

ESCOP-ECOP Formula Funds Joint Task Force

Purpose: Given the current efforts by both ESCOP and ECOP to individually address the need for and the relevance of Federal Formula Funds (when referring to Federal Formula Funds we are doing so in an inclusive manner to include: Smith-Lever, Hatch, Evans-Allen and MacIntire-Stennis) as a component piece of their respective portfolios, it seems only appropriate that we look that this effort jointly. Any effort to look at how we make the case for maintenance and/or increases to the Federal Formula Funds portfolio is all the more timely and germane given the continuing erosion of these funds in terms of constant dollars, which constitute an important portion of our collective portfolio in research and extension. Even as Federal Formula Funds continue to erode in terms of purchasing power and are no longer a majority component of either the research or extension portfolio, they continue to provide a base from which extension and research directors can position their programs, provide needed and critical support components, and make investments in new and high risk programs.

Task Force Charge:

Formulate potential strategies for supporting the case for maintenance and/or increases to the Federal Formula Fund portfolio and possible use of information gained by the recent ECOP survey and ESCOP study related to Formula Funds.

Advise ECOP and ESCOP on whether or not the Task Force should continue beyond the timeline described below and its charge expanded to develop more detailed strategies and action plans for support of Formula Funds.

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Working Documents:

Additional working documents of the Formula Funds Task Force can be found at

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/users/nera/FormulaFundsTaskForce/>

[ESCOP Counterfactual Study and ECOP Formula Funds Survey](#)

[White Paper Formula Funds PDF](#)

[Formula Funds Status of Partnership PDF](#)