

**Deans, Assoc. Deans for Research, Directors, and Department Heads:
Please forward this information to the appropriate faculty immediately.**

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Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

**United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture**

Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk Sustainable Community Projects

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/children-youth-and-families-risk-cyfar-sustainable-community-projects>

ORED Preproposal Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2019

NIFA Application Deadline: Monday, April 22, 2019

LIMITED SUBMISSION – One (1) PER INSTITUTION

Below is information about the USDA NIFA Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk Sustainable Community Projects for 2019 (CFDA 10.521). USDA limits the number of proposals an organization can submit, as described above. Therefore, if the number of proposals exceeds that limit, an internal review will be conducted to determine which proposal(s) will be submitted from Mississippi State University.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NSF, please include the information listed below and submit **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2019** to the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), electronically to Teresa Gammill at tgammill@research.msstate.edu and **copied** to Lynn Taylor, ltaylor@research.msstate.edu in the ORED office and copy your Associate Dean for Research:

1. Title of USDA Grant
2. Proposal Deadline
3. Title of Proposal
4. PI and Co-PIs with title and unit affiliation
5. PI abbreviated resume
6. Partner institutions/industries (if any)
7. Indicate if this is a resubmission – If so include copies of panel summary and all reviews
8. Three - four detailed paragraphs providing a brief description of the proposed activities.
9. Signature (electronic will suffice) and/or Email of approval from PIs Associate Dean for Research.

Based upon responses, faculty will be notified if there is a need for preproposals. If preproposals are necessary, a committee of faculty members will screen applications and select the nominee(s) to represent the University.

Purpose and Priorities

The mission of the CYFAR Program is to marshal resources of the Land-grant and Cooperative Extension Systems so that, in collaboration with other organizations, they can develop and deliver educational programs that equip youth who are at-risk for not meeting basic human needs with the skills they need to lead positive, productive, and contributing lives. The CYFAR philosophy is the basis for Sustainable Community Projects:

<https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/program/CYFAR-Philosophy-Update-2017.pdf>

The purpose of SCP funding is to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. Collaboration across disciplines, program areas, and geographic lines, as well a holistic approach that views the individual in the context of the family and community, are central to SCP.

The CYFAR SCP has two strategic objectives:

1. To support community educational programs for at-risk, low income children, youth, and families which are based on locally identified needs, grounded in research, and which lead to the accomplishment of one of four CYFAR National Outcomes (see C.2. of the section below); and
2. To integrate CYFAR programming into ongoing Extension programs for children, youth, and families – insuring that at-risk, low-income children, youth, and families continue to be part of Extension and/or 4-H programs, and/or Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and have access to resources and educational opportunities.

CYFAR aligns with the USDA Strategic Goals FYs 2018-2022 <https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/about-usda/strategic-goals>, specifically, Goal 4: Facilitate rural prosperity and economic development.

Available Funding

The anticipated amount available for CYFAR grants in FY 2019 is approximately \$6,460,000. Of this amount, approximately \$2,000,000 will be available to fund new CYFAR SCPs under this RFA, which will have project periods ranging up to five years. The remaining amount, \$4,460,000 of the \$6,460,000, will fund 20 CYFAR continuation Sustainable Community Projects.