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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 7102 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), and, effective immediately upon receipt of this letter, your institution is designated a NLGCA.

NLGCA designation satisfies the eligibility requirement for the Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture program, which is authorized under 7 USC 3319i.

If you have questions about this certification, please contact Joanna Moore of NIFA's Office of Grants and Financial Management at [nlgca.status@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:nlgca.status@nifa.usda.gov).