SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) assists State departments of agriculture in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands in solely enhancing the competitiveness of U.S. grown specialty crops. Specialty crops are fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture, nursery crops (including floriculture).

Applicants shall describe how the project potentially impacts and produces measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public rather than a single organization, institution, or individual.

LINKS: ldaf.state.la.us

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Annual Program Statement—Sindh and Balochistan

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Pakistan

Notice seeking proposals for the following: Public Diplomacy Small Grants: Projects that expand media engagement, strengthen people-to-people ties, or build and strengthen local partners, in support of the public diplomacy priorities of the U.S. Consulate General in Karachi.

Applications are due May 31, 2016. Approximately up to $50,000 per award is available. Colleges and universities with at least two years of programming experience are eligible.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Exchange on Volunteerism in the United States

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to the United Kingdom

Notice seeking applications to support the travel of 10 British professionals and community leaders specializing in the promotion of volunteerism and social action. The program will provide an introduction to volunteerism and social action in the United States.

Applications are due April 25, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

English Language and Cultural Sensitization Camps

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

Notice seeking applications to support six camps designed to teach English language and personal development skills to a diverse audience of Afghan youth. Camps should take place outside Afghanistan but within the region, be three weeks in length, and have a gender-balanced participant slate.

Applications are due May 25, 2016. Approximately up to $4 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
FY 2016 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary Program Honoring Senators Robert Dole and Thomas Harkin

Department of State (State), Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Notice inviting proposals to support professional exchanges between the people of the United States and their counterparts in other countries to promote inclusive education for children and youth with disabilities. Utilizing fellowship models and institutional linkages, this Program will provide professional development opportunities for individuals and organizations aimed at strengthening institutional knowledge and individual expertise, enhancing outreach capabilities, and honing strategies to develop policies and practices that will increase inclusive quality education in their communities and countries.

Proposals are due May 23, 2016. Approximately up to $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

FY 2016 Thematic International Exchange Seminars (TIES) for U.S. Alumni

Department of State (State), Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

Notice seeking proposals to conduct four to six regional seminars for American citizens who are alumni of U.S. government-sponsored people-to-people exchange programs. The seminars will focus on thematic topics that support U.S. foreign policy priorities and foster a sense of shared identity, networking, and dialogue among participating alumni. The seminars will be three to four days in duration for 40-60 participants each, and will take place in different cities throughout the United States.

Proposals are due May 27, 2016. Approximately up to $750,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Humanities Open Book Program

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Notice seeking applications to make outstanding out-of-print humanities books available to a wide audience. By taking advantage of low-cost “ebook” technology, the program will allow teachers, students, scholars, and the public to read humanities books that have long been out of print.

Applications are due September 13, 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

TECH CAMP GEORGIA 2016

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Georgia

Notice seeking proposals for a regional tech camp focused on modern media tools. Public and private non-profit organizations may submit proposals to implement a two-day training and workshops. The implementing partner will collaborate with and provide input to the embassy in selecting participants, and make all logistical arrangements to support the event.

Proposals are due April 29, 2016. Approximately $100,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Television Drama Series to Combat Violent Extremism

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

Notice seeking proposals to develop and broadcast a television drama series that addresses the issue of countering violent extremism among young people in contemporary Afghan society.

Proposals are due May 25, 2016. One award from $1 million to $1.5 million is available to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. Embassy Abuja Annual Program Statement

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Nigeria

Notice inviting applications from individuals, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions to support exchange between the United States and the Federal Republic of Nigeria with the aim of improving mutual respect and understanding.

Applications are due July 31, 2016. Awards are up to $100,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USAID’s Biodiversity Annual Program Statement (APS)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), South Sudan (USAID)-Juba

Notice seeking concept papers for integrated programs that foster landscape conservation in support of human security in South Sudan.

Concept papers are accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed May 23 and July 25, 2016. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. The closing date is September 26, 2016. Questions are due April 23, 2016. Approximately $23 million is available to support an estimated one or two awards for projects lasting from one to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

US-China Training Programs for Afghan Cooperation and Reconstruction

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

Notice announcing an open competition to implement a two-week training program in the U.S. for up to 15 Afghan professionals in a specific sector of Afghan development (e.g. agriculture) and a second, preferably concurrent, two-week training program in the U.S. for up to 15 Afghan professionals in a separate development sector (e.g. public health). These topics, however, are subject to change and will be confirmed after the award has been made. Other thematic areas—e.g. education, cultural heritage, women’s empowerment, local governance—may be selected.

Applications are due May 25, 2016. Up to $250,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Carol M. White Physical Education Program CFDA Number 84.215F

Department of Education (Education), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Notice seeking applications to initiate, expand, and improve physical education for students in grades K–12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting State physical education standards.

Applications are due May 20, 2016. Approximately $23 million is available to support 15 awards. LEAs and CBOs are eligible.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Federal Register

Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program

Department of Commerce (Commerce), Small Business Administration (SBA)

Notice supporting applications for efforts from a national network of mentees to strengthen the technological competitiveness of underserved small technology business firms and encourage small technology firms to submit and win more SBIR/STTR awards and/or commercialize SBIR/STTR technologies. Funds support efforts to establish a mentoring network and training programs for small businesses, and provide capital to companies developing SBIR/STTR proposals. Matching is required.

Applications are due by May 20, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support 16 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program-SBTDC States

Department of Commerce (Commerce), Small Business Administration (SBA)

Notice supporting applications for efforts to fund projects in selected states to strengthen the technological competitiveness of underserved small technology business firms and encourage small technology firms to submit and win more SBIR/STTR awards and/or commercialize SBIR/STTR technologies. Funds support efforts to establish a mentoring network and training programs for small businesses, and provide capital to companies developing SBIR/STTR proposals. Applications are only accepted from the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, California, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania or Puerto Rico. Matching is required.

Applications are due by April 1, 2016. Approximately $1 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

FY 2016 Research and Evaluation Program

Department of Justice (Justice), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

Notice seeking applications to research and evaluate approaches to combatting domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Letters of registration are requested by April 7, 2016. Applications are due May 2, 2016. Approximately $100,000 to $400,000 per awards is available to support up to 15 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
OJJDP FY 16 Evaluations of Trauma-Informed Care in Juvenile Justice

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Notice seeking applications to advance evidence-based practices for trauma-informed care of youth in the juvenile justice system, with an additional emphasis in Category 2 on gender-specific programming for girls.

Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately up to $1 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Research on Sentinel Events and Criminal Justice System Errors

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Notice seeking applications for research on sentinel events in the criminal justice system, or negative outcomes in the criminal justice system that signal underlying weaknesses in a system or process. Funds support research into sentinel event reviews, determining their feasibility and effectiveness in the criminal justice systems. Focus areas include Policing and Multi-Stakeholder Sentinel Event Reviews.

Applications are due by May 17, 2016. Approximately $1 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative

Department of Transportation (Transportation), Federal Highway Administration

Notice seeking applications to develop model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment.

Applications are due June 3, 2016. Approximately $60 million is available to support up to 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Cities Leading through Energy Analysis and Planning (Cities-LEAP)

Department of Energy (Energy), Golden Field Office

Notice seeking applications to support the development and piloting of data-driven decision frameworks to be used by local and tribal governments when considering clean energy projects in their communities. These frameworks should advance model practices and processes that improve the ability of local and tribal governments to integrate, analyze, and understand varied datasets, in order to pursue opportunities across all clean energy sectors such as sustainable transportation, energy efficiency, and renewable power. Partnerships are strongly encouraged.

Concept papers are due May 17, 2016. Applications are due June 17, 2016. An informational webinar will be held March 31, 2016 at 2:30 pm, ET. Approximately $1.25 million is available to support three to five awards ranging from $100,000 to $500,000 each are available for projects lasting up to 24 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Diversion Symposium

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections

Notice seeking applications to educate and inform criminal justice stakeholders and policymakers about pretrial diversion decision making.

Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately $107,000 is available to support one award for a project lasting up to 12 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program CFDA Number 84.022A

Department of Education (Education), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Notice seeking applications to provide opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States. Applications are due May 6, 2016. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to 90 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Justice Programs; Bureau of Justice Assistance

Notice seeking applications to demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program.

Applications are due May 17, 2016. Approximately $90 million is available to support up to 30 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration State-Based Capacity Building Program

Department of Justice (Justice), Bureau of Justice Assistance

Notice seeking applications to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for adult and juvenile individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring substance use disorders. Applications are due May 19, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

National Essential Fish Habitat Summit Public Meeting

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Marine Fisheries Service to identify and share opportunities, challenges, and successful approaches for the effective implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat authorities.

The meeting will be held on May 17, 2016, at 8:30 am and will end on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 3 pm at the Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD. Registration is required, and participation may be limited.

LINKS: Federal Register
National Initiatives: Law Enforcement

Department of Justice (Justice), Bureau of Justice Assistance

Notice seeking applications to support the delivery of national training, technical assistance, and programming on a variety of topics to law enforcement to improve and develop practice. BJA seeks to improve and elevate the functioning of the criminal justice system (with specific emphasis relating to the adjudication process) by assisting state and local jurisdictions and tribal governments to ensure the fair administration of justice in the criminal justice system. This is achieved by focusing on TTA for courts, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and police.

Applications are due May 10, 2016. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

National Trails Training

Department of Transportation (Transportation)

Notice seeking applications to provide technical assistance to enhance trail planning, design, construction, maintenance, and management on all kinds of trails on Federal, State, local, and private lands.

Applications are due May 23, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

OJJDP FY 16 Assessing the Impact of Juvenile Justice Reforms Program

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Notice seeking applications to assess the effectiveness and/or cost efficiency of juvenile justice system reforms defined as systemic policy or practice changes within a locality or state that impact one or more segments of the juvenile justice system. Applications are sought in two categories: 1) Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative State Policy Evaluations; 2) State and Local Juvenile Justice Reform Policy Evaluations.

Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support up to four awards for projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

OJJDP FY 16 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Notice seeking applications to provide communities with funds to implement or enhance existing evidence-based gang prevention, intervention, and suppression programs and to hire a multistrategy coordinator to enhance the coordination of existing community-based anti-gang programs.

Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately $2.4 million is available to support eight awards of up to $300,000 each for projects lasting up to 24 months. Lead applicant eligibility is limited to states, units of local governments, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations, but applications may include partnerships with other organizations.

Limited Submission: Organizations may submit only one application as the lead applicant; however, a subrecipient may be part of multiple proposals.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Proposed Priority and Requirements-Technical Assistance on State Data Collection-Assessment Center [CFDA Number: 84.373A]

Department of Education (Education), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Notice seeking comments on a proposed priority and requirements for the Technical Assistance on State Data Collection program in order to support the achievement of State Identified Measurable Results related to the assessment of students with disabilities.

Submit comments at www.regulations.gov by June 6, 2016. All comments will be publicly posted on the site in their entirety.

LINKS: Federal Register

Survey of Public Defenders: A Design Study (SPDDS)

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Justice Programs; Bureau of Justice Statistics

Notice seeking applications to conduct developmental work for a survey of public defenders to develop a detailed understanding of the delivery of indigent defense services and to obtain their assessment of the service and training needs of this part of the criminal justice system.

Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award for a project lasting up to 15 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Veterans Trauma Informed Training

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections

Notice seeking applications to develop a curriculum for training staff within a local jurisdiction on responsivity issues for veterans that will build skills and improve outcomes for justice-involved veterans.

Applications are due May 21, 2016. Approximately $70,000 is available to support one award for a project lasting up to 12 months.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health to advise and make recommendations to the Director, Office of Research on Women's Health on a broad range of topics.

The meeting will be held on April 19, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 6C, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD

LINKS: Center Home Page, Federal Register
Announcement of Establishment of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030 and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing the establishment of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030 and invites nominations for membership.

Nominations are due April 18, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register, Solicitation

Assessment of Intersubject Variability in Small Airway Delivery with Oral Inhalation Drug Products (U01)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to gather depositional data obtained with a computational modeling approach for small airway delivery to adults with orally inhaled drug products for management of asthma. Funds support projects that create regional deposition data for reference listed drugs that can indicate whether or not the drug product targets small airways in asthmatic patients and the key product attributes that affects the deposition.

Applications are due by May 16, 2016. Approximately $200,000 is available to support one award

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Collaborative Hubs to Reduce the Burden of Suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth (U19)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking applications to establish three collaborative research hubs to increase the reach and research base for effective, culturally relevant, preventive interventions that will increase resilience and reduce suicide in tribal or urban Indian communities.

Letters of intent are requested by June 7, 2016. Applications are due July 7, 2016. Approximately $2.7 million is available to support three awards in FY 2017.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Cooperative Research Agreements Related to the World Trade Center Health Program (U01)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Notice seeking applications for scientifically rigorous research to help answer critical questions about physical and mental health conditions related to the September 2001 terrorist attacks. Funds support research in the following topics: Linking 9/11 exposure to health conditions; Characterizing established WTC-related diseases and comorbidities; Health services research and value-based care that addresses disaster-related injury and illness for chronic disease; Characterizing the workability and occupational outcomes for those impacted by 9/11; and Lessons learned in recovery.

Letters of intent are requested by November 1, 2016; November 1, 2017; November 1, 2018; and November 1, 2019. Applications are due by April 19, 2016; December 1, 2016; December 1, 2017; December 4, 2018; and December 3, 2019. Approximately $75 million is available to support 60-70 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Development of Animal Models and Related Biological Materials for Research (R21)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP)

Notice seeking applications for highly innovative exploratory research to develop, characterize or improve animal models and related biological materials for human health or to improve diagnosis and control of diseases that might interfere with animal use for biomedical research purposes. Proposed projects must fall within the categorical interests of two or more NIH institutions/centers.

Applications are accepted annually on June 16, October 16, and February 16 until May 8, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Implementing Population Pharmacokinetic Modeling Algorithm in Physiologically-based Pharmacokinetic Models to Allow Parameter Estimation at Individual Data Level (U01)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to develop and implement a robust optimization algorithm that can be used to perform population-based statistical analysis in complex and computationally intensive physiologically based pharmacokinetic models measuring parameter distributions in the population(s) of interest. Funds support projects that can be used to generate predictions that can inform bioequivalence assessments and regulatory decisions relating to generic drug development.

Applications are due by May 16, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Public Input

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a public forum of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods to promote national and international partnerships between governmental and nongovernmental groups, including academia, industry, advocacy groups, and other key stakeholders.

Registration for the Onsite Meeting is May 13, 2016. Registration for the Webcast is May 25, 2016. The meeting will be held May 25, 2016, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET. at the William H. Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Meeting Home Page, Federal Register

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Institute on Aging Board of Scientific Counselors for committee discussion, individual presentations, and laboratory overview.

The meeting will be held on May 24-25, 2016 at the National Institute on Aging, Biomedical Research Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 251 Bayview Boulevard, Baltimore, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
National Quality Improvement Center on Tailored Services, Placement Stability and Permanency for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Children and Youth in Foster Care

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for the establishment of a National Quality Improvement Center that will conduct four to six projects in partnership with state child welfare systems to produce supports and interventions that support the permanency and stability of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth in the child welfare system. Fund support efforts to: review and provide capacity-building technical support to multiple research projects; and develop a comprehensive catalog of the effectiveness of each project to guide future efforts.

Applications are due by May 17, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

NIDCR Dentist Scientist Career Transition Award for Intramural Investigators (K22)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)

Notice supporting applications for highly qualified dentists in NIH Intramural postdoctoral fellowship positions with an opportunity to receive further mentored research experience, and provide them with independent funding to facilitate the transition of their research programs as new investigators at extramural institutions.

Applications are accepted annually on June 12, October 12, and February 12 until May 8, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Request for Comments on National Bioethics Advisory Bodies

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice requesting public comment on the role of past, present, and future national bioethics bodies, such as this one, in the United States and elsewhere.

Comments are due July 1, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register, Solicitation

Request for Nominations of Candidates to Serve on the Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women (ACBCYW)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice soliciting nominations for possible membership on the Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women (ACBCYW). The Committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding the formative research, development, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based activities designed to prevent breast cancer (particularly among those at heightened risk) and promote the early detection and support of young women who develop the disease. The advice provided by the Committee will assist in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of credible appropriate messages and resource materials.

Nominations are due April 25, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register
Request for Nominations of Experts To Augment the Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee for the Review of the EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking qualified applicants to augment the EPA Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee for the review of the EPA's draft Toxicological Review of Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) in Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System. Applicants should have expertise in one of the following areas as it pertains to RDX: Neurotoxicity; kidney/urogenital expertise (preferably with some experience with the prostate); reproductive/developmental toxicity; general toxicology; carcinogenicity; physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling including toxicokinetic considerations; and quantitative risk assessment expertise specifically related to dose-response modeling of animal data.

Nominations are submitted by April 8, 2016.

LINKS: Nomination page, Federal Register

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses to review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, and hear updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting, including updates on the VA Gulf War research program, along with research presentations describing neurological problems in Gulf War Veterans. There will also be a discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will be held on April 28-29, 2016, at 1001 16th Street NW., Washington, DC. Attendees may call a toll free number to participate

LINKS: Federal Register

Administrative Supplements to NIGMS Predoctoral Training Grants for Research Curriculum Development (Admin Supp)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

Notice seeking applications to support the implementation and assessment of innovative, novel curricular and training activities aimed at the development of skills needed to be a competitive biomedical research scientist.

Applications are due May 18, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available to support up to 10 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Archiving and Documenting Child Health and Human Development Data Sets (R03)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Notice seeking applications to support archiving and documenting existing data sets in order to enable secondary analysis of these data by the scientific community. Datasets within the scientific mission of the NICHD and especially those which were collected with NICHD support are a priority.

Letters of intent are requested 30 days before the application deadline. Applications are due February 16, June 16, and October 16, annually. The expiration date is May 8, 2019. Standard AIDS dates apply. Multiple awards of up to $50,000 are anticipated to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Complex Integrated Multi-Component Projects in Aging Research (U19)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Notice seeking applications to support large-scale, complex research projects with multiple highly integrated components focused on a common research question relevant to aging. Such projects will likely involve an integrated multidisciplinary team of investigators within a single institution or a consortium of institutions.

Letters of intent are requested and due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due May 25; September 25; January 25.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Developing and Disseminating Targeted Immunization Materials

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

Notice seeking applications to support the dissemination of immunization information using electronic and/or digital formats to enhance the effectiveness of disease prevention programs for vaccine preventable diseases.

Applications are due May 20, 2016. Approximately one award of up to $300,000 per year is available to support a project lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: National Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Model Systems Data Center

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for a National Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Model Systems Data Center that advances medical rehabilitation by increasing the rigor and efficiency of scientific efforts to longitudinally assess the experience of individuals with SCI. This Data Center must maintain the national longitudinal database for data submitted by each of the SCI Model Systems Centers. This Data Center must also ensure collection of high quality data and support rigorous research by the model system centers by monitoring data quality, providing training in collecting SCI Model Systems data, and providing methodological consultation to these centers.

Letters of intent are requested by April 28, 2016. Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately $662,500 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Discovery of the Genetic Basis of Childhood Cancers and of Structural Birth Defects: Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program (X01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice inviting applications to use whole genome sequencing at a Kids First-supported sequencing center to elucidate the genetic contribution to childhood cancers, and to investigate the genetic etiology of structural birth defects. These data will become part of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Data Resource (Kids First Data Resource) for the pediatric research community.

Letters of intent are requested by May 17, 2016. Applications are due June 17, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
DoD Combat Casualty Care Prolonged Field Care Research Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications to target the emerging need to provide extended trauma care prior to reaching a location that can provide definitive hemorrhage and contamination control. Trauma care during this period is often called “Prolonged Field Care” (PFC). Pre-applications are required by April 28, 2016. Invited full applications are due August 4, 2016. Approximately $47.8 million is available to support 31 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Emerging Infections Sentinel Network - Global Provider-based Surveillance of International Travelers

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to assist the awardee in operating a global provider-based sentinel surveillance network. The network will specifically be organized around travel/tropical medicine practitioners who encounter ill international travelers. Data collected from these travelers will be used to monitor for the emergence of important infectious disease threats. The network will also help bridge clinical medicine and public health by promoting information exchange between the two disciplines. If successful, the project will contribute measurably to the advancement of the global health security agenda of the United States. Applications are due May 20, 2016. Approximately $5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Evaluating Practice-based Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Approaches from CDC’s Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Extramural Research Program Office

Notice seeking applications to support research to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of primary prevention programs, policies, or practices implemented by Rape Prevention and Education programs for sexual violence perpetration in order to strengthen sexual violence prevention efforts at the local, state, and national level.

Letters of intent are requested by April 22, 2016. Applications are due May 23, 2016. Up to five awards ranging from $350,000 to $450,000 per year are available to support projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

International AIDS Education and Training Center

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to develop an International AIDS Education and Training center to provide technical assistance and identify and scale up approaches to preventing HIV and improving health outcomes for people living with HIV along the HIV treatment spectrum. The center will work to build sustainable health systems, including a global workforce with the right skills, mix, and distribution to respond to HIV and other population health priorities in countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and other countries with significant or increasing HIV and other infectious disease incidence rates.

Applications are due May 23, 2016. Approximately $45 million per year is available to support two awards for projects lasting up to five years. An informational webinar will be held April 7, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, ET. To participate, call 866/692-4541 and enter pass code 8029730.

Limited Submission: Organizations may submit no more than one application.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Limited Competition: Small Grant Program for NIDDK K01/K08/K23 Recipients (R03)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

Notice seeking applications to enhance the capability of its K01, K08, and K23 award recipients to conduct research as they complete their transition to fully independent investigator status. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is, therefore, intended to support research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources and that may provide preliminary data to support a subsequent R01, or equivalent, application.

Applications are due July 12; November 12; and March 12 annually.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Maternal and Child Health Measurement Research Network (MCH-MRN)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

Notice seeking applications to establish a research network that will develop a national agenda for health measurement research by producing an evolving compendium of available high quality measures of maternal and child health, and by identifying gaps in existing measures for future development purposes. The MCH-MRN will specifically address health measurement research for at-risk mothers, children (including children with special health care needs), adolescents, and families, with a focus on programmatic applications.

Applications are due May 27, 2016. Approximately $300,000 per year is available to support one award for a project lasting up to three years.

Limited Submission: Organizations may submit no more than one application. Principal investigators or co-investigators may not serve on more than one MCHB-funded network at a time.

LINKS: Grants.gov

National Cancer Institute, Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute

Notice announcing open meeting of the President's Cancer Panel to examine the Cancer Drug Cost and Access Landscape.

The meeting will be held June 10, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at the New York Hilton Midtown, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY.

LINKS: Federal Register

Population Health Interventions: Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R01) Opportunity Category: Discretionary

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to support multilevel, transdisciplinary population health interventions that target underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions in an effort to improve health outcomes.

Applications are due June 5; October 5; and February 5 annually.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Population Health Interventions: Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R21)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to support multilevel, transdisciplinary population health interventions that target underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions in an effort to improve health outcomes.

Applications are due June 16; October 16; February 16 annually.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Research Portfolio Analysis, NIMH

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking comments on a proposed collection of research funding data from U.S. and international Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) research funders, to assist the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee in fulfilling the requirements of the Combating Autism Act, and to inform the committee and interested stakeholders of the funding landscape and current directions for ASD research.

Submit comments to or request information from the contact within 60 days of the announcement date.

LINKS: Federal Register

Role of Astrocytes and Astrocytic Networks in Drug Abuse (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeking applications to examine the effects of drugs of abuse on the structural connectivity of astrocytic networks within the CNS, and the generation, processing and spatiotemporal control of activities within these networks.

Letters of intent are not required and due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 5; October 5; February 5.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

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LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Rural Health & Safety Education

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Notice seeking applications to support existing health education projects serving rural communities and enable them to scale-up state-wide or regionally across state lines. Priority consideration will be given to proposals with multi-institution partnerships and Regional Rural Development Centers’ involvement.

Applications are due June 1, 2016. Approximately four awards (one per region) of up to $350,000 each area available to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Air Force Fiscal Year 2017 Young Investigator Research Program (YIP)

Air Force (Air Force), Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Office of Scientific Research

Notice seeking proposals to foster creative basic research in science and engineering; enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering.

Questions are due May 2, 2016. Proposals are due June 1, 2016. Approximately $120,000 per award is available to support 50 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

FY 2016 and FY 2017 Pollution Prevention Information Network (PPIN) Grants Program

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

Notice supporting the development and delivery of pollution prevention (P2) information resources, tools, training and related services to meet the needs of businesses and technical assistance providers working in specified national emphasis areas. Emphasis areas include: climate change mitigation/prevention of greenhouse gas emissions; P2 practices in the food manufacturing and processing sector; and state or community approaches to hazardous materials source reduction. Funds support efforts to: Assess the training needs of stakeholders; Develop information resources; Promote and deliver tools, products and services through training and making P2 resources and tools available online; and Measuring the impact of grant activities on adoption of P2 practices. Individual EPA regions include additional focus areas. Matching is required.

Applications are due by May 17, 2016. Approximately $1.6 million is available to support four to eight awards for two years.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Next Generation Social Science

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Defense Sciences Office (DSO)

Notice seeking innovative research proposals to understand emergent properties of human social systems. Funds support efforts to tackle issues related to resilience in social networks and structures, changes in cultural norms or beliefs, emergence of cooperation/competitions, social influences on preferences and cognition, etc. Funds support programs that include not only social sciences, but also physics, computer science, biology, game design, mathematics, and others.

Program supports three types of awards: End-to-End, Enablers, and Test & Evaluation.

Abstracts are requested by March 31, 2016. Applications are due by May 18, 2016. Multiple awards are anticipated, but only one Test & Evaluation award will be given.

LINKS: Solicitation, FBO, Grants.gov
Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Department of Transportation (Transportation), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Notice announcing an open meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Administrator and the Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety and Chief Safety Officer, along with various status reports.

The meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2016 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, ET at the Grand Hyatt Hotel 1000 H Street NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Addressing Risk and Uncertainty in the Future Power System

Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory

Notice seeking applications to support the future engineering and market functions required by operational and planning modeling and computation methodologies/techniques.

Applications are due April 21, 2016. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support five to six awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Applied Sciences Advisory Committee; Meeting

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Applied Sciences Advisory Committee (ASAC)

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss an overview of the 2016 Applied Sciences Program Budget, a continuity study, the status of user working groups and science teams, and the status of the Decadal Survey.

The meeting will be held April 19, 2016 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, ET, via webinar and teleconference. To attend via webinar, go to https://nasa.webex.com/ and enter meeting number 995 194 812 and password @April19. To attend via teleconference, call 844/467-4685 and enter passcode 635840, followed by the # sign.

LINKS: Federal Register

Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences- Request for White Papers: Application of Graph Database Techniques to a Research Training Data Environment

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking to develop a common training data environment to support institutional training research that provides the capability to measure and track Soldier performance across multiple courses within the Maneuver Center of Excellence (which provides training to soldiers) with increased precision. This data environment will serve as a prototype for other areas of institutional training where lessons learned can be applied to the development of additional data environments.

White paper proposals are due April 25, 2016. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. An award of up to $800,000 is available to support a project lasting up to 24 months.

LINKS: FBO notice
Center for Research and Exploration in Space Science and Technology II (CRESST II)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)

Notice seeking proposals to collaborate with GSFC in the CRESST II to carry out research in support of NASA strategic science mission objectives in space sciences and in the informational and computational sciences and technology that support space science research.

Proposals are due June 21, 2016.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#)

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Dear Colleague Letter: Advanced Cellular Biomanufacturing

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to identify opportunities for leveraging and synthesizing conceptual scientific and technological innovation integrating disciplines such as immunology, cell biology and engineering, and enhance developments in cellular biomanufacturing for the purposes of accelerating solutions to critical challenges in the field.

Proposals are due June 1, 2016. Each project may be up to $300K for up to two years.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#)

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Research Opportunities in Space Biology (ROSBio) – 2016 “GeneLab Innovation Awards for Translational Systems Biology and Informatics Research Using the GeneLab Data System” NASA Research Announcement (NRA): Appendix A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice soliciting research proposals that utilize the GeneLab Data System to translate spaceflight research data into new knowledge relating to the responses of living systems in the spaceflight environment. Proposals are required to use the GeneLab Data System, on its own, or in combination with other public spaceflight and ground-based omics databases.

Proposals are due June 28, 2016. Awards are up to $250,000.

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

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ROSES 2016: Astrophysics Data Analysis Program

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice soliciting research whose primary emphasis is the analysis of NASA space astrophysics data that are archived in the public domain at the time of proposal submission. Most of these data have undergone considerable reduction and refinement by way of calibrations and ordering and extensive data analysis software tools often exist for these data.

Proposals are due May 13, 2016.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Solicitation](#)
ROSES 2016: Earth Surface and Interior

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking proposals to use NASA’s unique capabilities and observational resources to better understand core, mantle, and lithospheric structure and dynamics, and interactions between these processes and Earth’s fluid envelopes.

Notices of intent are required and due April 15, 2016. Proposals are due June 15, 2016. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to 18 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

ROSES 2016: Maturation of Instruments for Solar System Exploration

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking proposals for development activities leading to instrument systems in support of the Science Mission Directorate’s (SMD) Planetary Science Division. The objectives of the program are to develop new technologies that significantly improve instrument measurement capabilities for planetary science missions (such as Discovery, New Frontiers, Mars Exploration, and other planetary programs). It is the responsibility of the proposer to demonstrate how their proposed technology addresses significant scientific questions relevant to stated NASA goals and not for NASA to attempt to infer this.

Letters of intent are due April 21, 2016. Applications are due June 21, 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Structural and Architectural Engineering and Materials

National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI)

Notice seeking proposals to support fundamental research for advancing knowledge and innovation in structural and architectural engineering and materials that promotes a holistic approach to analysis and design, construction, operation, maintenance, retrofit, and repair of structures. For buildings, all components including the foundation-structure-envelope (the façade, curtain-wall and roofing) and interior systems are of interest to the program.

Proposal windows are February 1-15 and September 1-15, annually.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation