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FACT SHEET

OIG Audit 13601- 0001-22 NIFA Formula Grant Programs' Control Over Fund Allocations to States

Audit Purpose - The overall audit objective was to determine whether the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) internal controls were adequate for allocating grant funds to states based on statutory formulas for research, education, and extension activities.

The OIG identified 3 findings and issued 11 recommendations to address its findings:

Finding 1: NIFA Needs to Ensure Calculations for Determining Grant Amounts Are Accurate

Finding 2: NIFA Needs the Ability to Adjust EFNEP Allocations Based on Recent Poverty Data

Finding 3: NIFA Needs to Ensure that States are Cognizant of their Authority to Allocate EFNEP Funding to Both 1862 & 1890 Institution

Talking Points

Topline Message: *NIFA will be working with our stakeholders during the next fiscal year to address the Office of Inspector General's findings and recommendations.*

NIFA is committed to providing outstanding customer service and to ensuring innovative, transformative discoveries flourish as part of our nation's research investment.

We appreciate the OIG's review findings, and welcome this opportunity to strengthen our programs to better serve our university partners and to protect the American public's investment.

NIFA will review its capacity programs and identify any changes needed to modernize our program, increase efficiency, and promote transparency in our programs.

Needed changes to capacity grant calculations will be phased in starting in FY 2021.

NIFA will enhance its internal polices to ensure capacity calculations are accurate, including maintaining more complete documentation and standardizing its review processes.

For more than 50 years, NIFA has consistently and fairly processed capacity grant calculations.

View the full report here: <https://www.usda.gov/oig/rptsaudits.htm>

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