ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Creating a Network to Support the LGBT Community

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

Notice seeking applications to provide technical and technological support for the development of a nationwide network focused on supporting the LGBT community. Applications are due September 4, 2015. Award amount is $49,083.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Rule of Law Assistance related to Combating and Prosecuting Sexual and Gender Based Violence Crimes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Department of State (State), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

Notice seeking applications to support further progress in improving the criminal justice sector’s capacity to investigate and prosecute SGBV perpetrators as well as assist survivors of rape and abuse with the criminal and legal processes required to bring a SGBV case to justice. Applications are due October 12, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

DRL Human Rights and Labor NOFO FY15/16- Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Burma

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications to promote internationally recognized labor rights in Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Burma that have an immediate impact leading to long-term sustainable reforms, and potential for continued funding beyond grant funding, with a particular focus on adherence to international norms and mechanisms. Specific project focuses vary by country. In Bangladesh, funds support proposals that promote internationally recognized labor rights and acceptable conditions of work in the shipbreaking sector. In Vietnam, funds support proposals that assist the Government of Vietnam, Vietnamese labor unions or labor organizations, or business organizations in the promotion of safe migration. In Burma, funds support projects that engage labor and civil society organizations in assisting with the enforcement and implementation of labor laws. Applications are due by 11:30 p.m. EST on September 21, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support three awards between the three countries.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

DRL Human Rights and Labor NOFO FY15/16-Sub-Saharan Africa and Labor Migration

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications to support projects that promote internationally recognized labor rights in labor migration and sub-Saharan Africa. Labor migration projects should support the establishment or development of programs that promote safe and fair migration in migrants’ countries of origin and destination, providing direct assistance to migrants. Sub-Saharan Africa projects should promote internationally recognized labor rights, specifically targeting women and youth in the informal sector economy in Ethiopia, Niger, Zambia, South Africa, or Kenya. Applications are due by October 7, 2015. Approximately $1.025 million is available to support two awards between the two project areas.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Center For Environmental Excellence (CEE)

Department of Transportation (Transportation), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Notice seeking applications to support the establishment and maintenance of a Center for Environmental Excellence to help achieve environmental excellence in delivering transportation programs and projects through information-sharing, technical assistance, partnership-building and training resources. Funds support efforts to engage federal, state, and local planning agencies incorporate environmental compliance, and stewardship into transportation planning, project development, construction, maintenance, and operations. Applications are due by October 15, 2015. Approximately $4 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

National Women's Business Council; Quarterly Public Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Women's Business Council to discuss activities and research on women business owners; the policy recommendations that the Council will be making for improving the business climate for women entrepreneurs; the new research portfolio; and a panel discussion featuring women influencers discussing the lack of women in venture capital generally and the potential policy implications. The meeting will be held on September 11th, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST via web conference.

LINKS: Federal Register

Workforce Information Advisory Council

Department of Labor (Labor), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Notice seeking nominations to the Workforce Information Advisory Council, which discusses evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system, the statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system, and how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. Individuals are eligible if they are representative of providers of training services, economic development entities, local workforce development boards, or research entities that use workforce and labor market information, among other categories. Nominations must be submitted by October 6, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Rehabilitation Services Administration Technical Assistance Center for Vocational Rehabilitation Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance CFDA Number 84.263B

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

Notice seeking applications for a technical assistance center to develop new types of rehabilitation personnel training programs and demonstrate their effectiveness; and to develop new and improved methods of training rehabilitation personnel for more effective service delivery. Applications are due September 10, 2015. Approximately $500,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Federal Register, Grants.gov
Utilization of Specialized Law Enforcement Advisors

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)

Notice seeking applications for a cooperative agreement help enhance the technical law enforcement expertise applied to implement and advice on law enforcement programs, trainings, and assessments in places where INL works. Questions are due August 25, 2015. Applications are due September 12, 2015. Approximately $345,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Youth Conservation Services

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications to provide young adults and veterans with real life work experiences in stewardship of the environment in all fifty states by offering opportunities for education, leadership and personal development to participants, while providing a high quality public service in natural resources/recreation management and conservation. Applications are due September 10, 2015. Approximately $10 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Advisory Committee for Women's Services (ACWS); Notice of Meeting

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Advisory Committee for Women's Services to discuss behavioral health for Pregnant and Postpartum Women and their families; disparities in behavioral health services for women; and a conversation with the SAMHSA Administrator. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET at 1 Choke Cherry Road, SAMHSA, Rock Creek, VTC Room, Rockville, Maryland.

LINKS: Federal Register

Alzheimer's Disease Core Centers (P30)

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

Notice seeking applications to support Alzheimer's Disease Core Centers, designed to: support and conduct research on Alzheimer's disease (AD); to serve as shared research resources on AD and related disorders; distinguish them from the processes of normal brain aging and mild cognitive impairment; provide a platform for training, develop novel techniques and methodologies; and translate these research findings into better diagnostic, prevention and treatment strategies. Letters of intent are optional, and due September 6, 2015. Applications are due by October 6, 2015. Approximately $16 million is available to support up to 10 awards.

Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Notice of a meeting to discuss the alignment of substance abuse and mental illness prevention within the context of overall healthcare, and Center program developments. The meeting will be held on August 26, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET at 1 Choke Cherry Road, Great Falls Conference Room (Lobby Level), Rockville, MD

LINKS: Federal Register

Ebola Biosafety and Infectious Disease Response Training (UH4)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Notice seeking applications to support the development and implementation of occupational safety and health and infection control training programs for workers who may be at risk during infectious disease outbreaks, focusing on dissemination of environmental infection control and hazard recognition training within a broad set of occupational and community settings, including healthcare and non-healthcare job sectors. Funds support awareness level training, operations level training, and “train-the-trainer” methods. Letters of intent are optional, and due by September 21, 2015. Applications are due by October 21, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support five to eight awards in FY 2016.

Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to support research on the unique perspectives, needs, wishes, and decision-making processes of adolescents and young adults with serious, advanced illnesses; and research focused on specific end-of-life/palliative care models that support the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of this population, their families, and caregivers. Interdisciplinary collaborations that include nurse scientists in the project team are strongly encouraged. Applications are accepted annually on February 5, June 5, and October 5 until January 8, 2019. Multiple awards will be supported.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R21)

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

Notice seeking applications to support exploratory research on the unique perspectives, needs, wishes, and decision-making processes of adolescents and young adults with serious, advanced illnesses; and research focused on specific end-of-life/palliative care models that support the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of this population, their families, and caregivers. Interdisciplinary collaborations that include nurse scientists in the project team are strongly encouraged. Applications are accepted annually on February 16, June 16, and October 16 until January 8, 2019. Multiple awards will be supported.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in HIV Research with Key Populations (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to analyze and address ethical, legal, or policy challenges specific to work with key populations in HIV research or health care. Applications are due January 7, 2016; September 7, 2016; January 7, 2017; September 7, 2017; January 8, 2018; and September 7, 2018.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in HIV Research with Key Populations (R21)

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

Notice seeking applications to analyze and address ethical, legal, or policy challenges specific to work with key populations in HIV research or health care. Applications are due January 7, 2016; September 7, 2016; January 7, 2017; September 7, 2017; January 8, 2018; and September 7, 2018.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Imaging - Science Track Award for Research Transition (I/START) (R03)

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

Notice seeking applications to support small research grants to support the entry of investigators to the area of neuroimaging, including both new investigators and established investigators seeking to adopt neuroimaging methodologies in their research programs, to enable the conduct of small "proof of concept" studies. Funds also support projects that have the potential to add knowledge of the possible effects of drugs of abuse on the central nervous system. Letters of intent are optional and due 30 days before the chosen due date. Applications are accepted annually on February 16, June 16, and October 16 until September 8, 2018. Approximately $150,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Membership and Meeting Announcement for the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the newly-established Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests to advise on issues related to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests. The meeting will discuss the establishment of payment rates for new clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, including whether to use cross walking or gap filling processes to determine payment for a specific new test; and the factors used in determining coverage and payment processes for new clinical diagnostic laboratory tests. The meeting will be held on August 26, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. ET at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
Minority HIV/AIDS Research Initiative (MARI) to Build HIV Prevention, Treatment and Research Capacity in Disproportionately Affected Black and Hispanic Communities and Among Historically Underrepresented Researchers

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

Notice seeking applications to support qualified individuals for careers in HIV/AIDS-related research, especially topics related to highly-affected minority communities. Funds support intensive research training and career development under the guidance of an experienced mentor in HIV prevention research. Applicants must possess a research or health-professional master's or doctorate-level degree from an accredited school/program; have never been a Principal Investigator on an HHS HIV research award for $250,000 or greater; have a documented history of working in Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American communities and ability to access study populations from these communities that are affected by HIV; and partner with a local senior investigator who is able to devote 5-10% full-time effort to the project as a mentor. Letters of intent are optional, and due by September 14, 2015. Applications are due by October 14, 2015. Approximately $2.4 million is available to support up to eight awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

National Eye Institute; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Eye Council, for presentations by the staff of the Institute and discussions concerning Institute programs. The meeting will be held on October 8, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at National Institutes of Health, Terrace Level Conference Rooms, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD

LINKS: Federal Register

Oral HIVacc: Oral Mucosal Immunization Approaches for HIV Prevention (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to develop and test novel HIV vaccines for direct administration into oral lymphoid tissues to trigger protective, local and systemic immunity. Letters of intent are requested 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due November 24, 2015 and November 23, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support four to six awards in FY 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp)

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

Notice seeking applications to support existing NIH awards through administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, post doctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. Funds also support who are or become disabled and need additional support to accommodate their disability in order to continue to work on the research project. See FOA for list of NIH activity codes defining eligible programs. Application dates vary by awarding Institute and Center. Funding levels vary by project needs.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Workshop on Alternative Approaches for Identifying Acute Systemic Toxicity: Moving From Research to Regulatory Testing; Notice of Public Meeting; Registration Information

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

Notice announcing a meeting of The National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods to discuss the state of the science of alternative approaches for identifying acute systemic toxicity and explore ways to facilitate their implementation. Participants will review the regulatory guidelines to define when and how acute systemic toxicity data are used; review the science of alternative approaches for identifying acute systemic toxicity; and identify mechanisms of acute toxicity for promoting development of adverse outcome pathways for acute toxicity. Attendees must register by September 11, 2015. The meeting will be held from September 24-25, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. ET at Porter Neuroscience Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Administrative Supplements for Research on Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (Admin Supp)

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

Notice seeking applications to expand existing research to focus on Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) health. SGM populations include, but are not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and individuals with differences or disorders of sexual development. Applications are due November 30, 2015.

Limited Submission: Only one application per parent award is allowed

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Fogarty International Center; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Fogarty International Center Advisory Board to discuss current and planned FIC activities. The meeting will be held on September 15, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET at the National Institutes of Health, 16 Center Drive, Lawton L. Chiles International House (Stone House), Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps to discuss State's Approach to Medicaid Expansion and how it affects the NHSC, the supply and practice patterns of mental and behavior health, and how to improve the work life for health care providers and staff. The meeting will be held on August 27-28, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Conference Room #18-67, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland. The meeting also accessible via conference calls.

LINKS: Federal Register
National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council to present the NIMH Director's Report and discuss NIMH program and policy issues. The meeting will be held on September 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Ballroom (Main Floor, Lobby Level), 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Short-term Measurements of Improved Physical and Molecular Resilience in Pre-clinical Models (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to develop short-term surrogate tests that provide a comprehensive measure of resilience in animal models of aging. Letters of intent are optional and due October 4, 2015. Applications are due November 4, 2015. Approximately $2 million to support up to six awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Tools for Assessment and Improvement of Neurologic Outcomes (R41/R42)

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

Notice seeking Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications from small business concerns for research to develop tools and technology for diagnosis, intervention, and improvement of outcomes for pregnancies and infants with known neurologic disease or infants at high risk for neurologic complications. Letters of intent are requested by November 10, 2015. Applications are due by December 10, 2015. Eligibility is limited to small businesses; partnership opportunities exist for colleges and universities.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Tools for Assessment and Improvement of Neurologic Outcomes (R43/R44)

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

Notice seeking Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns to propose research to develop tools and technology for diagnosis, intervention and improvement of outcomes for pregnancies and infants with known neurologic disease or infants at high risk for neurologic complications. Letters of intent are requested by November 10, 2015. Applications are due December 10, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support one to six awards. Eligibility is limited to small businesses; partnering opportunities exist for colleges and universities.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Automation for UxV-based Mine Countermeasures

Department of Defense (Defense), Navy (Navy), Office of Naval Research (ONR)

Notice seeking white papers to support applied research and advanced technology development that will improve the Navy’s ability to conduct mine countermeasures, including both manned and unmanned platforms. Funds support two product areas: Task Force Planning, including software tools incorporating an intuitive presentation capability to track status of project effort; schedule and de-conflict assets; and re-plan based on key events; and Automated Data Analysis, which provides advanced automatic target recognition, environmental characterization, and target detection/classification performance estimation algorithms for mine hunting sensors. White papers are optional and due September 4, 2015. Proposals are due November 13, 2015. Funds and number of awards vary by product area.

LINKS: Solicitation, FBO, Grants.gov

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to develop advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products. The meeting will be held August 27, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and August 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel 2500 Calvert Street NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Deep Learning for Actionable Intelligence Discovery and Exploitation

Air Force (Air Force), Department of Defense (Defense)

BAA seeking white papers to develop and demonstrate a time-dominant data fusion and closed-loop Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance system for intelligence customers. White papers for FY16 are due September 18, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available.

LINKS: FBO

Innovative Vacuum Electronics Science and Technology (INVEST)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals in the area of vacuum electronics science and technology. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches to modeling, advanced manufacturing, theory and design of components, and other focus areas that enable revolutionary advances in vacuum electron devices at millimeter wave frequencies above 75 GHz. Abstracts are optional and due September 14, 2015. Proposals are due October 30, 2015. Approximately $10 million is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, FBO, Grants.gov
Notice NASA International Space Station Advisory Committee; Meeting

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing open meeting of the NASA International Space Station (ISS) Advisory Committee to review all aspects related to the safety and operational readiness of the ISS, and to assess the possibilities for using the ISS for future space exploration. The meeting will be held on September 1, 2015, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET at NASA Headquarters, Glennan Conference Room (1Q39), 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Note: 1Q39 is located on the first floor of NASA Headquarters. This meeting is also accessible via teleconference.

LINKS: Federal Register