



**VETERINARY MEDICINE
EXTENSION**

Rural Veterinary Assistance Programs

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Overview

Part 1: USDA NIFA VMLRP

Part 2: USDA NIFA VSGP

Part 3: State Programs and
Developing Opportunities



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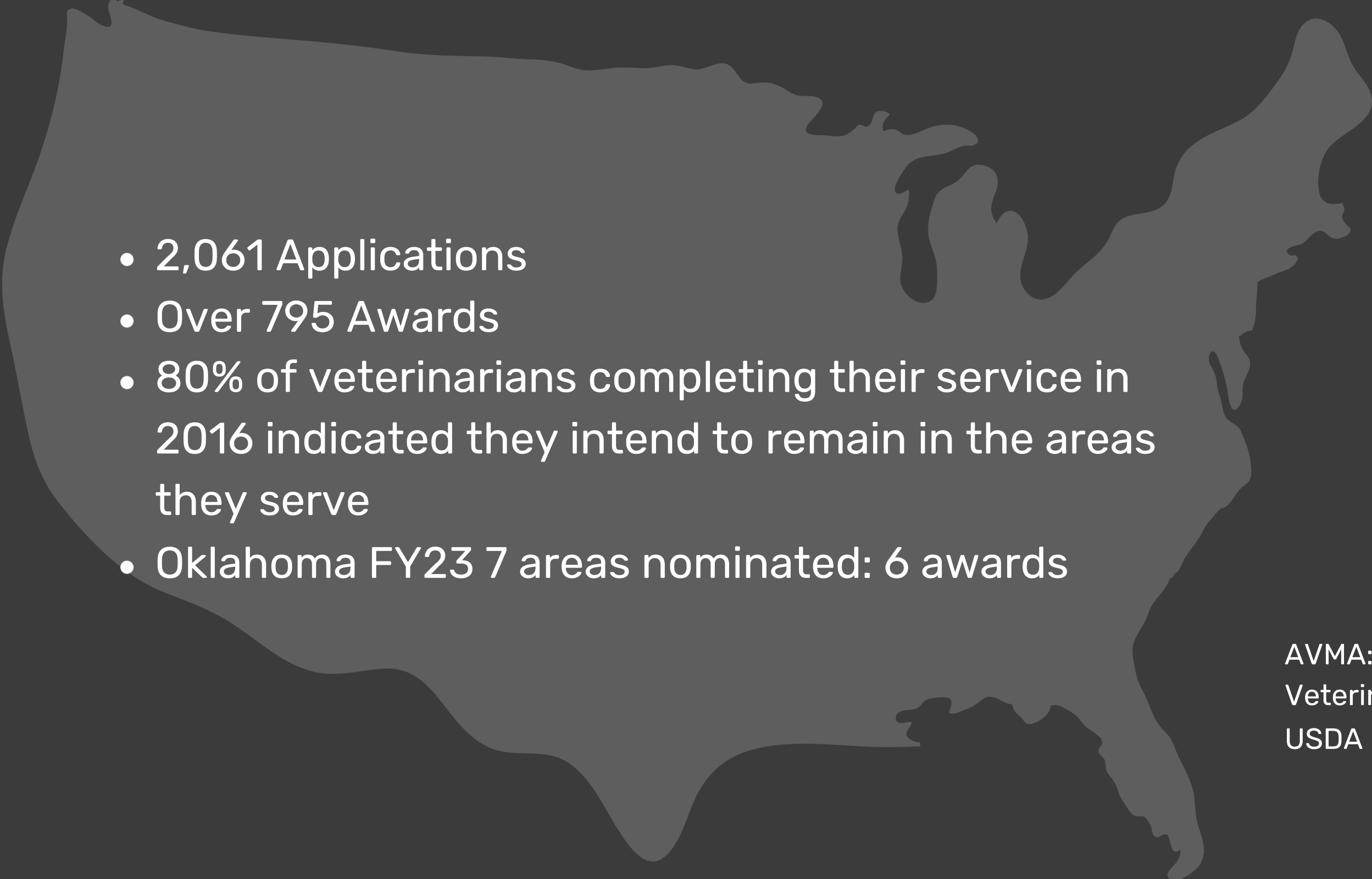


VMLRP



- Federal
- Veterinary student loan repayment
 - Principal and interest
 - Government and commercial
- Up to \$25K per year
- Maximum \$75K for 3 year contract
- Possible renewal
- Shortage areas nominated by State Animal Health Official

USDA NIFA VMLRP DATA

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- 2,061 Applications
 - Over 795 Awards
 - 80% of veterinarians completing their service in 2016 indicated they intend to remain in the areas they serve
 - Oklahoma FY23 7 areas nominated: 6 awards



Funding
2010 - \$4.8M
2022 - \$10M

AVMA: 2020 Economic State of the
Veterinary Profession
USDA NIFA: VMLRP FY2022 Annual Report

USDA NIFA VMLRP
Application and Awards

Total Applications Received	130
New	112
Renewal	16
Ineligible	2
Total Awards Executed	89
New	73
Renewal	16
Declined Offer	3
Award Rate	68.5%
New	64%
Renewal	100%
Total Funding Awarded	\$8,926,394
Federal Tax Liability Covered (of Total Funding Awarded)	\$2,592,278

Awards Applications

USDA NIFA VMLRP
Application and Awards

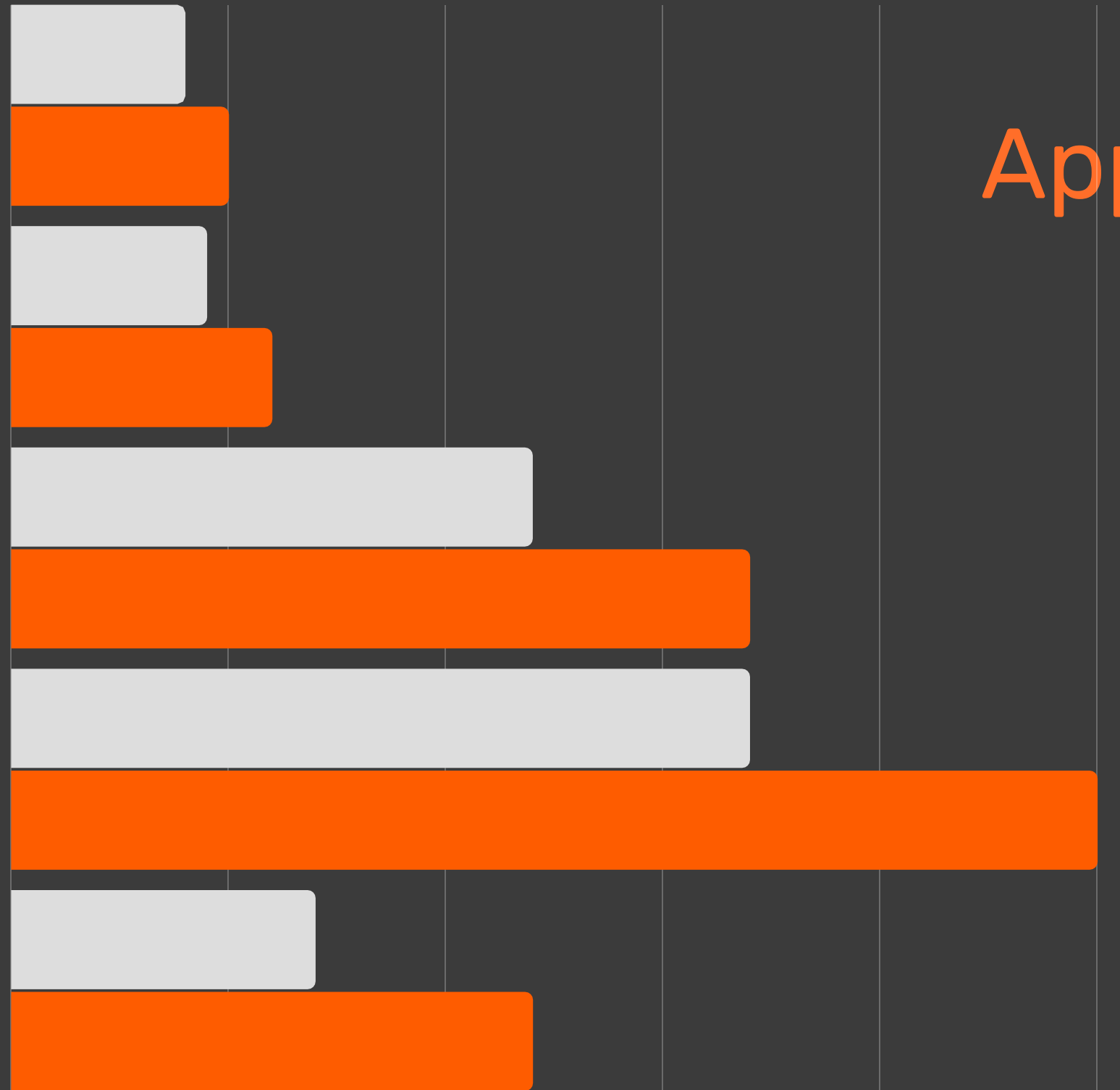
Greater than 9 years

7-9 years

4-6 years

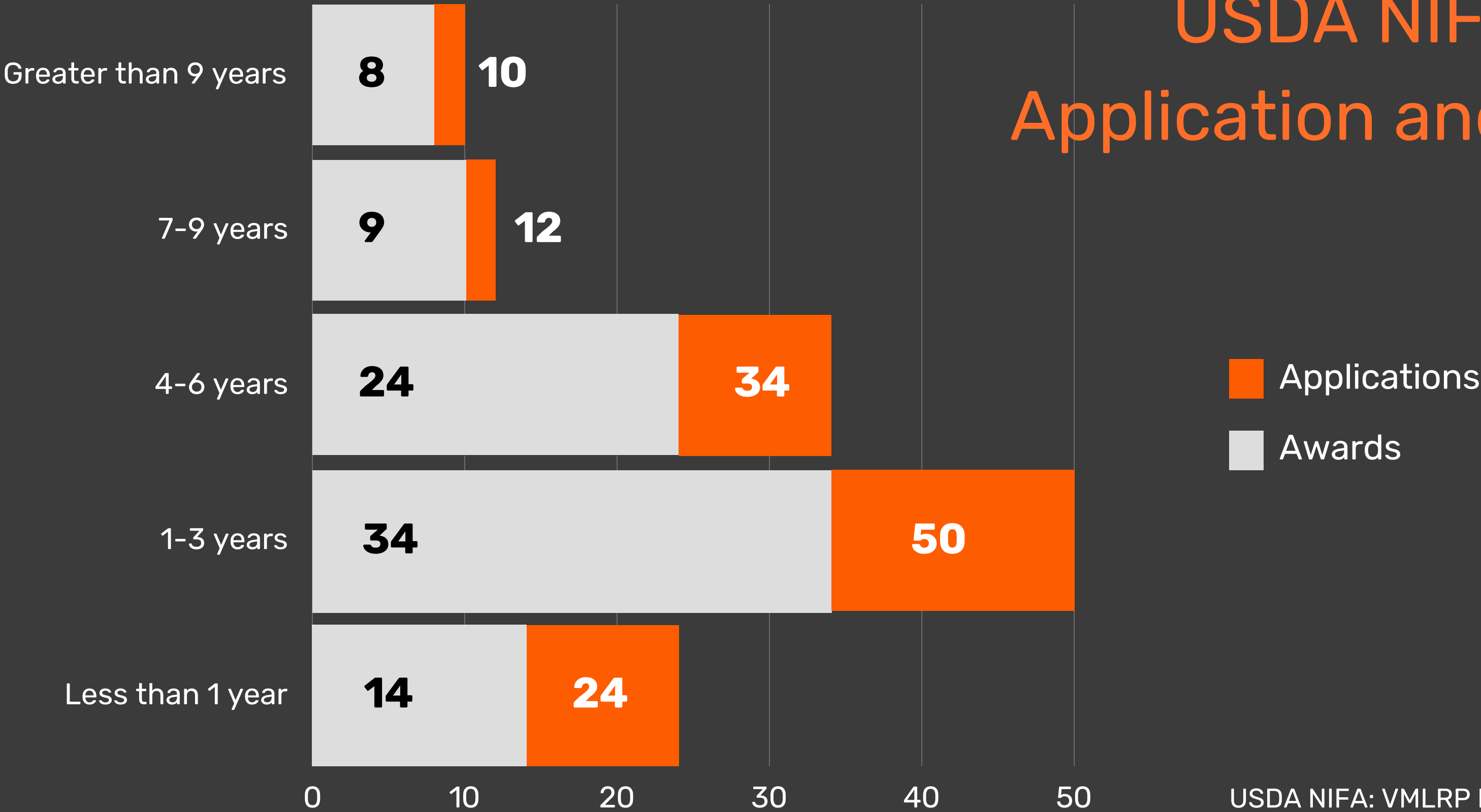
1-3 years

Less than 1 year



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USDA NIFA VMLRP
Application and Awards
Figure 1



Eligibility

- DVM from accredited veterinary school
- Qualifying educational loan debt
 - ONLY veterinary school debt
 - Tuition
 - Other reasonable educational expenses
 - Reasonable living expenses
- Employment in shortage area
 - Offer
 - Establish a practice
 - Maintain a practice
- Other terms as applicable



Ineligibility

- Owes other veterinary service
 - Federal
 - State
 - Other entity
- Certain loan situations
 - Lack of supporting documentation
 - Loan source
 - Consolidation with spouse or child
 - Not reasonable expense
 - Non-educational loans
 - Default or delinquent status
 - Other
- Less than \$15K in loan debt



Types of Shortage Areas

Type I

- Rural, Urban, Other
- Food Supply Vet Med
- Minimum 32 hours/wk
- At least 80 FTE

Type II

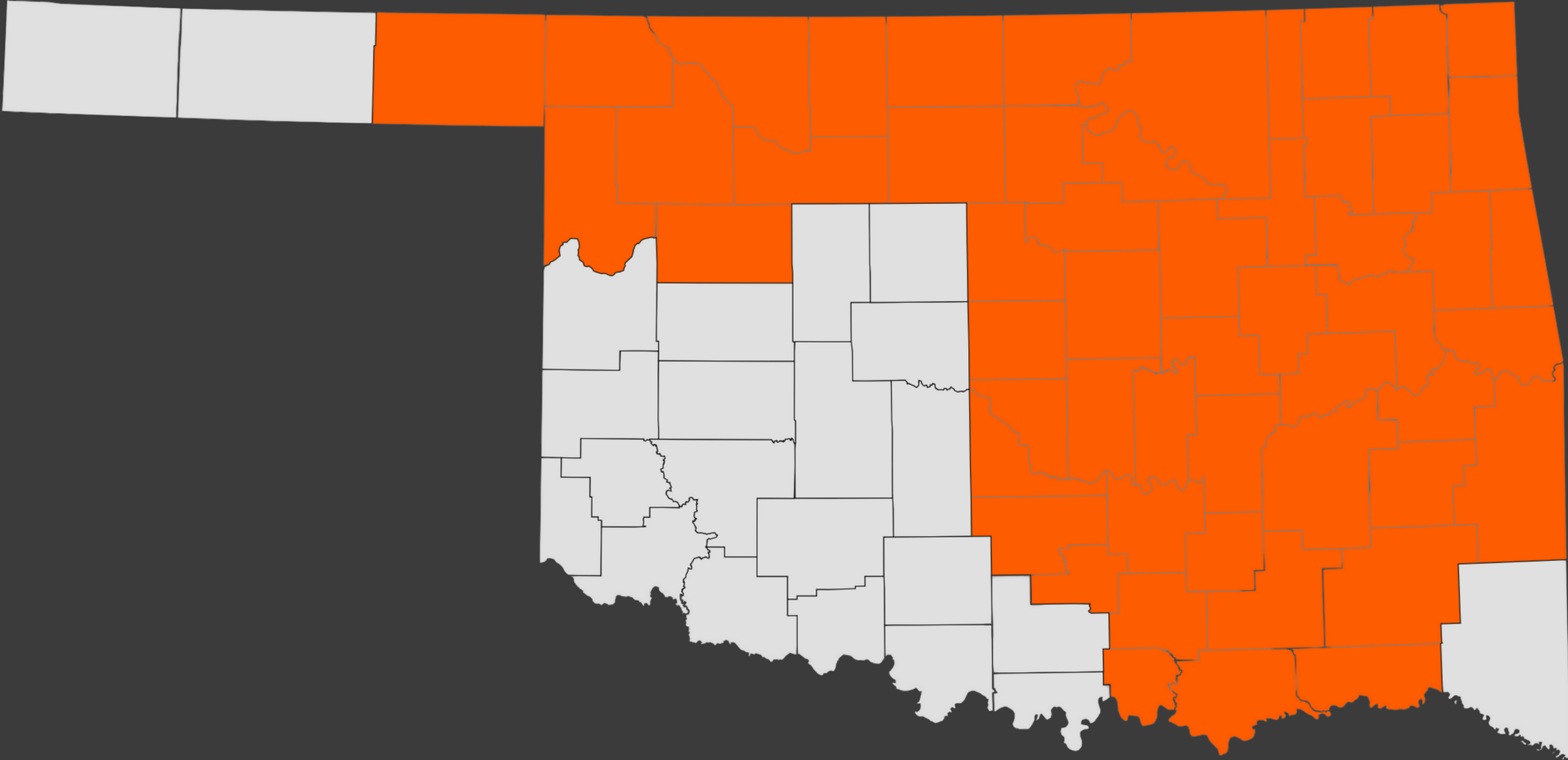
- Rural
- Food Supply Vet Med
- Min 12 hours/wk
- At least 30% FTE

Type III

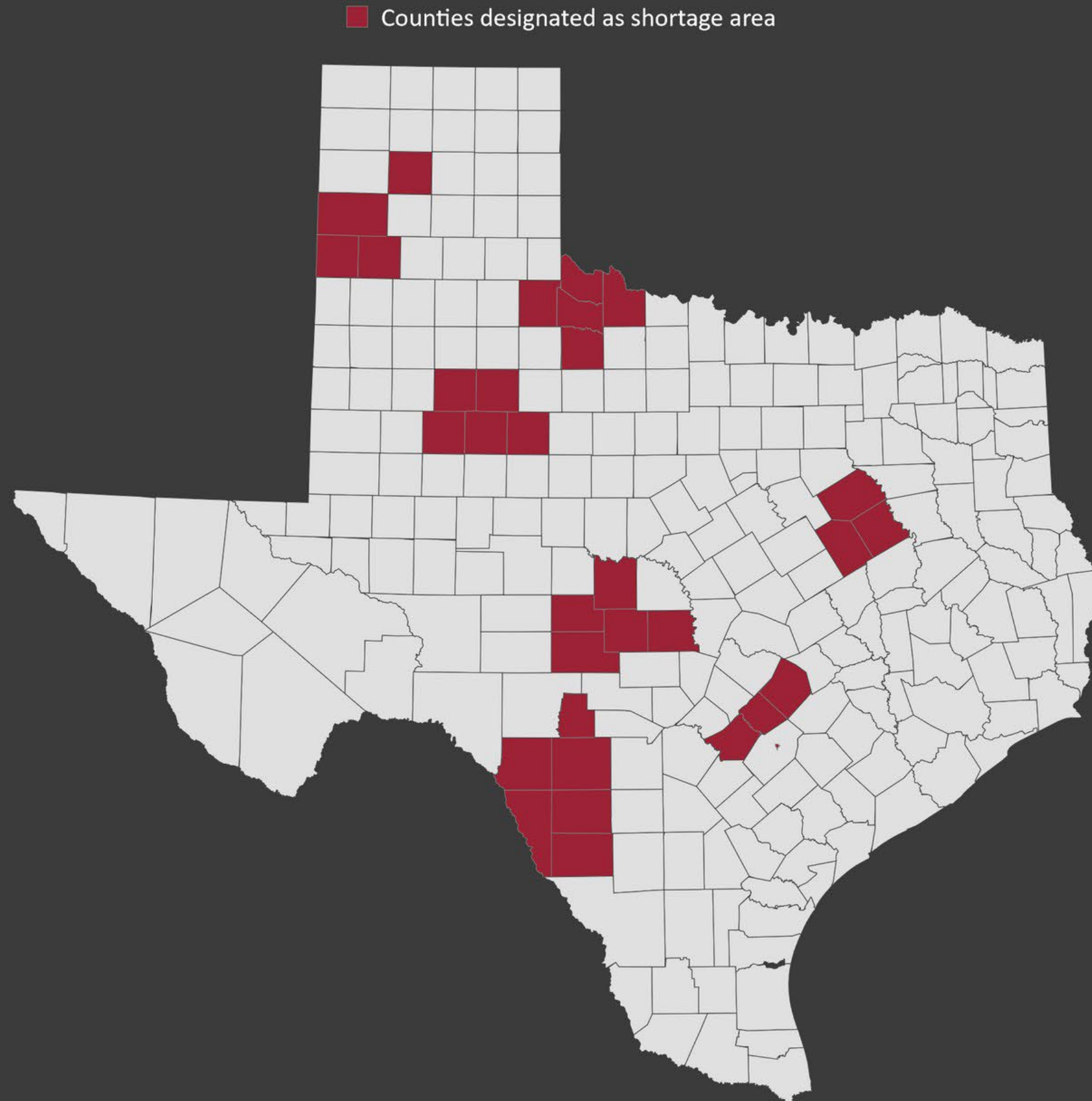
- Public Service
- Food Supply/Public Health
- Min 19.6 hours/wk
- At least 49% FTE

Oklahoma Counties in 2023 Shortage

Counties designated as shortage area

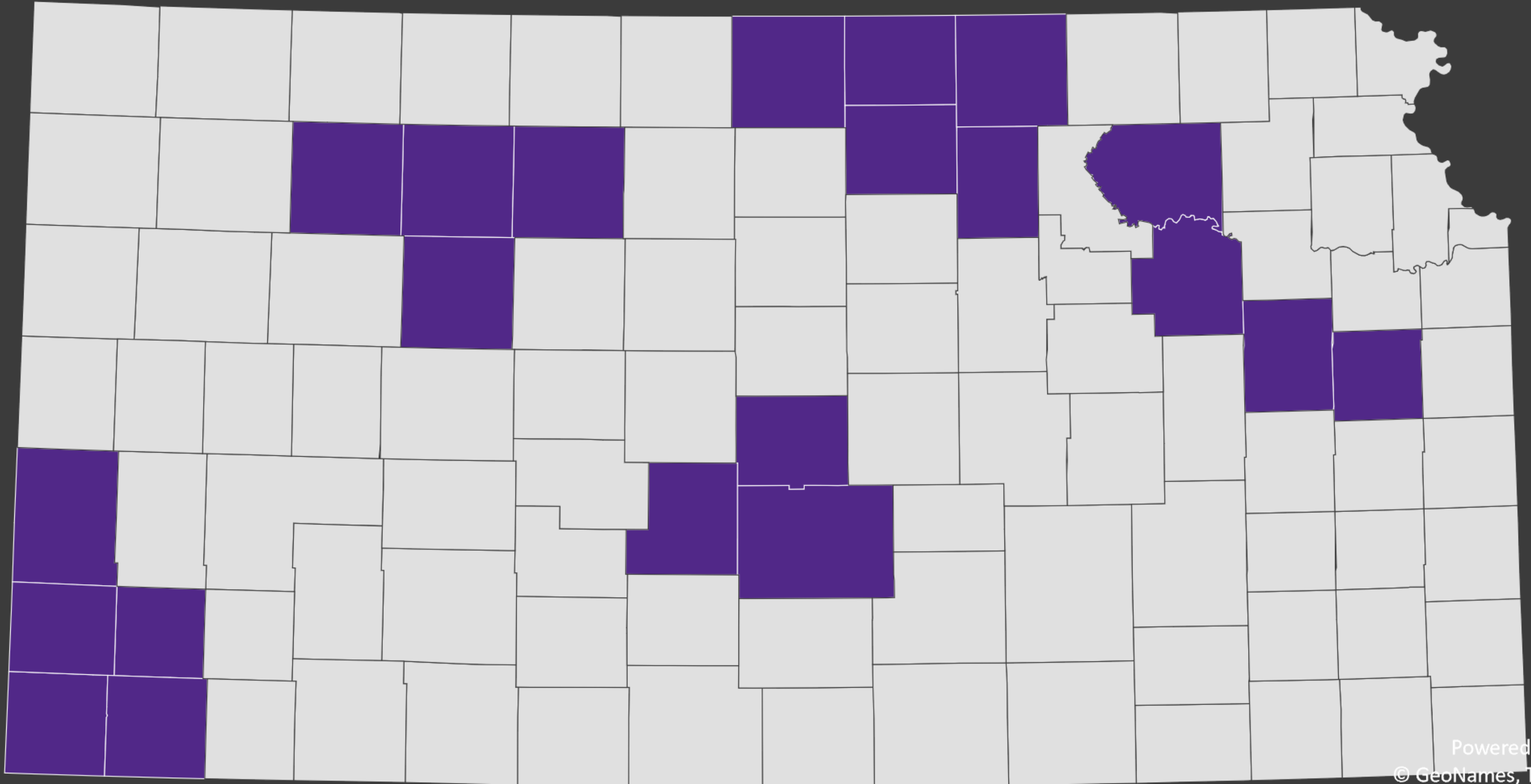


Texas Counties in 2023 Shortage



Kansas Counties in 2023 Shortage

■ Counties designated as shortage area



VMLRP General Calendar



1 October

- Shortage Nomination Cycle Opens

2 November

- SAHO Nominates Shortage Areas

3 February

- Shortage Areas Posted
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4 April

- Applications Close

5 September

- Award Notifications

Timeline Considerations

- START EARLY
- Application takes at least 2 to 3 weeks
- Loan documentation may take 4 to 6 weeks

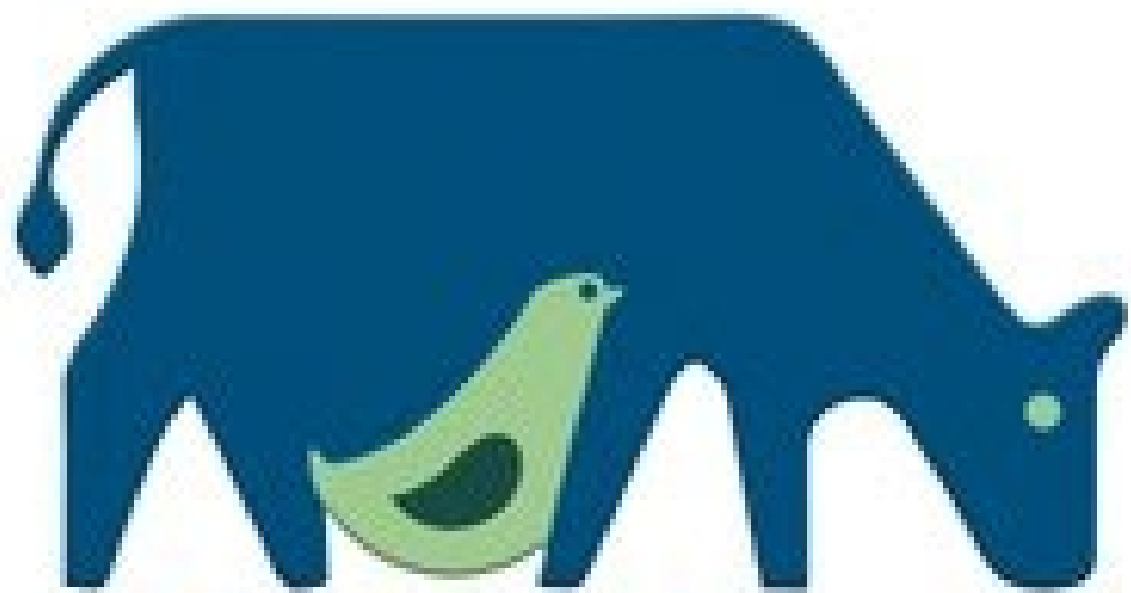


Application Elements

1. Applicant Information Form
 - a. 2-page resume
 - b. Additional page for publications, patents
 - c. PhD synopsis
2. Personal Statement
 - a. Map of service area within shortage area
3. List of Recommenders
4. Loan Information Form
5. Certifications for Application
6. Intent of Employment
7. Recommendations



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TO HELP!



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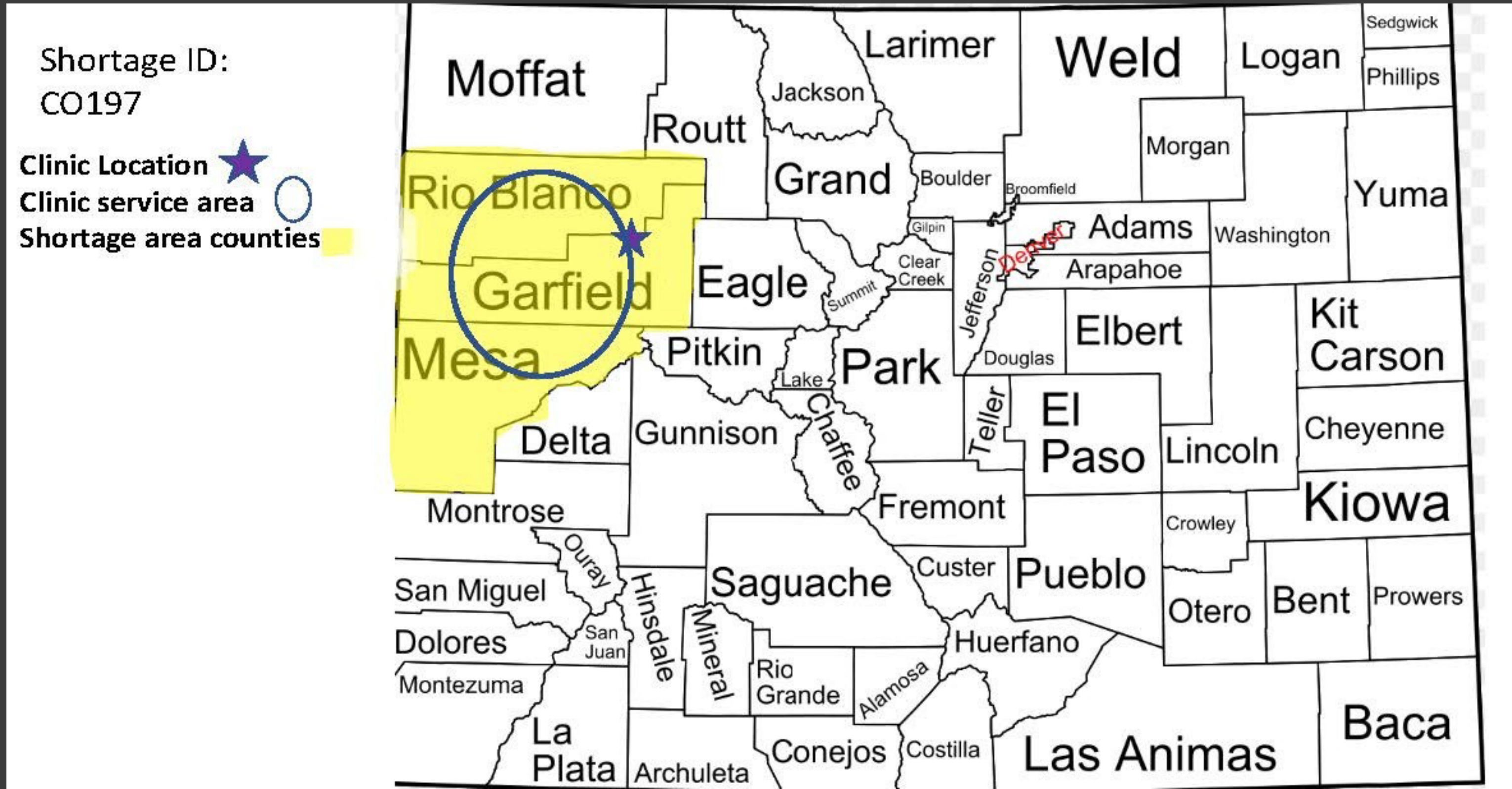
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Application Elements

MAP COURTESY OF USDA NIFA



Loan Documentation

1. Promissory Note(s)/Disclosure Statement or Equivalent
2. Lending Institution Account Statement Loan Summary Report
3. Lending Institution Account Statement Individual Loan Detail Report(s)
4. Federal Student Aid Loan Summary Report
5. Federal Student Aid Individual Loan Detail Report(s)



Other Application Documents

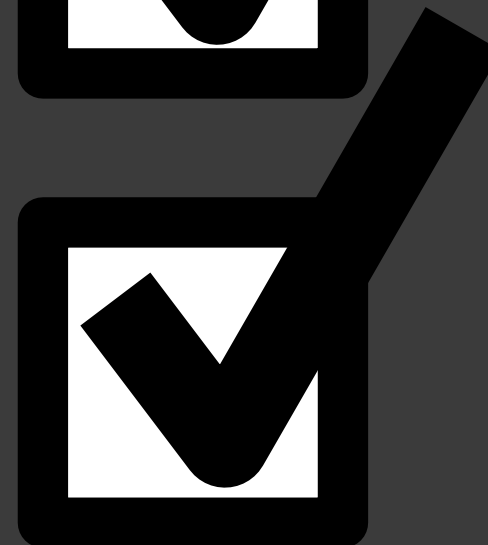
1. Unofficial Transcript
2. 2-page resume
 - a. Additional page for publications, patents
 - b. PhD and Masters
3. Map of shortage area in relationship to service area



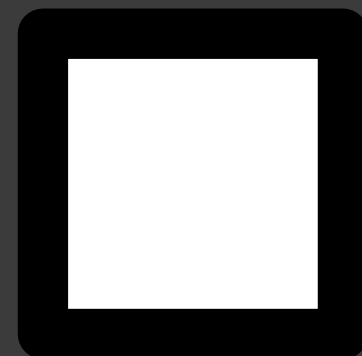
VMLRP Three Part Review Process



Administrative Review



External Peer Review



Loan Document Review

Recommendations for Success

- Read the RFA
- Watch recorded guidance
- Attend Q&A sessions
- Seek guidance
- Use checklist and other tools
- Focus on nominated shortage area description
 - Must serve vs. may serve



Recommendations for Success

- Deliver an effective plan to mitigate shortage
- Define expertise and experience
- Explain goals
- Share vision and aspirations
- Show community connection
- Sell yourself and your plan
- Convince your peers
- PROOFREAD
- Use a reviewer(s)



Ways to Fail

- Procrastinate
- Late submission
- Handwritten documentation
- Documents not PDF
- Incomplete
 - Loan docs
 - Recommendations
 - Forms
- Typos
- Lack of focus
- Not addressing shortage nomination



Practice Owner and Others:

Considerations

- Develop a relationship with SAHO
 - Justification and data
- Recommendations
 - Follow format
 - Be timely
 - Speak to shortage area
- Support your colleague
 - Dedicated hours for associate
 - Service obligation form
- Volunteer for peer review
- VMLRP Enhancement Act, H.R. 2447 & S. 2215



Points of Clarifications

- No requirement that applicants live or be based in shortage area
- Only apply to one area
- Secure employment or establish practice within 90 days of award
- Cannot change awarded shortage areas
- Repayment potential for more than 3 years
- Wide range of graduation years





Veterinary Services Grant Program

Rural Practice Enhancement

- 3-year
- Up to \$125,000
- Veterinary practices
- Service in shortage areas

Education, Extension, and Training

- 3-year
- Up to \$250,000
- Veterinary schools and organizations

Rural Practice Enhancement



- Federal grant
- Establish or expand practices
 - Equipment
 - Overhead costs
 - Establish mobile services
 - Education and extension programs
- Provide service in shortage areas nominated by SAHO



USDA NIFA VETERINARY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

RPE

- Equipment
 - Office
 - Animal restraint
 - Diagnostic
 - Chutes
 - Imaging
 - Hoof trimming
 - Breeding soundness



USDA NIFA VETERINARY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

RPE

- Overhead Costs

- DVM salary and benefits
- Support personnel salary and benefits
- Office rent
- Fuel
- Equipment maintenance
- Expendable medical/office supplies
- Software
- Utilities
- Consulting fees

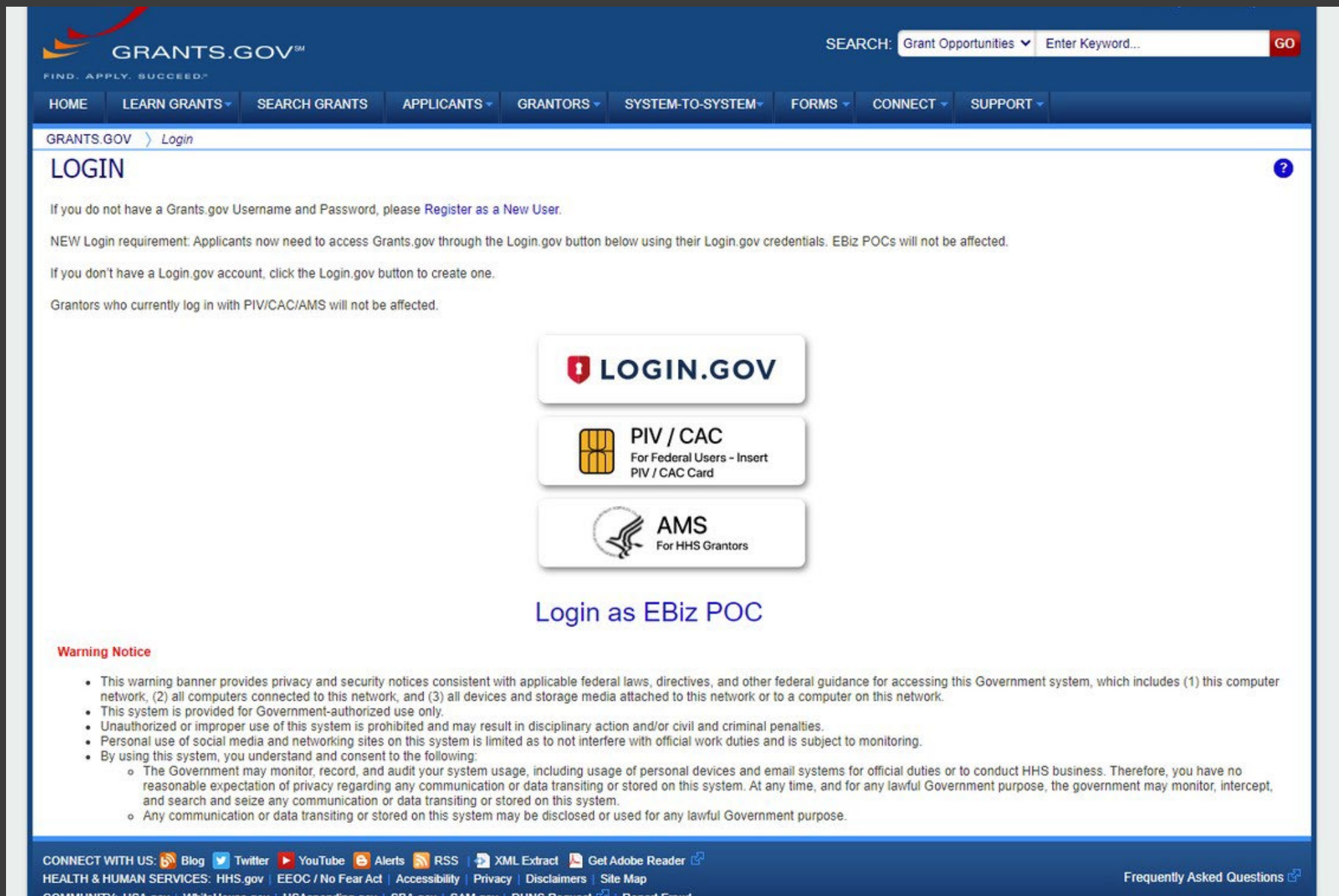


USDA NIFA VETERINARY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

RPE

- Mobile Veterinary Facilities
 - Equipped vehicle
 - Vehicle inserts
 - Testing equipment

RPE



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[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- Review Criteria
 - Expertise and experience 30%
 - Technical merit 70%
- Submit through Grants.gov
- System for Awards Management (SAM) account required
- DUNS no longer required



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VSGP General Calendar

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- Before RFA released
 - Determine eligibility
 - Register for Unique Entity ID with SAM.gov
 - Register for Grants.gov account
- SAM may take up to 6 weeks

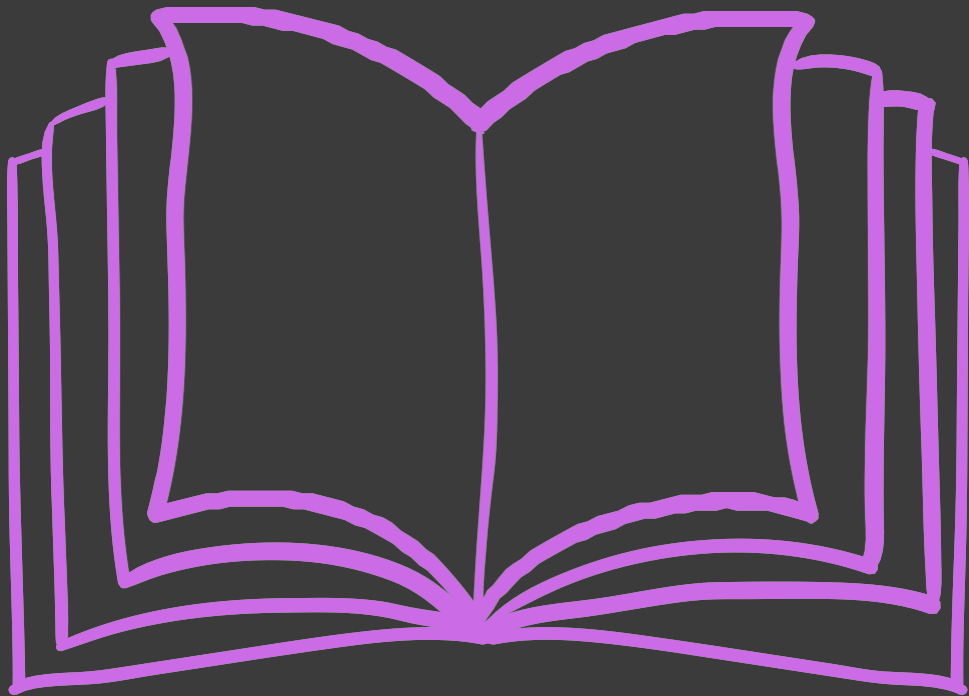


RPE
Helpful Hints

2 year RFA



Awarded narratives
available for reference



Potential relationship
between VMLRP



RPE FY 21 and FY 22 Awardees Highlights

- Associate salary
- Portable hydraulic chute
- Educational outreach
- In clinic chute and alley
- Portable radiology equipment
- Ultrasound
- Vehicle insert
- Computer software
- Truck
- EID readers
- BSE equipment



COMMON MISTAKES

- Waiting until last minute
- Budget and duration unclear
- More than one shortage area
- 3 digit shortage area and state not in title
- Narrative too long
- RFA not followed
- No clear objectives
- Failure to use PDF
- Inclusion of letter of support from those without project role
- Formatting
- Misaligned project period

RPE

Points of Clarification

- Dual awards for VMLRP and VSGP
 - Service time cannot overlap
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approval may be needed
- All applicants need SAMS
- No new buildings or renovations



Resources

- VMLRP
 - <https://nifa.usda.gov/grants/programs/veterinary-medicine-loan-repayment-program>
- VSGP
 - <https://nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/veterinary-services-grant-program-vsgp>



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Other Programs

- State (may be unfunded)
 - Kansas
 - Oklahoma
 - Arkansas
 - Wyoming
 - Minnesota
 - Vermont
 - Others
- Collaborations
 - Industry
 - VMAs





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