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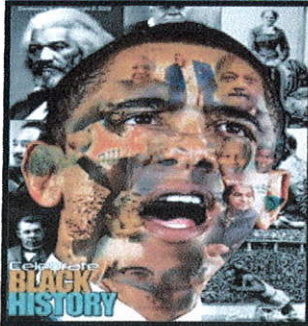
**Dear Colleagues:**

The 1890 Community is deeply saddened because we recently lost one who meant a lot to so many of us, Judge Phyllis Carter. Once you met her, you had an immediate friend. She was warm, kind and giving and she worked devotedly on behalf of the 1890s as a CARET member for many years. Judge Carter was the acting director of the West Virginia Human Rights Commission and wife to former West Virginia State University President Hazo W. Carter, Jr. She had previously worked as chief administrative law judge for the commission and as an assistant attorney general for West Virginia. We deeply share the sorrow of the Carter and the West Virginia State University families but feel fortunate that she shared her spirit and attributes with so many of us.



Sincerely,

Shirley Hymon-Parker



ARD UPDATES

**Capacity Building Grants Program**  
**RFA Available:**  
<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/1890capacity.cfm>

**Joint CARET/AHS Meeting**  
 March 2-4, 2014, Omni Shoreham Hotel,  
 Washington, DC 1-202-234-0700

*Funding for Key Land Grant NIFA Priorities that Directly Affect the 1890 Universities*

Program	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Evans Allen	\$50.898M	\$47.023M	\$52.485M
1890 Extension	\$42.592M	\$39.349M	\$43.920M
McIntire-Stennis	\$32.934M	\$30.427M	\$33.961M
Cap. Bldg. Grants	\$19.336M	\$17.864M	\$19.336M
1890 Facilities	\$19.730M	\$18.228M	\$19.730M
EFNEP	\$67.934M	\$62.762M	\$67.934M

Other Key Lines:

**AFRI** is increased from \$264.470M to \$316.409M

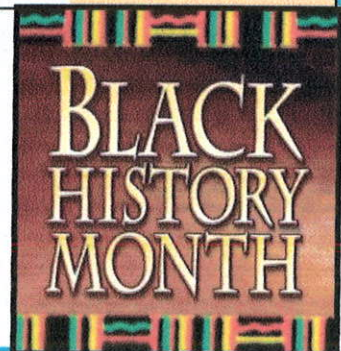
**SNAP-Ed** remains at \$401M and is the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program with funding that flows to Extension.

Also, the **Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Program** increased from \$7.6M to \$8.395M.

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[www.umes.edu/ard](http://www.umes.edu/ard)

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## Notice about upcoming RFA from USAID for Sustainable Intensification

“USAID plans to announce soon a Request for Applications (RFA) for a new Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Sustainable Intensification to be led by an eligible U.S. University or College (as defined under Section 296(d) of Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act). This Feed the Future Innovation Lab will build upon the work completed by the Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (SANREM) Innovation Lab, which concludes its final phase in September 2014. The objective of the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab will be **to identify, characterize, and develop pathways out of hunger and poverty for small holder families through sustainable intensification**. To do this, the Innovation Lab will develop an integrated research program in the biophysical and social sciences, contributing technologies, knowledge, and scientific direction to a wide array of stakeholders supporting or directly involved in small holder agricultural production in targeted regions and supporting the inclusive agricultural growth objectives of the Feed the Future Initiative. In support of Feed the Future goals, the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab will generate research outputs that directly or indirectly **reduce poverty and malnutrition in small holder households, particularly for women and young children**. The Innovation Lab will also contribute to capacity development in developing countries, with an emphasis on long-term degree training.”

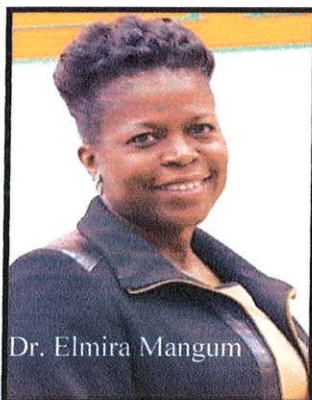


## NIFA Policy Guide Anticipated to be Effective September 2014

The long awaited updated NIFA Administrative Guidance documents will soon be available for your review and input. This document is to be called the “NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide” (NIFA Policy Guide). It is a comprehensive guidance document for NIFA grantees and staff. The document is a compilation of all laws, regulations, USDA guidance, NIFA guidance, NIFA policy, and Administrative Manuals applicable to NIFA grants, cooperative agreements, endowments, and other financial assistance into a single document. NIFA invites you to participate in a review of the draft before it is distributed formally for public comment. The informal review of the draft will take place in February 2014 (exact date will be provided via email). The document will be open for informal review for two months. Comments will also be accepted formally during the public comment period after the final draft is published in the Federal Register. It is anticipated that the NIFA Policy Guide will be final and effective in September 2014.



## New President of Florida A&M University Selected



Dr. Elmira Mangum

Florida A&M University's Board of Trustees selected **Dr. Elmira Mangum** to be the school's first female president. (An interim female president had been appointed previously however.) Dr. Mangum has been serving as vice president for budget and planning at Cornell University since 2010. Before that, she was an associate provost at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and on the senior staff at University at Buffalo. She earned her bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University, two master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, one in urban and regional planning and a second in public policy and public administration. She earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy from the University at Buffalo. Mangum is the first president in nearly 40 years to not be a FAMU alum.

**The George Washington Carver Summer Internship Program**, promotes “science with practice” by exposing interns to research opportunities under the direction of research faculty members at Iowa State University. The Undergraduate experience lasts 8 weeks, running from June 7 to August 2. Undergraduate students are provided with room and board on campus, round-trip airfare, and a stipend of \$2,500. More information and a link to the application can be found here:

The application due date is March 5.