

AAVMC Legislative Update

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Overview

- Federal Student Aid for Foreign Schools
- S.2091, HCOP Grants
- Section 1433 Formula Funds
- National Veterinary Medical Service Act
- Infrastructure and Human Resources

Federal Student Aid for Foreign Schools

- Public Law 108-98 enacted Oct. 10, 2003
- 34 C.F.R. § 600.56 amended Mar. 16, 2003
- Restores eligibility of public and non-profit private foreign veterinary schools
- U.S. citizens studying at these schools are eligible for federal student aid programs

HCOP Grants

- Purpose
 - Identify and recruit individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds
 - Provide counseling and mentoring
- Old
 - Preference for comprehensive approach by several public or nonprofit private health or educational entities
- New
 - Consortium of not less than one nonprofit private community-based organization and not less than three health professions schools

HCOP Grants

- S.2091, Closing the Health Care Gap Act of 2004
 - Veterinary medicine excluded from list of eligible health professions
- Contacted Sen. Frist (sponsor) and all co-sponsors
- Contacted all members of Senate HELP committee
- Support from Bayer, Allergan and Hill's

1433 Formula Funds

Need for Increased Appropriation

- Many unmet needs (gaps) in applied research for animal health protection from bioterrorism agents
 - Vaccine development, rapid diagnostic field tests, surveillance, carcass disposal, etc.
- Research expertise lies in veterinary medical colleges and agriculture experiment stations
- 1433 Formula Funds are directed to states with greatest research capacity and livestock population

1433 Formula Funds Endorsements

- Confirmed
 - AVMA
 - NIAA
 - Georgia VMA
 - Southern Assoc. of State Departments of Agriculture
- Pending
 - AAWV
 - AAAP
 - USAHA
 - National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture

1433 Formula Funds

Agriculture Appropriations*

	<u>FY 05</u>	<u>Change from 04</u>
Total	\$16.8 billion	- \$ 67 million
ARS	\$1.26 billion	+\$113 million
APHIS	\$832 million	+\$115 million
FSIS	\$825 million	+\$ 45 million
1433	\$ 5.1 million	+\$ 0.5 million

*Passed by House July 13; Recalled from Senate July 15

1433 Formula Funds

Homeland Security

- Responsibility to develop countermeasures is shared among several federal agencies
 - USDA, DHS, HHS, EPA ...
- HSPD-9 calls for integrated budget in future years; matching agriculture appropriation in FY 05 is a start
- 1433 program is already in place, funds can be applied and distributed immediately

NVMSA

- Loan repayment program for veterinarians who agree to work in “shortage situations”
 - Shortage situation
 - Determined in competitive process, requested by state veterinarian, AVIC, and FSIS District Manager
 - Recipient
 - U.S. citizen, graduate of accredited college, state license, USDA accreditation, three-year obligation, personal statement
 - Payment
 - \$25K/year (net) for three years
 - \$10K/year (net) additional for volunteer service in NAHRC

NVMSA

- Total cost: \$60 million over three years
 - 400 recipients x \$50K x 3 years
- FY 05: Requested \$20 million from Agriculture Appropriations
 - Not included in House bill (no new programs, none of 2,100 earmarks were considered)
- Continue to work with USDA and congressional appropriators

Infrastructure and Human Resources

- Number of veterinarians

1994	56,000	
2004	65,000	+ 16%
2014	81,000	+ 25%

- In the next 10 years, BLS expects there to be 28,000 job openings due to growth and net replacements, a turnover of 38%

Infrastructure and Human Resources

- Critical shortages in public practice
 - Regulatory and government
 - Public health
 - Research
- Increasing needs
 - Emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases
 - Countermeasures for agents of bioterrorism

Veterinary Medical Education Act of 2005

- Competitive Grants
 - Construction and remodeling of facilities
 - Hiring faculty and staff
 - Acquiring equipment
- Eligible Programs
 - Professional (DVM, VMD)
 - Postgraduate (MS, MPH, MVPM, PhD)

Veterinary Medical Education Act of 2005

- Potential sponsors and co-sponsors
 - Senate HELP Committee
 - House Energy & Commerce Committee,
Subcommittee on Health
 - Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations
 - Homeland Security Appropriations

Veterinary Medical Education Act of 2005

- Best Case Scenario
 - 2005 Authorization approved
 - 2006 Funds appropriated
 - 2007 Grants funded, contracts made
 - 2008 Construction
 - 2009 Increase admissions
 - 2013 241 supernumerary graduates