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Subject: Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture Certification  

Thank you for submitting your request to be designated a Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA). NIFA provides this letter as certification that you meet the requirements in Section 7101 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, H.R. 2642, and, effective immediately upon receipt of this letter, your institution is designated a NLGCA.

Designation as a NLGCA is one way an institution may qualify to receive an exemption from the new matching fund requirement described in Section 7128 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. NLGCA designation also satisfies the eligibility requirement for the Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture program, which is authorized under 7 USC 3319i. Instructions for attaching this certification to competitive grant applications will be included in upcoming requests for applications, as applicable.

If you have questions about this certification, please contact Lisa DePaolo of NIFA’s Office of Grants and Financial Management at ldepaolo@nifa.usda.gov.