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Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas

PROGRAM SUMMARY

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The Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas is administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs. It is authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (section 7501 of Public Law 107-171), which amended the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), by providing for a program of resident instruction grants for insular areas (7 U.S.C. 3363). It is a competitive grants program with awards made to one or more individual, eligible institutions of higher education in Insular Areas (Insular Area Institutions) or consortia of such eligible institutions, to carry out teaching and education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. It is designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Insular Area Institutions to carry out teaching and education programs within a broadly defined area of food and agricultural sciences-related disciplines.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, a total of $470,000 was available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Curricula Design, Materials Development, and Library Resources; (2) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching; (3) Instruction Delivery Systems; (4) Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching; (5) Student Experiential Learning; and (6) Student Recruitment, Retention, and Educational Equity (including financial assistance).

One institution submitted one proposal for consideration for funding for this year, the third year of the program. The institution submitting a consortium proposal was from the following Insular Area: Guam. This proposal requested a total of $466,932 in USDA funding. In May 2007, the grant application was evaluated by a 4-member peer review panel comprised of faculty members from land-grant and non land-grant universities. Panelists represented various academic areas including business, agriculture, and closely allied disciplines. Based on the peer review deliberations, funds were available to support one consortium grant to the University of Guam.

The following chart presents information on the grants awarded under the FY 2007 Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas Program.
## INDIVIDUAL PROJECT SUPPORTED

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<td>Lee S. Yudin</td>
<td>Phase III of Developing Resident Instruction in Food and Agriculture Related Sciences at Land Grant Institutions in the Pacific and Caribbean</td>
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## TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED TO LEAD INSTITUTION

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