



Announcement of the Extension Foundation Pesticide Safety Education Funds Management Program (PSEFMP) Funding Opportunity

September 1, 2026

The Extension Foundation (EXF) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEP) for 2027. This opportunity is made available through a cooperative agreement (X8-84066001) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue the administration of the national subaward program in support of pesticide applicator education, and training for certified applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs).

Requirements of subawardees for this funding program are as follows:

- Agree to share at least **one** educational deliverable for the purposes of enhancing PSEP programs both regionally and nationally.
- Submit one six-month programmatic progress report and one final (year-end) programmatic progress report via the online portal.
- Submit invoices and financial reports quarterly to receive reimbursement of funds spent via the online portal.
- Attend a minimum of one 1-hour training webinar for the online reporting system and/or open office hours.
 - **Anticipated** dates and times (eastern) are: May 5, 2027 at 1 pm; July 14, 2027 at 3 pm; September 29, 2027 at 3 pm and December 8, 2027 at 3:00 pm.
 - Additionally there will be open office hours held for applicants to “drop-in” with any questions, concerns, or comments they would like to discuss with the Project Manager. Those dates and times will be communicated at a later date.
 - Be sure to check your email for Zoom links for the training and office hours. Additionally, all dates and login information will be posted in the Connect Extension subgroup for this funding program.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this funding applicants must be affiliated with an 1862 U.S. Land Grant University (LGU). Only one application per state or territory from each 1862 LGU will be eligible for funding. Please contact psefmp-helpdesk@extension.org if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

Funding Period

The anticipated funding period for this subaward will be January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027.

Funding Available

Each PSEP will be eligible to apply for a base amount of \$13,600.00 USD plus an additional 5% of the funds divided proportionally based on the percentage of the number of certified applicators in each state or territory. The number of certified applicators in a state or territory will be based on the most recent figures of certified applicators as supplied by the EPA. Additional amounts available to the state or territory will be listed in the budget section of the application. Funds will be distributed via a cost reimbursement model and on submission of invoices.

Key Dates:

Application System Opens: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 2 pm EST

Live Application Trainings:

- **Wednesday, September 2 at 1 pm EST** ([via Zoom](#))
- **Tuesday, September 8 at 11 am EST** ([via Zoom](#))

Open Office Hours ([via Zoom](#)):

- **Wednesday, September 9 at 11 am - 2 pm EST**
- **Thursday, September 10 at 11 am - 2:30 pm EST**
- **Friday, September 11 at 10 am - 2 pm EST**

Application Deadline: Monday, November 12, 2026 at 11:59 pm EST

Subaward Notification Announcement: December 18, 2026

Application Review Process:

EXF will use a multi-step approach in the receiving and review of applications for this program. Each application will be reviewed by EXF personnel for programmatic and budget compliance, completeness and potential collaboration with other programs.

Application Submission

Applications for this funding opportunity can be accessed via an [online portal](#). The application will go live on September 1, 2026 at 12 pm eastern.

Live Application System Trainings:

Potential applicants will receive an invitation via email for an optional training through Zoom for the online application system. During the training, the EXF Program Manager will provide a step by step walk through of the application site, the application and submission. If you are unable to attend a training session, they will be recorded and provided via email the following day of the

first training. Additional training sessions can be scheduled on an as needed basis or via special request. Open office hours will also be held in order for applicants to drop in with application questions at their convenience. Please see above for a schedule of training sessions and open office hours. These will also be posted on the calendar within the Connect Extension subgroup.

If you have any application or process questions please contact Tira Adelman at tiraadelman@extension.org. If you have specific budget questions please send contact Brenna Kotar at brennakotar@extension.org

About Extension Foundation

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The Foundation also provides professional development to Cooperative Extension professionals and offers exclusive services to its members. Its purpose is in its mission statement: *Our mission is to empower a national network of community-based educators, volunteers, and partners to turn knowledge into real-world solutions for stronger communities and people.*