

WVU Extension Service

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WVU Extension Service

- Outreach and education to all 55 counties, including agents and staff in all counties
- Specialists complement agriculture, family and community development, and 4-H/youth development programming
- **We help citizens put knowledge/research to work**



Extension Service and Land Grant History

- Morrill Land-Grant College Act of 1862 (Teaching)
- Hatch Act of 1887 (Research)
- 2nd Morrill Land-Grant College Act of 1890
- Smith-Lever Act of 1914 (Service/Engagement)
- Equity in Education Land-Grant Status Act of 1994

Extension Service in West Virginia

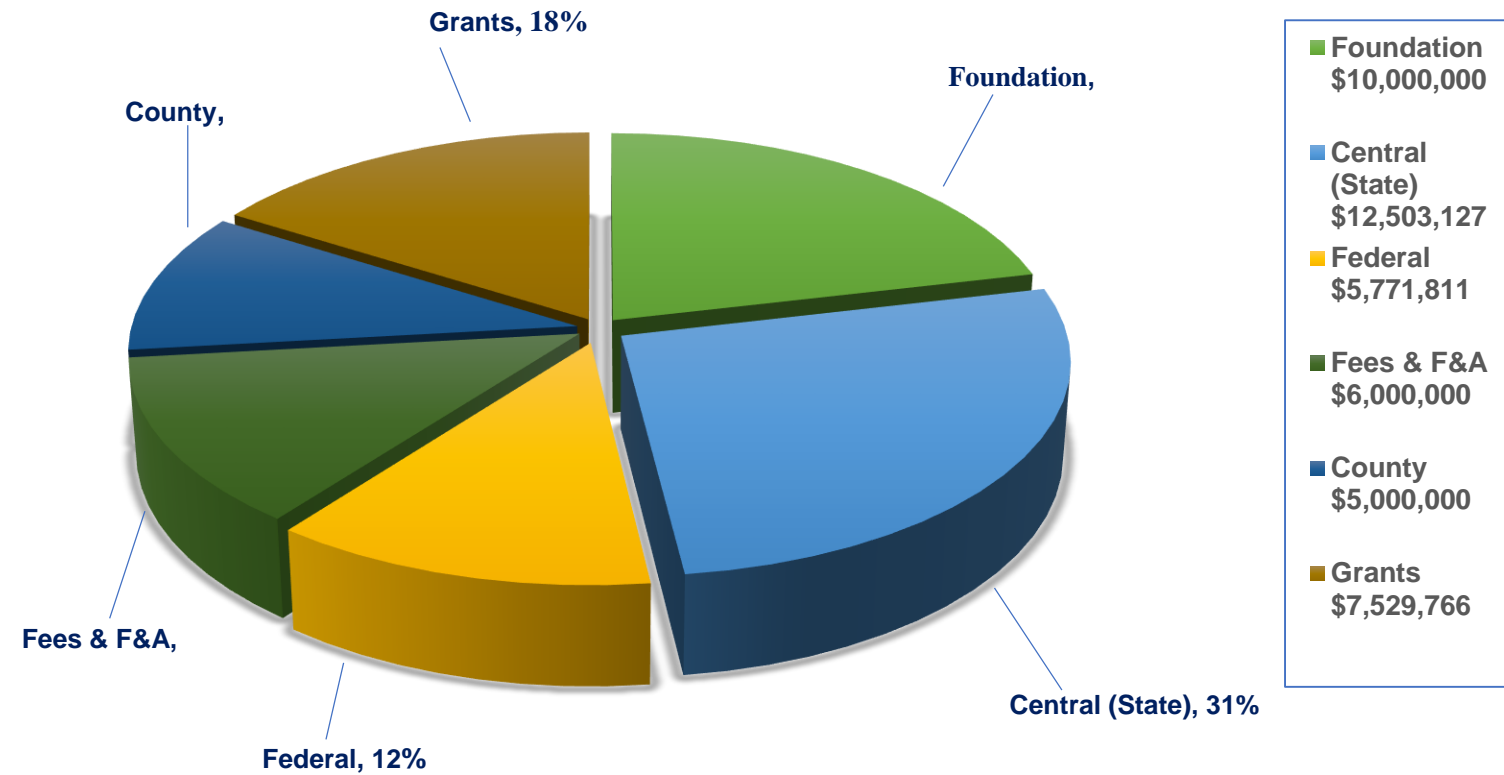
- **House Bill 231**, passed in 1963
 - Defines Cooperative Extension Service
 - Established the Extension Service Committees
 - ESCs include, per code: president of county farm bureau; president of county CEOS (formerly homemakers); president of county 4-H leaders' association; county commissioner (designated by county commission); a member of the board of education (designated by the BOE); county grange representative; and two county residents appointed by board of regents (staggered three-year terms)

Role of the Extension Service Committee

- Enter into memorandum of agreement with the Cooperative Extension Service of WVU for the employment of Extension workers...including county-based faculty and staff
- Prepare a memorandum of agreement with the county commission and with the county board of education for their financial support
- Give guidance and assistance in the development of the county Cooperative Extension Service program and in the preparation of the annual plan of work for the county

Funding for WVU Extension Service

- WVU
- Grants, donor support (foundations, businesses, individuals)
- Federal funding
- County funding

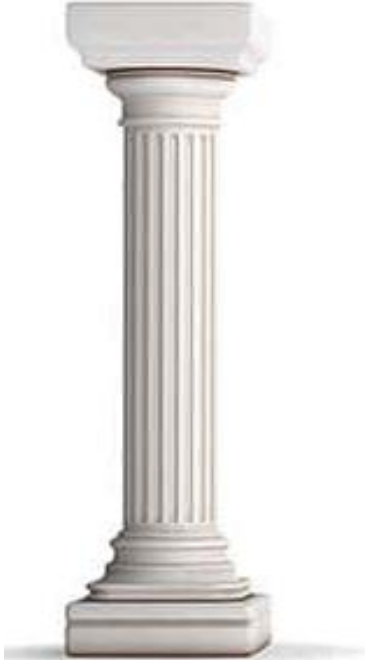


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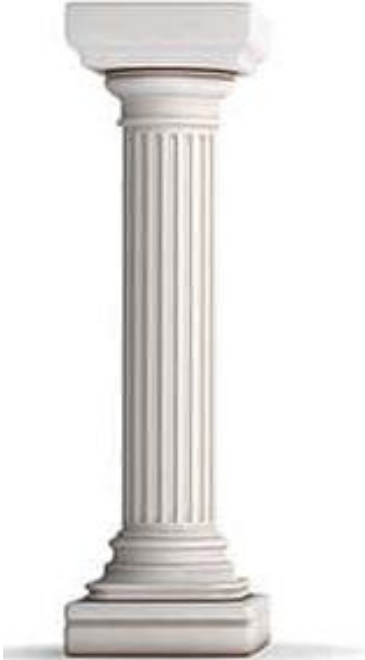
HEALTH



EDUCATION



PROSPERITY



WVU Extension Service and Health

- Opioid outreach and education
 - Marie's House
 - Partnerships w/drug courts, nonprofits
- “Be Wild, Be Wonderful” CDC Grant to address childhood obesity in southern West Virginia
- Diabetes education
- Kids’ pop-up markets, edible landscaping
- Book and veggie mobile



WVU Extension Service and Education

- Agriculture-based programming, master gardeners, grazing management, Women in Ag, woodland management
- Health/nutrition – adults/kids
- 4-H youth programming – national leader in STEM education, Energy Express
- Safety education to the state and region



WVU Extension Service and Prosperity

- Building partnerships and collaboration
- Tourism initiatives and collaborations
 - Monongahela National Forest
 - Clay County jitney
- Community development
- Research to improve farming and crop/gardening
- Empower people to be successful



Future of WVU Extension Service

- Focus on enhancing/building upon relationships – internally and externally
- Address the needs of our communities
- Seek grant funding to further expand programming/outreach
- Expand youth programming
- **Improve lives of our fellow West Virginians through health, prosperity and education**



**What did you do for
West Virginia today?**

Questions?