ACII Allocation Principles

• Maintain the national network
• Preserve Sea Grant Model
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• Funding to State Programs:
  • Statutory limit: No state can receive more than 15%
    – Need-driven
    – Competitive
    – Merit-based
    – Stable funding to manage program
    – Institutionalizes regional research
    – Program Director retains discretion within program, helps set regional priorities
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• Funding for National Programs:
  – National Strategic Investments: competitively available to programs
  – Fund a functional national office

• Phase in new policy
  – Not to exceed two 4-yr planning cycles (8yrs)
Recommended ACII Allocation Policy Framework

• **State (75% Federal Funds)**
  – Base to program (50% Federal Funds)
    • Administration/Extension/Education/Communication/Research
    • Fair and equitable needs-based distribution of funds to state programs
  – Regional Competitive Research (15% Federal Funds)
    • Regionally funded NSIs; competitive among states
    • Total determined by need-based allocation by state
  – Merit Pool (10%)
    • Administration/Extension/Education/Communication/Research
    • Competitive
    • Performance based
  – Total state budgets should strive for 40% or more research

• **National (25% Federal Funds)**
  – Competitive National Programs
    • Fellowships
    • National Strategic Investments
  – NSGO