



FY26 PPA 7721 Fundingk

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Dear Drs Chaverri,

On April 28th 2026, the Fiscal Year 2026 – PPA 7721 spending plan was published. I am pleased to inform you that your project entitled: DNA barcoding of downy mildew specimens on flowering plants present in the U.S. National Fungus Collection (subproject number 3.0042.02) was approved at a funding level of \$151,524. I will be working with you as the ADODR of the cooperative agreement and look forward to working toward a mutually agreeable work and financial plan. If your project has multiple cooperators and funding designations, please work with your collaborators on dispersing the funding appropriately.

In order to facilitate timely funding allocations S&T has implemented a strict timeline for processing and administering projects. Work and financial plans are due no later than **May 22**. This makes our immediate collaboration on this project imperative to assure the funds are secure. **PLEASE NOTE that this is a hard deadline and exceptions will not be made without written approval.**

In addition, please work with your administrative staff to complete all the necessary steps to award the funding in eZFedGrants. We are asking that the draft final award be signed within two weeks of it being sent to you. **ALL PPA7721 funding agreements must be fully awarded by July 31, 2026. PLEASE NOTE that this is also a hard deadline, and you risk losing funding if your award is not signed by this date.**

Additional information about eZFedGrants, including Job Aids for completing applications and awards, can be found at: <https://www.usda.gov/ocfo/ezfedgrants/using-ezFedGrants/the-grants-process>

I have attached our work plan and financial template to facilitate our collaboration in obligating these funds. Please do not send pdf files, I would like to receive them back in the native Word and Excel formats. When you send your work and financial plans back, please also send me your administrative contacts (see below) – those who are responsible for applying for the agreement opportunity and signing the final funding award.

Please provide the following information needed for processing the agreement:

Agreement Title:

Period of performance

Start Date:

End Date:

Principal Investigator Information

Full Name:

Cooperating Institution:

Email:

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP code:

Phone:

Fax:

Cooperator Administrative Contact Information (i.e. person that processes cooperative agreement)

Full Name:

Email:

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP code:

Phone:

Fax:

Signatory Official Contact Information (i.e. the person who is able to sign in ezFedGrants)

Full Name:

Email:

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP code:

Phone:

Fax:

Sub Awards

Will funds be used on a sub award (CA or subcontract)?

If yes, what is the sub awards Period of Performance?

Start date:

End date:

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

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