

# Purdue University

## BACKGROUND

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 establishes the Cooperative Extension Service and provides federal funds for cooperative extension activities. The act requires that states provide a 100% match from non-federal resources (many states provide a greater match).

Funding under Smith-Lever sections 3(b) and 3(c) are distributed to cooperative extension units at eligible land-grant institutions under a statutory formula.

Although Congress has provided modest increases in the last two fiscal years, we are unable to keep up with educational program demand and growth.

**The land-grant system strongly supports funding for Smith-Lever (b)-(c) at \$350 million in FY 2011.**

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## VALUE OF SMITH-LEVER FUNDS

In Indiana, each dollar we receive under the Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) appropriation is leveraged by almost \$1.70 in state funding. This in turn leverages \$1.94 in local funds. Combined state and local leveraging totals \$3.64.

### Funds Leveraged by Our Pro Rata Share of Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) Appropriation

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Federal (Smith-Lever)	8,456,771	8,791,631	10,625,790
State	15,663,161	14,999,898	14,999,898
Local/County	17,585,000	17,068,445	17,068,445
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,704,932</b>	<b>\$40,859,974</b>	<b>\$42,694,133</b>

Notes: (1) FY 2009 and FY 2010 funds are actual amounts; (2) FY 2011 assumes a \$350 million appropriation (as requested by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities).

### Additional Program Data for FY09

- Purdue Extension interacts directly with over 1.3 million people each year.
- Annually, over 3 million people visit [extension.purdue.edu](http://extension.purdue.edu).
- More than 220,000 youth participate in Indiana 4-H programs.
- Over 14,000 volunteers help deliver 4-H Youth Development and Master Gardener programs across Indiana.

## BENEFITS OF SMITH-LEVER FUNDS

As shown above, if Congress increases the FY2011 Smith-Lever appropriation to Indiana by \$1.8 M, several meaningful investments would greatly expand our capacity to conduct effective Extension work.

- Expand our fledgling Issue Based Action Team (IBAT) and Mission-Oriented competitive grants programs to develop integrated teams to provide research based answers to issues facing the people of Indiana. Institute an on-farm research initiative to expand research beyond Purdue Agricultural Centers and to facilitate more rapid technology transfer to agricultural producers.
- Expand our communication resources to provide just-in-time, highly relevant information to agriculture producers, homeowners and agribusinesses.
- Strengthen our 4-H Youth Development curriculum by focusing on learning opportunities in Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living and Citizenship.
- Establish regional community development initiatives to help communities expand and diversify their economic base.

## OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- In response to the late and unusually wet **fall harvest**, we produced ***Managing the 2009 Harvest: Resources for Drying, Storing, Grain Quality, Crop Insurance and Marketing*** and a ***Managing Moldy Corn website***. Teleconferences, videotaped lectures, and publications provided Indiana farmers up-to-date information about disease pressure and ways to manage crop drying and storage. (<http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/cafe/harvest/>)
- **Indiana MarketMaker**, a Purdue Extension Web directory of Indiana food producers and buyers, matches farmers with customers. With more than 300 agricultural producers, 103 farmers' markets, and 12 wineries, the site attracts 137,000 visits per month. (<http://in.marketmaker.uiuc.edu>)
- Hoosiers across Indiana learned how to better handle finances and save money through **Where Does Your Money Go?** 90% of participants planned to change spending habits based on the course. Meanwhile, web-based **Money on Your Mind** helps clientele stretch their dollars ([www.extension.purdue.edu/money](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/money))
- Purdue Extension annually helps 171,000 low-income people **budget food expenses, eat more nutritious foods, and practice food safety**. Every dollar invested results in an \$8 savings in healthcare costs in Indiana.
- **4-H SET** (Science, Engineering & Technology) is a nationwide effort to help identify **one million new scientists** by 2013. In Indiana, 4-H youth are experimenting with renewable energy as part of **Biofuels Blast** and **Soy Sensations**, lessons and activities that help youth learn about SET careers.