



November 6, 2025

Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director
Durham County Center
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Subject: Durham County Center Participation in a Southern SARE Professional Development Program Funded Project (Subaward Number: SUB00003731, Project # SPDP24-025 ELEY)

I serve as the Lead Investigator for the grant project entitled *“Developing a Training Program on Surviving Disasters through Risk Management Preparation and Best Management Practices for Agricultural Producers.”* This project is funded by the Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program – Professional Development Program (SARE-PDP).

The primary objective of this grant project is to provide professional development opportunities for Extension staff to enhance their capacity to conduct risk management programming with farmers, particularly within the context of natural and human-made hazards, as well as challenges stemming from climate change. Through this initiative, we are equipping Extension and other agricultural professionals with the skills and resources needed to help small-scale producers identify, assess, and respond to risks; access relevant resources; and develop both personal and business risk management plans. The grant project is being piloted in four states—Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, and North Carolina.

As part of this effort, Cooperative Extension at North Carolina A&T State University hosted a Disaster Risk Management Workshop (a joint Train-the-Trainer/ Instructional Session) for Extension educators in Cordova, Tennessee (outside of Memphis). Extension professionals from Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas and North Carolina attended this event. From North Carolina, we had two Extension agricultural agents, one Extension associate from NC State/CEFS, and a staff member from a farmer-driven nonprofit organization. **John Lytle (Small Farms & Local Foods Agent in Durham County)** was one of the individuals from NC who attended. Following the training, Extension staff and partners were tasked with conducting localized risk management education programs with farmers in their respective counties or regions. Their focus will be on helping farmers establish risk management goals for their operations and identifying alternative strategies to address priority concerns.

Within the project budget, participating partners—including county Extension agents—are eligible for reimbursement of travel costs associated with attending the joint Train-the-Trainer event, as well as a participant stipend (@ \$1,500). The stipend is designed to offset costs associated with organizing local workshop events and providing individualized guidance to farmer participants. Invoices are permissible to recoup these costs. We have received a no-cost extension from the funding agency to continue this work through June 2026. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michelle Eley, PhD

Associate Professor of Practice - Community & Economic Development Project and
Principal Investigator – Project # SPDP24-025 ELEY, Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&T State Univ.

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North Carolina A&T State University

Fund Assignment Form

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"See Preliminary Box - Award Administration"

12/20/2024

Proposal Number

P24-0274

Sponsor Award Number

SUB00003731

Project Award Number

N/A

Letter of Credit Attributes

N/A

Grant Code

281506

Fund Code

281506

Organization Code

36109

Program Code

142

Short Abbreviated Fund Title:

Disaster Risk Management Prog.

Fund Beginning Date

7/1/2024

Fund End Date

6/30/2025

Chess Category

Service

Sponsor

University of Georgia Research Foundation

Prime Sponsor

USDA NIFA

Principal Investigator

Michelle Eley

Authorized Banner/AggieMart Fund User

Authorized Banner/AggieMart Fund User

School - Department

Agricultural Extension

Center/Institute

N/A

Contracts & Grants Accountant

Carl Reason

Proposal Entered into Banner by

Ondreea Foster

Fund-Grant Completed by

Stephanie Blackstock

Kathy Burckley

Fund-Grant # Requestor

Ondreea Foster

FDP Subaward Amendment

Awarding Agency

Amendment No

PTE/Prime Award No.

Subaward No

Pass-Through Entity (PTE)

Subrecipient

Entity Name

Contact Email

Principal Investigator

Project Title

Cumulative Budget Period(s)
(Agreement Start Date) (End Date of Latest Budget Period)

Amount Funded This Action

Total Amount of Funds Obligated to Date

Start Date:

End Date:

Subrecipient Cost Share

Subject to FFATA

Amendment(s) to Original Terms and Conditions

This Amendment revises the above-referenced Subaward Agreement as follows:

Additional Budget Period

No Cost Extension

Additional Funding

Carryover is

(If changing carryover restrictions from prior Agreement, PTE must use the bilateral modification template)

Carryover Authorized

Detailed Budget/Scope of Work Attached

For all other contractual changes, the PTE must use the bilateral modification template

For clarity: all amounts stated in this amendment are in United States Dollars.

All other terms and conditions of this Subaward Agreement remain in full force and effect.

By an Authorized Official of PTE:

Date

Name

Title

The Subrecipient is not required to countersign this amendment. Unilateral acceptance of this modification does not bypass internal approval processes of the Subrecipient. If Subrecipient would like to terminate this action, a request should be directed to PTE's Administrative Contact.

Host Institutions:
University of Georgia
Fort Valley State University
Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture



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University of Georgia - Griffin Campus
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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 1, 2025

TO: Lakesha Clark, Ag Business Office

FROM: Jeffrey L. Jordan, Director
Tydaisha White, Grants Assistant

RE: Subaward Number: SUB00003731
Other Identifying #: SPDP24-025 ELEY

No Cost Extension 12- month NCE through June 30, 2026

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Please find the attached approved request for a 12 month no cost extension for subaward SUB00003731 on project ID RNIFA000163960A. Please extend the above referenced subcontract through June 30, 2026. Extra time is needed to fulfill the project's plan of work objectives.

Note to SPA: Do NOT change the dates of the prime account project RNIFA000163960A to match the subaward dates. This request pertains to the above mentioned subaward only.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 770-467-6083 should there be any questions.

Thank you.

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