted
- To maintain clear identification, the identifier should always appear proportionally, isolated from other elements, such as titles or graphic devices. It should not be obscured in any way or reproduced against strongly patterned backgrounds that would tend to impair its recognition
- When it is used in conjunction with symbols of other public and private sector partners, the NIFA identifier should have equal placement
- Never enlarge a .png or .jpg file beyond 100%



USDA NIFA Example Logos



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- For questions or additional assistance, contact the PS or utilize the link below:

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Question?