

TENNESSEE FFA FUNDING PRIORITIES

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FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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Restructuring and Expansion of State and Regional Support Staff

- \$840,000-\$1,120,000 Recurring
- Creating positions in the TDA focused on the FFA and students' Supervised Agricultural Experience programs
- Devotion of current staff in the TDOE primarily to curriculum development and teacher support

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Agriculture Education Extended Day Program Funding

- \$3,400,000-\$4,000,000 Recurring
- Providing certified agriculture education teachers one extra hour of pay per day
- For the purpose of increasing students' employability through FFA and SAE services

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Camp Clements Facilities Upgrades

- \$1,805,000-\$2,000,000
- Oldest FFA Camp in the nation
- Urgent Needs: overhaul of the Staff House Lodge, ADA compliance modifications, plumbing improvements

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FFA Facility at Wilson County Fairgrounds

- \$TBD
- Facility to house and display FFA historical items and records
- Site for FFA events and competitions during the Tennessee State Fair and other times of the year

CONTINUED
SUPPORT

Statewide Affiliation

- \$270,000-\$350,000 Recurring
- Each student enrolled in an agriculture education course is now an official FFA member.
- Tennessee FFA is now the fourth largest state association in the country, with 26,000 FFA members.

Annual State Grant Funding

- \$250,000 Recurring
- Support from the Tennessee State Legislature and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- The Tennessee FFA Foundation currently receives \$250,000 annually in the TDA budget.