ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); West Bank, Gaza: Disability Funding

Notice seeking applications to support programs and activities to increase the participation of people with disabilities within the strategies and portfolios of USAID and to strengthen the capacity and services of Disabled People’s Organizations. Questions are due January 23, 2015, 12pm Jerusalem local time. Concept papers are due February 6, 2015, 12pm Jerusalem local time. Approximately $5 million is available. Small fund programs range from $20,000 to $300,000 and large fund programs range from $300,000 - $600,000.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of State (DOS); U.S. Mission to India: Megacity Security Conference

Notice seeking applications to plan and implement a Megacity Security Conference to take place in September 2015 in Mumbai. Applications are due February 20, 2015. Approximately $175,000 is available to support one award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC); Bureau of Economic Analysis, Economics and Statistics Administration: Meeting of Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee

Notice announcing a public meeting of the Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee to address ways in which the national economic accounts can be presented more effectively for current economic analysis and recent statistical developments in national accounting. The public meeting will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET at the Bureau of Economic Analysis at 1441 L St. NW., Washington, D.C.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Education (ED); Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): State Personnel Development Grants (SPDG) Program

Notice extending the deadline for SPDG applications by 15 days. SPDG grants support state educational agencies to improve early intervention, educational, and transition services for children with disabilities. Applications are due by February 13, 2015.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): National Advisory Council; Request for Applicants for Appointment

Notice seeking qualified nominees to the FEMA National Advisory Council, with the role of ensuring effective and ongoing coordination of Federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. FEMA is looking to fill seven positions in various homeland security related disciplines, including Emergency Management, Emergency Response Providers (two appointments), and Cyber Security. Applications are due by February 17, 2015.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); National Institute of Justice (NIJ): NIJ FY 15 Research and Evaluation on White-Collar Crime and Public Corruption

Notice seeking applications on research and evaluation that inform efforts to detect, investigate, prosecute, and otherwise combat and prevent white-collar crime and public corruption. Applications are due April 22, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support up to three awards over a three year period with a start date of January 2016.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office on Violence Against Women (OVW): OVW FY 2015 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program

Notice seeking applications to support projects designed to address and prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in rural jurisdictions. Letters of Registration are strongly encouraged and should be sent by email to ovw.rural@usdoj.gov by February 4, 2015. Applications are due March 4, 2015. Approximately $33 million is available to support up to 40 awards ranging from $175,000 to $1 million.

Links: Grants.gov
• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Tribal Training and Outreach Support for the American Indian Air Quality Training Program

Notice seeking applications to provide comprehensive training, technical support and outreach to federally recognized Indian tribes on how EPA policies, rules and executive orders interplay with Tribal sovereignty and Clean Air Act regulations through sponsoring and broadening reach of workshops, providing tribal air quality training, reaching out to tribal communities, and making internship programs available. Applications are due April 3, 2015. Approximately $8 million is available to support one award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

• U.S. Department of Health (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Cancer Institute (NCI): National Cancer Institute

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss NCI research and programs. The meeting will be held February 12, 2015, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, ET, at National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Stillbirth Risk Factor Pilot Project Centers for Birth Defects Research and Prevention (CBDRPs)

Notice seeking applications aimed at identifying potential preventable external causes of major structural birth defects by conducting a pilot study of stillbirths without major birth defects, and analyzing existing data on stillbirths with major birth defects to find causes and risk factors that will be used to develop later prevention strategies. Letters of intent are requested by February 20, 2015. Applications are due by March 20, 2015. Approximately $1.2 million is available to support two awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Natural Experiments of the Impact of Population-targeted Health Policies to Prevent Diabetes

Notice seeking applications to fund rigorous natural experiments of impact population-targeted health policies and large-scale interventions on risks and complications of diabetes (Component A); and to fund a Central Coordinating Center (CCC) (Component B). Letters of intent are requested February 24, 2015. Applications are due March 24, 2015. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to five awards under Component A and one award under Component B for five years.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Enhancing HIV Prevention Communication and Mobilization Efforts through Strategic Partnerships

Notice seeking applications that can partner CDC with national organizations that have a demonstrated reach and influence in one or more of the following targeted populations; the African American/Black, Hispanics/Latino, Gay, Bisexual Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM), and Transgender population in order to assist in HIV/AIDS Prevention activities. Applications are due March 23, 2015. Approximately $11.5 million is available to support five awards over a five year period. Colleges and universities can serve as partners.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA); Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL): Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss the content of the ACICBL 15th Annual Report on the HHS programs covered under Title VII Part D and to hear related expert presentations. The meeting will be held via webinar January 28, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET. To participate, call 800/369-1867, enter passcode 8803797, and connect to the webinar video feed at https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/acicbl/

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Interdisciplinary Education in Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPCs)

Notice seeking applications to improve health of infants, children, and youth with chronic respiratory conditions. Applications are due March 23, 2015. Approximately $2.04 million is available to support six awards.

Links: Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB); Division of Child, Adolescent and Family Health (DCAFH): National Fetal, Infant and Child Death Review Center Program

Notice seeking applications to participate in the creation of a National Fetal, Infant, and Child Death Review Center that will improve and strengthen state and local capacity to perform complete and accurate fetal, infant and child death reviews. The center will expand and support and improve standardized data collection and quality improvement, provide leadership, training, and technical support, develop a centralized national network to coordinate and disseminate information and findings, and translate recommendations from into practice. Applications are due by March 20, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); Multiple Institutes: BRAIN Initiative: Development, Optimization, and Validation of Novel Tools and Technologies for Neuroscience Research (STTR/SBIR) (R41/R42)

Notice seeking applications from small businesses seeking development of technologies that advance the field of neuroscience research. Funds the development of tools to facilitate analysis of neurocellular interactions, and proof-of-concept testing for large scale recording. STTR requires small businesses to partner with outside parties such as universities. SBIR allows such partnerships but does not require them. Applications are due annually on September 5, January 5, and April 5. Programs expire January 6, 2018. Number of awards may vary. STTR/SBIR Phase I awards are limited to $150,000.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Cancer Institute (NCI): Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (R01)

Notice seeking to support basic, mechanistic research into the biological/genetic causes of cancer health disparities. Funds support studies of biological factors associated with cancer disparities, the development and testing of new methodologies and models, and secondary data analyses. Applications are due annually on June 17 and November 17. Program expires November 17, 2017. Approximately $250,000 is available per year for chosen awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Cancer Institute (NCI): Exploratory/Developmental Grants Program for Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (R21)

Notice seeking to support bold, high-risk, and innovative studies into the biological/genetic causes of cancer health disparities. Funds support studies of biological factors associated with cancer disparities, the development and testing of new methodologies and models, and secondary data analyses. Applications are due annually on June 17 and November 17. Program expires November 17, 2017. Approximately $275,000 is available per year for chosen awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Cancer Institute (NCI): Assay Validation for High Quality Markers for NCI-Supported Clinical Trials

Notice seeking Phase Innovation Awards and Exploratory/Developmental Phase II applications to support the validation of prognostic, predictive or response markers for treatment and markers for cancer control or prevention trials. Applicants should have an assay that works in human samples and whose importance is well justified for development into a clinical assay. The UH2 phase supports analytical validation of assays for these markers that must be achieved within two years before an assay may undergo clinical validation. The UH3 phase supports the clinical validation of established assays for up to three years using specimens from retrospective or prospective studies from NCI-supported or other clinical trials. Letters of intent are requested 30 days before the application due date. Applications are due March 26, 2015; July 8, 2015; October 7, 2015; February 9, 2016; July 8, 2016; October 7, 2016; February 9, 2017; July 7, 2017; and October 6, 2017. The programs expire October 7, 2017.

PAR-15-096: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Weekly Funding Opportunities

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS):** Metabolomics Core for the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN) (U01)

  Notice seeking applications to provide comprehensive analytical methods, analyses, technologies, and metabolomics expertise to the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN) to aid in clinical diagnosis and investigate potential mechanisms underlying phenotypic changes in patients. The application should describe the need to develop specialized, 'boutique' assays and methods of measurement in analyses of both normal and abnormal compounds of the diseased metabolome. Letters of intent are requested by March 15, 2015. Applications are due April 15, 2015. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award to support a project lasting up to three years.

  Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS):** NIAMS Rheumatic Diseases Research Resource-based Centers (P30)

  Notice seeking applications to become a NIAMS resource-based center charged with providing research infrastructure, shared facilities, services, and resources to groups of rheumatic diseases investigators. Each center must have a specifically named focus, and a specific technology, service, or infrastructure that can be shared with researchers with the goal of accelerating, enriching, and enhancing the effectiveness of ongoing and new research in the field. Letters of intent are requested by September 9, 2015. Applications are due by October 9, 2015. Approximately $2 million is available to support four awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.

  Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Aging (NIA):** Prevention Research in Mid-Life Adults

  Notice seeking applications to stimulate research on mid-life adults (those 50 to 64 years of age) that can inform efforts to optimize health and wellness as individuals age, and prevent illness and disability in later years. R01 applications are due annually on February 5; June 5; and October 5. R21 applications are due annually on February 16; June 16; and October 16. The program expires on May 8, 2018. The combined budget for direct costs for the two year project period may not exceed $275,000. No more than $200,000 in direct costs may be requested in any single year.

  Links: [PA-15-098: Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)
  [PA-15-097: Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA):** NIDA Translational Avant-Garde Award for Development of Medication to Treat Substance Use Disorders (UH2/UH3)

  Notice seeking applications to support the translation of research discoveries into medication treating substance abuse disorders stemming from tobacco, cannabis, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, or prescription opiate use. This is a two phase process. Awardees will receive funding under the UH2 funding vehicle; awardees reaching certain project specific milestones during the UH2 phase will be eligible for additional funding under the UH3 phase. Applications must address both phases. Letters of intent are required by March 15, 2015. Applications are due by April 15, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support three awards. Eligible applicants must demonstrate the ability to develop molecules with the potential to treat SUDs and advance them in the drug development continuum.

  Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](#)

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), Office of Research Integrity (ORI):** FY15 Announcement of the Anticipated Availability of Funds for Phase I Research on Research Integrity

  Notice seeking applications to applications for projects to conduct innovative research related to the prevention of research misconduct, protection of whistleblowers, and the furtherance of research integrity in this country and internationally. Applications are due April 20, 2015. Approximately $900,000 is available to support 10 to 12 awards for projects lasting up to 12 months.

  Links: [Grants.gov](#)

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH); Office of Research Integrity (ORI):** FY15 Announcement of Availability of Funds for Embryo Donation and/or Adoption Grant Projects

  Notice seeking applications for projects that address either or both of the following topic areas: (1) Projects that increase public awareness of embryo donation and/or adoption; and (2) Projects that offer services, including counseling, to couples that are currently involved, or soon may be involved, in the process of embryo donation and/or adoption. Applications are due April 21, 2015. Approximately $775,000 is available to support two to six awards for projects lasting up to two years.

  Links: [Grants.gov](#)

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Office of the Secretary; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH); Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues: Public Meeting of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues**

  Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss the BRAIN Initiative and ongoing work in neuroscience, and to discuss the ethical considerations and implications of public health emergency response with a focus on the current Ebola virus disease epidemic. The meeting will be held February 5, 2015, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, ET, and February 6, 2015, from 9:00 am 12:00 pm, ET, at Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th Street NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will be webcast at [www.bioethics.gov](http://www.bioethics.gov)

  Links: [Federal Register notice](#)
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Cooperative Agreement for Networking, Certifying, and Training Suicide Prevention Hotlines and Disaster Distress Helpline

Notice seeking a partner to support emergency hotlines run by SAMHSA to prevent suicide and behavioral health crises. Awardees will manage, strengthen and enhance both hotlines, expand their reach and technical capacities, and increase the amount of crisis centers that are certified in suicide prevention. The program seeks to address behavioral health disparities that create differences in access, service use, and outcomes among racial and ethnic minorities. Applicants must record budgets for both programs in one document. Applications are due by March 18, 2015. Approximately $6.21 million is available to support one award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Department of the Air Force (DAF); Air Force Space Command (AFSPC): Hosted Payload Interface Unit

Notice requesting information on a Hosted Payload Interface Unit that can support the cybersecurity of a hosted payload mission, interface to a variety of spacecraft and payloads, and facilitating transmission security of hosted payload data by interfacing with NSA units. Responses are due by February 16, 2015. Eligibility is unrestricted.

Links: FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Department of the Army: Command and Control Applications for the Decisive Edge

Notice seeking white papers in the area of electronics research, development, and engineering. White papers are required by February 16, 2015. Only those white papers that are deemed most beneficial to the Government will be asked to provide a formal full proposal for further evaluation and potential contract award.

Links: FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); U.S. Department of the Air Force (USAF): Applications for Information Reporting (AIR)

Notice seeking white paper proposals to research, develop, integrate, test and evaluate technologies/techniques to advance current intelligence and situation awareness applications specifically focused on mission reporting and analysis. White papers are requested by the following dates to be considered for funding in the following fiscal years: FY 15 - February 26, 2015; FY 16 - November 30, 2015; FY 17 - November 30, 2016; FY 18 - November 30, 2017. White papers will be accepted until 2:00 pm, ET on 28 Sep 2018, but it is less likely that funding will be available in each respective fiscal year after the dates cited. This program will close on 28 Sep 2018. Approximately $7.75 million is available to be awarded in varying amounts from FY 15 through FY 18. Individual awards will normally range from $100,000 to $700,000 per year to support projects normally lasting up to 24 months.

Links: FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); U.S. Department of the Air Force (USAF); Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (AFSAB): U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss the following agenda: Cyber Vulnerabilities of Embedded Systems on Air and Space Systems; Enhanced Utility of Unmanned Air Vehicles in Contested and Denied Environments; and Utility of Quantum Systems for the Air Force. The public portion of the meeting will be held January 27, 8:00 am to 8:45 am and 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, ET, at the Secretary of the Air Force Technical and Analytical Support Conference Center, 1550 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. Register with the contact at least five days before the meeting date to attend.

Links: Federal Register notice


Notice seeking white paper proposals to develop better tools for assessing small unit collective performance. White papers are due February 23, 2015. Proposed budgets may not exceed $500,000 to support projects lasting up to 24 months.

Links: FBO notice

• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); National Energy Technology Laboratory: Fiscal Year 2015 Vehicle Technologies Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement

Notice seeking applications to develop and deploy cutting-edge advanced highway transportation technologies that reduce petroleum consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, while meeting or exceeding vehicle performance and cost expectations. Required concept papers are due on February 26, 2015. Applications are due on April 10, 2015. An information webinar will be offered on February 4, 2015. Please register for the FOA 1201 webinar prior to 12:00pm, EST on 2/4/2015 using the following LINKS: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3946765521621479682

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
**U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL): Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions (HBCU/OMI)**

Notice seeking applications to support long-term, high-risk meritorious fundamental research that advances the science of coal technologies at eligible U.S. colleges and universities. Grants awarded under this program are intended to maintain and upgrade educational, training, and research capabilities of HBCUs/OMIs in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources. Applications are due March 11, 2015. Approximately $750,000 is available to support three to four awards. Historically Black Colleges and Universities or Other Minority Institutions (HBCUs/OMIs) as educational entities are eligible.

Links: [Solicitation](link), [Grants.gov](link)

**U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL): Support of Advanced Coal Research at United States Colleges and Universities**

Notice seeking applications to develop and sustain a national program of university research that advances the previous stated objectives, the DOE is interested in innovative and fundamental research pertinent to coal conversion and utilization. Applications are due March 6, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to six awards.

Links: [Solicitation](link), [Grants.gov](link)

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); National Protection and Programs Directorate: President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

Notice announcing a public teleconference to discuss a study regarding big data analytics. The advisory members will engage in a discussion of current events related to national cyber issues. Additionally, the members, in coordination with senior leaders from the White House and DHS, will discuss future potential study topics to include the national security and emergency preparedness implications of the Dark Web. A public comment period will be held during the conference call on Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. For access to the teleconference please contact Sandy Benevides by 5:00 pm (ET) on January 30, 2015.

Links: [Federal Register notice](link)


Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss and select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) U.S. small grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The meeting will be held via teleconference February 25, 2015, at 2:00 pm, ET. To join the teleconference, call 866/692-4541 and enter passcode 51659890. Call or email the contact before the meeting to take part.

Links: [Federal Register notice](link)

**U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Migratory Bird Conservation in the Midwest**

Notice seeking applications to support implementation of the Midwest Landbird Migration Monitoring Network, State Breeding Bird Atlases in the Midwest, and to address information needs for conserving Golden-winged and Blue winged warblers on their wintering grounds. Applications are due March 2, 2015. Approximately $200,000 is available to support five awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](link)

### STATE and REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**NOAA: Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Rocky Mountain CESU (Agency: DOI, USGS; Location Rocky Mountain CESU institutions)**

The 2015 NOAA Fisheries/Sea Grant Fellowship Federal Funding Opportunities for both Marine Resource Economics and Population and Ecosystem Dynamics have now posted to Grants.Gov. The links for each announcement are as follows:

Links: [Grants.gov](link)