SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO

The DHS SBIR Program has posted a pre-solicitation notice for the FY16.1 SBIR Solicitation. This is a joint solicitation for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) and the Science and Technology (S&T) SBIR programs. Please visit fbo.gov and view the topics listed in the notice (direct link below). Each topic includes the respective point-of-contact for questions regarding the topic of interest.

LINKS: Solicitation

The Wetland Foundation is soliciting applications for 2016 travel grants. Applications are being accepted from any student who is currently enrolled full-time at an academic institution in the United States and who meets the specific criteria for one of the four grants listed below. For more information, visit the Wetland Foundation website (http://thewetlandfoundation.org). Application deadline is December 18, 2015.

NOAA Announces FY16 Environmental Literacy Grants (ELG) Funding Opportunity

The NOAA Office of Education has issued a competitive funding opportunity for education projects designed to strengthen the public’s and/or K-12 students’ environmental literacy to enable informed decision-making necessary for community resilience to extreme weather events and other environmental hazards. Successful projects will advance NOAA’s mission and build the environmental literacy necessary for community resilience by focusing on geographic awareness and an understanding of Earth systems and the threats and vulnerabilities that are associated with a community’s location. Eligible applicants are limited to institutions of higher education; other nonprofits, including informal education institutions such as museums, zoos, and aquariums; K-12 public and independent schools and school systems; and state, local and Indian tribal governments in the United States. Proposed projects should be between two and five years in duration and have total budget requests of $250,000 to $500,000 for all years of the project.

To read the full funding announcement (NOAA-SEC-OED-2016-2004737), please visit www.grants.gov. To learn more about this funding opportunity, please visit the NOAA Office of Education’s Environmental Literacy Grants web page. The deadline for applications to this funding opportunity is 11:59:59 pm EST on February 8, 2016. Applications must be submitted online via www.grants.gov.

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Access to Historical Records

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Notice seeking applications to promote the preservation and use of historical records collections to broaden understanding of our democracy, history, and culture. This grant program is designed to support archival repositories in preserving and processing primary source materials. The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. Draft applications are optional and due April 4, 2016. Final applications are due June 15, 2016. Approximately $1 million is available to support up to 14 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation

Catalyzing Private Investment

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Broad Agency Announcement seeks opportunities to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate in the research, development, piloting, testing, and scaling of innovative, practical and cost-effective interventions to catalyze private investment in developing countries. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in conjunction with the Swedish International Development Corporation (SIDA), invites organizations, companies, and investors to participate in bolstering investment through innovative approaches that both satisfy the return objectives of the private sector while also supporting sustainable development outcomes. Responses are due November 23, 2017.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Comprehensive Platform for Integrated Communications Initiative (CPICI)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Tanzania USAID-Dar es Salaam

Notice seeking comments on the planned Comprehensive Platform for Integrated Communications Initiative (CPICI), designed to use advocacy and behavior change communication interventions to improve the health of Tanzanians, by tailoring messages to geographic, epidemiological and audience segments at the regional level. Responses are due by December 28, 2015.

LINKS: Grants.gov

J/TIP FY 2016 International Programs to Combat Trafficking in Persons Request for SOIs

Department of State (State), Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP); International Programs Section

Notice seeking statements of interest for projects to combat trafficking in persons outside of the U.S. Priority regions and topics are identified in the solicitation. Statements of interest are due December 28, 2015. The maximum award amount is typically $750,000 over three years, depending on project scope.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Ocean Freight Reimbursement (OFR) Program FY2016 & FY2017

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking applications to reimburse registered Private Voluntary Organizations ocean transport costs to transport donated commodities, such as medical supplies, agricultural equipment, educational supplies, and building equipment to responsible consignees in developing countries. Questions regarding the RFA must be submitted in writing no later than December 11, 2015. Applications are due January 8, 2016. PVOs registered with USAID are eligible.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Notice seeking proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project.

Draft applications are optional and due August 1, 2016. Final applications are due October 6, 2016. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to 25 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Notice seeking proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. Draft applications are optional and due April 4, 2016. Final applications are due June 15, 2016. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to 25 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
State Board Programming Grants

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Notice seeking proposals that strengthen the nation’s archival network through activities undertaken by state historical records advisory boards (SHRABs). The purpose of this grant program is to assist state boards to enhance access to historical records, increase citizen engagement with records, and provide learning and development opportunities for students, citizens, and professional archivists.

Draft applications are optional and due April 4, 2016. Final applications are due June 15, 2016. Approximately $650,000 is available to support up to 25 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Sustainable Higher Education Research Alliances (SHERA)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) , Mission in Indonesia

Notice seeking applications for a program to build on USAID-funded university partnerships to improve the quality of teaching, research, and community service within Indonesian universities. Questions must be submitted by December 14, 2015. Applications are due January 13, 2016. Approximately $20 million is available to support one award; at least $15 million must be allocated to partnership awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. Mission Mexico Annual Program Statement

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Mexico; Public Affairs Section

Notice seeking proposals for projects that support academic mobility between the U.S. and Mexico; the development of civil society; youth empowerment; the democratic ideals of freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and intellectual freedom; teaching of the English language; and empowerment and security of women and girls. Proposals are due February 29 and June 30, 2016. Award amounts will vary based on project length and complexity.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. Mission to Mexico: Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to support the preservation of cultural sites, cultural objects, and forms of traditional cultural expression in Mexico. Cultural heritage endures as a reminder of the contributions and historical experiences of humanity. By taking a leading role in efforts to preserve cultural heritage, the U.S. shows its respect for other cultures. Applications are due December 31, 2015.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USAID Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services in East Central Uganda (USAID RHITES EC)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Uganda-Kampala

Notice seeking applications for the design and implementation of a comprehensive, integrated investment in regional health, HIV/AIDS, and nutrition assistance in East Central Uganda. Questions are due by December 7, 2015. Applications are due January 14, 2016. Approximately $57 million is available to support one or more awards over five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Promoting Increased Civic Engagement in the Lead-Up to Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

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

Notice announcing an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for programs that will increase nonviolent civic engagement in the lead-up to the planned November 2016 elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Applications are due January 29, 2016. Approximately $693,069 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Achieving HIV Epidemic Control through Scaling up Quality Testing, Care and Treatment in Malawi under the President’s Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications to support the development and scale up of evidence-based high impact prevention, care, treatment and support interventions at priority sites in Malawi and monitor intervention effects on the care cascade with a focus on active case identification, linkage, and retention. Applications are due February 3, 2016. Approximately $10 million is available to support up to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Assisting the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MOHSS) in Providing Critical Human Resources for Health to Achieve HIV Epidemic Control in Namibia under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking successful human resource (HR) services and support to recruit and compensate qualified individuals, contractors, and consultants in seven high HIV burden areas in Oshana, Omusati, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Kavango, Zambezi, and Khomas with an estimated population of 1 million. These critical human resources for health will allow the MOHSS to better meet PEPFAR objectives and achieve HIV Epidemic Control (HEC) in Namibia. Applications are due February 3, 2016. Approximately $8.8 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Building Capacity to Deliver High Quality HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Services for Key Populations and People Living with HIV in the Caribbean Region under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications to improve access to, and availability of, high quality HIV services across the Continuum of Prevention, Care and Treatment (CoPCT) for key populations (KP) and people living with HIV (PLHIV) in the following PEPFAR Caribbean Region priority countries: Barbados, The Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. Applications are due February 3, 2016. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Digital Humanities Implementation Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Notice seeking applications to support the implementation of experimental projects that have successfully completed a start-up phase and demonstrated their value to the humanities. Such projects might enhance our understanding of central problems in the humanities, raise new questions in the humanities, or develop new digital applications and approaches for use in the humanities. Applications are due February 17, 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
HIV Surveillance for Epidemic Control in Malawi under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications to provide comprehensive and cost-effective capacity building and implementation of national surveillance surveys and impact evaluations of CDC-supported activities in Malawi. Applications are due February 3, 2016. Approximately $700,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Tuberculosis Infection in Zimbabwe under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications to accelerate the implementation of activities to attain epidemic control of HIV in prioritized geographic areas by directly supporting service delivery and adopting data driven processes to increase ART coverage. Applications are due February 3, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Public Scholar Program

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Notice seeking applications to deepen our understanding of the human condition as well as current conditions and contemporary problems. The Public Scholar Program aims to encourage scholarship that will be of broad interest and have lasting impact. Such scholarship might present a narrative history, tell the stories of important individuals, analyze significant texts, provide a synthesis of ideas, revive interest in a neglected subject, or examine the latest thinking on a topic. Books supported by this program must be grounded in humanities research and scholarship. Applications are due February 2, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Strengthening the HIV Services Quality Improvement and Quality Management Systems of the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health, Regional Health Bureaus, and Public Health Facilities under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications to strengthen HIV QI/QM systems of FMOH, regional health bureaus, and scale-up and maintenance of sub-national units and health facilities. Applications are due February 2, 2016. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Digital Economy Board of Advisors, Establishment and Call for Nominations

Department of Commerce (Commerce), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Notice seeking nominations to the newly established Digital Economy Board of Advisors to provide advice in furtherance of increasing domestic prosperity, improving education, and facilitating participation in political and cultural life through the application and expansion of digital technologies. Applicants must be leaders in industry and civil society who are prominent experts in their fields and recognized for their professional achievements. Membership is voluntary and uncompensated. Applications are due by December 23, 2015.

LINKS: Announcement, Federal Register
Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S.Forest Service

Notice announcing open meeting of the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee to review project proposals and recommend Title II projects.

The meeting will state at 10:00 am on December 10, 2015 and will be held at the Harbision State Forest, Environmental Education Center, 5600 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina.

LINKS: Federal Register

Meeting of the United States Manufacturing Council

Department of Commerce (Commerce), International Trade Administration

Notice announcing a meeting of the United States Manufacturing Council. The purpose of the meeting is for Council members to review and deliberate on a recommendation by the Energy Subcommittee focused on trade missions.

The meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5 p.m. ET on December 9, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Commission on the Future of the Army; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Commission on the Future of the Army to receive interim reports from representatives from the various subcommittees.

The meeting will be held on December 17, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Polk Conference Room, Room 12158, James Polk Building, 2521 S. Clark St., Arlington, VA

LINKS: Federal Register

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board Meeting

Department of Commerce (Commerce), National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) Advisory Board to provide a review of NTIS data mission and strategic direction. The NTIS serves as the largest central resource for government-funded scientific, technical, engineering, and business related information available today.

The meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 from 10:00 am to approximately 2:30 pm

LINKS: Federal Register
OVW FY 2016 Justice for Families Program

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

Notice seeking applications to improve the response of all aspects of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. Letters of registration are optional and due January 4, 2016. Applications are due January 20, 2016. Approximately $11 million is available to support up to 25 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security), Privacy Office

Notice seeking applicants for appointment to the DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee. Applications are due by January 4, 2016 by email to the contact with the Docket Number (DHS-2015-XXXX) in the subject line of the message.

LINKS: Federal Register

Meeting Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Notice announcing open meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board to provide advice and recommendations on the top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension, and economics. The main focus of this meeting will be on the food safety and nutrition programs of the USDA Research, Education, and Extension mission area.

The meeting will be held December 16-18, 2015. See solicitation for full details of locations and times.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Fish Passage Program

Department of the Interior (Interior), Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice seeking applications to provide fish (and other aquatic organisms) passage and restore aquatic connectivity for the benefit of federal trust resources. The National Fish Passage Program is delivered through more than 65 Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) Field Offices across all States and territories. FAC staff coordinates with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify and collaboratively implement projects within Regional priority areas.

There is a continuous submission deadline. Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management; Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension Without Change; Comment Request; DOL Generic Solution for Solicitation for Funding Opportunity Announcement Responses

Department of Labor (Labor)

Notice seeking comments concerning a proposed extension of the authorization to continue DOL’s current funding opportunity announcement solicitation process. Send comments to the contact by February 1, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register
Strengthening the Public's and/or K-12 Students' Environmental Literacy for Community Resilience to Extreme Weather Events and Other Environmental Hazards

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

Notice seeking applications to strengthen the public’s and/or K-12 students’ environmental literacy to enable informed decision-making necessary for community resilience to extreme weather events and other environmental hazards. Projects should leverage and incorporate relevant state and local hazard mitigation and/or adaptation plans and include collaborations with institutions that are involved in efforts to develop or implement those plans.

Applications are due February 8, 2016. Awards ranging from $250,000 to $500,000 are available to support projects lasting two to five years. Informational teleconferences will be held December 10, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET, and January 5, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET. Interested applicants may obtain the phone number and related teleconference information at http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/grants/elg.html#page=funding. It is strongly encouraged that an individual serve as a Principal Investigator on only one application submitted to this funding opportunity.

LINKS: Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages to provide advice on policy, program development, and other matters of significance related to interdisciplinary, community-based training grant programs.

The meeting will be held via conference call on December 15, 2015 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm ET

LINKS: Announcement, Federal Register

BRAIN Initiative: Non-Invasive Neuromodulation - Mechanisms and Dose/Response Relationships for Targeted CNS Effects (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to better understand how existing non-invasive neuromodulation devices affect brain circuitry. This information should shed light on dose/response relationships that could be used for neuroscience applications and clinical interventions.

Letters of intent are not required and due January 18, 2016. Applications are due February 18, 2016. Approximately $8 million is available to support 10 to 20 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

BRAIN Initiative: Non-Invasive Neuromodulation - New Tools and Techniques for Spatiotemporal Precision (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications in two related but distinct areas. The first area is in the development and testing of novel tools and methods of neuromodulation that go beyond the existing variations on magnetic or electrical stimulation, and that represent more than an incremental advance over existing electromagnetic approaches. The second distinct area that this FOA seeks to encourage is the optimization of existing electrical and magnetic stimulation methods.

Letters of intent are not required and due January 18, 2016. Applications are due February 18, 2016. Approximately $8 million is available to support 10 to 20 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Commission on Care; Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Commission on Care to examine the access of veterans to health care from the VA and strategically examine how best to organize the Veterans Health Administration, locate health care resources, and deliver health care to veterans during the next 20 years.

The meeting will be held from December 14th to December 16th at the J.W. Marriott, Jr. ASAE Conference Center, 1575 I St. NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 am and end at 12:30 pm on all days.

LINKS: Federal Register

Cooperative Agreements for Adolescent and Transitional Aged Youth Treatment Implementation [Youth Treatment – Implementation (Short Title –YT-I)]

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

Notice seeking applications to improve treatment for adolescents and/or transitional aged youth with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (hereafter known as “the population of focus”) by assuring youth state-wide access to evidence-based assessments, treatment models, and recovery services supported by the strengthening of the existing infrastructure system. Based on need, applicants may choose to provide services to adolescents (ages 12-18) and their families/primary caregivers, transitional aged youth (ages 16-25) and their families/primary caregivers, or both these populations and their families/primary caregivers.

Applications are due January 26, 2016. Approximately $1.6 million is available to support up to two awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Drug Discovery for Nervous System Disorders (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to support the discovery and preclinical testing of novel compounds for the prevention and treatment of nervous system disorders.

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

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Drug Discovery for Nervous System Disorders (R21)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeking applications to support the discovery and preclinical testing of novel compounds for the prevention and treatment of nervous system disorders.

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

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Evaluating Locally-Developed or Adapted (Homegrown) Combination HIV Prevention Interventions for Transgender Persons who have Sex with Men

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

Notice seeking applications to support a project to evaluate locally-developed or adapted and potentially effective interventions that are designed to deliver a combination of HIV prevention, HIV care and treatment, and other support services to transgender persons who have sex with men, who are at high risk of HIV infection or who are living with HIV.

Letters of intent are requested by January 12, 2016. Applications are due February 12, 2016. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support two awards. Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Image-guided Drug Delivery (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)

Notice seeking applications to support innovative research projects that are focused on image-guided drug delivery (IGDD), including real-time image guidance, monitoring, quantitative in vivo characterizations and validation of delivery and response. It will support research in development of integrated imaging-based systems for delivery of drugs or biologics in cancer and other diseases, quantitative imaging assays of drug delivery, and early intervention.


LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Increase Access to Care for Black Men Who Have Sex with Men

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

Notice seeking applications to design and implement an in-person assistance intervention and to evaluate the effects of the intervention on insurance uptake, insurance coverage, and rates of linkage to, and retention in, HIV-related health care and other associated health services among black MSM age 18 or older; intervention cost-benefit will also be assessed.

Letters of intent are due January 7, 2016. Applications are due February 12, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.

LINKS: Grants.gov

NIDCR Award for Sustaining Outstanding Achievement in Research (SOAR) (R35)

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

Notice seeking applications to support existing NIDCR-funded investigators with longer-term support to further longer-term projects. Funds support high risk, high reward research that breaks new ground or expands previous discoveries in new directions and provide sustained and flexible support to allow the researcher adequate freedom.

Letters of intent are optional and due by February 8, 2016. Applications are due by March 8, 2016. Approximately $3 million is available to support two to four awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Pediatric Diagnostic Biomarkers for Active Pulmonary TB Disease (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to support projects to identify and/or validate biomarkers or biomarker combinations leading to improved diagnosis of active pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) in children, including HIV infected children.

Applications are due March 11, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support one to three awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Planning Grant for Emerging Epidemic Virus Research Training for West African Countries with Widespread Transmission of Ebola- Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone (D71)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Fogarty International Center (FIC)

Notice seeking applications from U.S. or African research institutions to plan research training and capacity building programs focused on emerging viral epidemics in collaboration with institutions in Guinea, Liberia, and/or Sierra Leone. The application should propose a collaborative planning process to develop training approaches that will create sustainable research capacity for the early identification, transmission prediction, testing of public health responses, and assessing and addressing long term health sequelae related to emerging viral diseases that have the potential for regional and global pandemics.

Letters of intent are optional and due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due February 24, 2016. Approximately $500,000 is available to support 10 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Request for Nominations of Candidates to Serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Notice seeking nominations for the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Nominees will provide advice on standards of scientific excellence, current needs in the field of occupational safety and health, and the applicability and dissemination of research findings. Nominees must have expertise in occupational safety and health fields, such as occupational medicine, occupational nursing, industrial hygiene, occupational safety and health engineering, toxicology, chemistry, safety and health education, ergonomics, epidemiology, biostatistics, and psychology.

Nomination materials must be postmarked by December 21, 2015.

LINKS: Announcement, Federal Register

Request for Nominations of Candidates to Serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Office of Infectious Diseases (OID)

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

Notice seeking nominations to the Board of Scientific Counselors for the Office of Infectious Diseases, which advises CDC centers on strategies, goals, and priorities for the programs and research. Nominees must be knowledgeable in the fields of infectious diseases and related disciplines, including epidemiology, microbiology, bioinformatics, and clinical and veterinary medicine, as well as from the general public. Nominations must be postmarked by December 31, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register
Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications that will help expand and advance our understanding of how best to disseminate, implement, and translate evidence-based primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies designed to reduce child abuse and neglect. NCIPC is also soliciting investigator-initiated research to expand our knowledge about what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies, to address specific gaps in the prevention of injury caused by child abuse and neglect, teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, and sexual violence.

Letters of intent are due January 15, 2016. Applications are due March 1, 2016. Approximately $1.05 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Revision Applications for Validation of Mobile/Wireless Health Tools for Measurement and Intervention (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications from investigators and institutions/organizations with active NIH-supported research project awards to support an expansion of the scope of approved and funded projects to incorporate recent advances in mobile/wireless tools to validate these tools for measurement and intervention delivery. Revision applications for projects that do not currently employ mobile/wireless tools are welcome provided that the applicant team has the requisite scientific and technical expertise to employ and validate these tools.

Letters of intent are optional and due 30 days before each receipt date. Applications are due March 5, July 5, and November 5, annually.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS)

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

Notice seeking applications for scholarship awards for students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have a demonstrated financial need and are enrolled full-time in health professions and nursing programs. Awardees will be responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, making reasonable determinations of need, and providing scholarships.

Applications are due January 25, 2016. Approximately $43.69 million is available for 99 awards. Eligible applicants are public or non-profit private accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, chiropractic, allied health, a school offering a graduate program in behavioral and mental health practice, or an entity providing programs for the training of physician assistants.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee to hear updates of the research program in the Laboratory of Method Development, Division of Viral Products, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

The meeting will be held on January 14, 2016, from 1 pm to 5 pm at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD

LINKS: Federal Register
AIDS Education and Training Center National Clinician Consultation Center

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

Notice seeking applications to provide health care providers with a national resource to obtain timely and appropriate responses to clinical questions and inquiries relating to: the treatment of people living with HIV (PLWH) and those at high risk for HIV infection; health care worker exposure to HIV and other blood borne pathogens (e.g., viral hepatitis); the treatment of pregnant women living with HIV and their exposed infants, and a perinatal referral service to connect them with HIV-experienced care providers; and PLWH with behavioral health and/or substance abuse issues.

Applications are due February 1, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Development and Demonstration of Mine Safety and Health Technology

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

Notice seeking concept papers to conduct research, exploratory development, testing, or evaluations of new technologies to improve mine safety, or to adapt technologies from other industries for application in mining environments. NIOSH is primarily interested in the modification or final development of solutions that can be adopted by the mining community in a short period of time.

Concept papers are due by January 15, 2016.

LINKS: FBO notice

Building Capacity to Deliver High Quality HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Services for Key Populations and People Living with HIV in the Caribbean Region under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications to improve access to, and availability of, high quality HIV services across the Continuum of Prevention, Care and Treatment for key populations and people living with HIV (PLHIV) in the following PEPFAR Caribbean Region priority countries: Barbados, The Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. Technical assistance activities will focus on men who have sex with men, sex workers, transgender individuals and PLHIV to support national efforts to reach the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets.

Applications are due February 2, 2016. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Developmental Centers for Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology (P20)

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

Notice seeking applications to build developmental centers that will develop innovative resources or new research projects that utilize integrative approaches addressing research questions relevant to benign urological diseases. Each Developmental Center is centered on a single Project and must contain an Administrative Core and an Educational Enrichment Program.

Letters of intent are requested by January 22, 2016. Applications are due February 22, 2016. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support two to three awards for projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities

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

Notice seeking applications to support States in developing and implementing innovative programs to address the oral health workforce needs of designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). Funds must be used to develop and implement a workforce program(s) designed to support innovative oral health service delivery models that will increase access to high quality oral health services for underserved populations located in Dental HPSAs or in other areas specifically designated as having a dental health professional shortage by the State.

Applications are due February 16, 2016. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support up to seven awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Improving Epilepsy Programs, Services, and Outcomes through National Partnerships

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

Notice seeking applications that will support actions related to three core public health functions applied to epilepsy: developing workforce competency, mobilizing community partnerships and actions, and educating and empowering people about epilepsy.

Letters of intent are optional and due January 29, 2016. Applications are due April 7, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Increasing Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Rural Primary Care Practices (R18)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for research projects that implement Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder in primary care practices in rural areas of the United States. In addition to expanding access to this evidence-based therapy in underserved communities, this initiative will discover and test solutions to overcoming known barriers to implementation of MAT in primary care and create training and implementation resources to support future efforts to expand access to MAT.

Letters of intent are requested by February 1, 2016. Applications are due March 4, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative – Category III Community Treatment and Services (CTS) Centers

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

Notice seeking to improve the quality of trauma treatment and services for children, adolescents, and their families who experience or witness traumatic events; and to increase access to effective trauma-focused treatment and services for children and adolescents throughout the nation.

Applications are due February 4, 2016. Approximately $22.4 million is available to support 56 awards for projects lasting up to five years.

Limited Submission: Applicants may also apply for the NCTSI TSA center cooperative agreements. However, SAMHSA will only fund one NCTSI CTS center or TSA center application.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders: Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss divisional, programmatic, and special activities of NIDCD.

The meeting will be held January 22, 2016 from 9:50 am to 2:00 pm, ET at NIH, Building 31, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Limb Loss Resource Center

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

Notice seeking applications for a National Limb Loss Resource Center to ensure the availability of, and access to, the most comprehensive, high quality information and supports for people of all ages living with limb loss, their families and caregivers.

Letters of intent are optional and due December 18, 2015. Applications are due February 8, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS); Meeting and Tribal Consultation Session

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Tribal Advisory Committee to advance CDC/ATSDR support for and collaboration with tribes, and to improve the health of tribes by pursuing goals that include assisting in eliminating the health disparities faced by Indian Tribes; ensuring that access to critical health and human services and public health services is maximized to advance or enhance the social, physical, and economic status of American Indian/Alaska Native people; and promoting health equity for all AI/AN people and communities.

The meeting will be held February 9-10, 2016 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET (both days) at the CDC Headquarters, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Global Communications Center, Auditorium B3, Atlanta, Georgia. Attendees must pre-register for the event by Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/tribal/meetings.html.

LINKS: Federal Register

Pediatric Heart Network Clinical Research Centers (UG1)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

Notice seeking applications from institutions to participate with NHLBI in the Pediatric Heart Network (PHN) as Clinical Research Centers (CRCs). CRCs will support and conduct research to improve the health and quality of life for children and adults with congenital heart disease, and children with acquired heart disease through multi-center collaborative clinical research. Collaboration among the CRCs, the Data Coordinating Center and other stakeholders will permit multi-center evaluation of medical, interventional and surgical therapies; provide a training platform for fellows, junior faculty, and nurses; support development of novel techniques and methodologies; and promote dissemination of study results to improve the scientific basis for the care of affected individuals. Applications are due March 2, 2016. Approximately $3 million is available to support nine awards up to $220,000 per year for projects lasting up to seven years.

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

2016 Partnerships for Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery and Marine Mammal Response in Hawaii

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

Notice seeking applications that will support specific programmatic activities (including education and outreach projects) related to Hawaiian monk seal recovery or marine mammal response. Applications are due 90 days from the date of publication. Approximately up to $180,000 is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

AFRL RD/RV University Cooperative Agreement

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

BAA seeking proposals to provide funds to students/professors in a timely manner for the purpose of engaging U.S./U.S. territories’ colleges and universities in directed energy and space vehicles-related basic, applied, and advanced research projects that are of interest to the Department of Defense. The scope of the research will include the entire spectrum of RD and RV technology that is applicable to the Air Force, including all peripherally-related RD and RV research.

This is a 5 year open BAA from the date of publication with an anticipated period of performance ranging from one to five years. Proposals may be submitted at any time during that period. Approximately $24.5 million is available to support up to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BAA for USSOCOM Family of Tactical Headborne Systems

Department of Defense (Defense), United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)

Broad Agency Announcement seeking white papers to accelerate the delivery of innovative capabilities to the Special Operations Forceswarfighter. It is an interactive process designed to assess the viability of technologies while simultaneously refining user tradespace requirements to support a Family of Tactical Headborne Systems.

White papers are due March 1, 2016.

LINKS: FBO

FY16 NOAA Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program

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

Notice seeking applications for hands-on environmental education for students about issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed and related professional development for teachers, administrators, and other educators who serve formal K-12 audiences.

Applications are due February 4, 2016. Informational webinars will be held December 11, 2015 at 10:00 am and December 15, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Approximately $500,000 is available to support three to seven awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov, Webinar Registration
Quantum Information Science

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to support theoretical and experimental proposals that explore quantum applications to new computing paradigms or that foster interactions between physicists, mathematicians, and computer scientists that push the frontiers of quantum-based information, transmission, and manipulation. The quantum information science program is focused on investigations relevant to disciplines supported by the Physics Division, while encouraging broader impacts on other disciplines.

Proposals are due December 1, 2016. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Rapid Attack Detection, Isolation and Characterization (RADICS) Proposers Day

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing open meeting for Proposers Day to outline the RADICS program technical goals and challenges, and to promote an understanding of the anticipated BAA proposal requirements. In addition, the Proposers Day will familiarize participants with DARPA’s interest in the area of detecting and responding to cyberattacks on critical infrastructure.

Proposers Day will be held December 14, 2015, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am ET at the DARPA Conference Center, located at 675 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia.

LINKS: FBO

Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science

Notice seeking applications for increasing private sector commercialization of technology developed through DOE-supported research and development (R&D), stimulating technological innovation in the private sector, and improving the return on investment from Federally-funded research for economic and social benefits to the nation.

Letters of intent are due December 21, 2015. Applications are due February 9, 2016. Approximately $27 million is available to support 165 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Advanced Topcoat Systems (ATS) for Air and Ground Vehicles

Department of Defense (Defense), Navy (Navy)

Notice seeking proposals to support the development and optimization of a durable coating system that provides substantially improved corrosion inhibition and reduced environmental, safety and health impacts for Navy and Marine Corps aviation weapon systems and Marine Corps ground and amphibious weapon systems.

White papers are required and due January 19, 2016. Proposals are due March 30, 2016.

LINKS: FBO
EarthCube

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Geosciences

Notice announcing an umbrella solicitation to create a well-connected and facile environment to share data and knowledge in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, thus accelerating our ability to understand and predict the Earth system. Funding opportunities to develop elements of the EarthCube environment will be described in Amendments to this solicitation. Amendments will appear in the Program Description section of the solicitation and will include details on the parameters, scope, conditions, and requirements of the proposal call.

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 24, 2016. Approximately $13 million is available to support 17 to 19 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Fiscal Year 2016 NMFS-Sea Grant Fellowships in Marine Resource Economics

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

Notice seeking applications for fellowships from Ph.D. students who are interested in careers related to the development and implementation of quantitative methods for assessing the economics of the conservation and management of living marine resources. Fellows will work on thesis problems of public interest and relevance to NMFS under the guidance of NMFS mentors at participating NMFS Science Centers or Offices.

Applications are due January 29, 2016. Awards are up to $46,000. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

FY 2016 Request for Proposals from Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia for Nonpoint Source Management Grants under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking applications to develop and/or implement watershed-based plans and on-the-ground projects that will result in significant steps towards solving Nonpoint Source (NPS) impairments on a watershed-wide basis.

Applications are due January 15, 2016. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to 25 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Mineral Recovery Phase II - Geothermal Concepts and Approaches To Validate Extraction

Department of Energy (Energy), Golden Field Office

Notice seeking applications to promote the advancement of geothermal energy conversion processes by validating technologies capable of providing a secondary income stream from the same geo-fluids. Methods for economically capturing, concentrating, and/or purifying valuable materials contained within geothermal brines represent an opportunity to both meet critical U.S. materials needs and broaden, as well as strengthen, the value-proposition of geothermal energy operations.

Concept papers are due January 6, 2016. Applications are due February 29, 2016. Approximately $4 million is available to support three to five awards. Cost share of 20% is required.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Next Round of Research to Operations Initiative: NGGPS and HFIP

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

Notice seeking proposals for projects involving applied science, modeling and/or data assimilation that support development of the Next Generation Global Prediction System (NGGPS) at global and regional scales. Proposals are also sought for proposals for the Hurricane Forecast Improvement Project (HFIP) initiative to engage and coordinate hurricane research required to improve operational hurricane forecasts to meet societal requirements to effectively mitigate economic disruption.

Required letters of intent must be emailed to the contact January 19, 2016. Proposals are due February 29, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available to support 12 NGGPS awards for projects lasting up to two years. Approximately $600,000 is available to support four HFIP awards for projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Next Round of Research to Operations Initiative: NOAA Testbeds

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

Notice seeking proposals for projects involving applied science, modeling and/or data assimilation that expand and accelerate critical weather forecasting research. Applicants must work in partnership with NOAA testbeds and proving grounds (listed at www.testbeds.noaa.gov), which facilitate the orderly transition of research capabilities to operational implementation through development testing in testbeds, and pre-deployment testing and operational readiness/suitability evaluation in operational proving grounds.

Required letters of intent are due January 19, 2016 and must be emailed to the contact. Full proposals are due February 29, 2016. Approximately $600,000 to $1 million is available for awards ranging between $100,000 and $200,000 per year to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Request for Information: Community Input on Standard Announcement of Opportunity

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking comments on NASA's solicitation system in order to update and improve that system.

Email comments to the contacts.

LINKS: FBO notice

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Scholarship and Fellowship Education Grant, Faculty Development Grant, and Trade School and Community College Scholarship Grant, Fiscal Year (FY) 2016

NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

Notice seeking applications to support scholarships for nuclear science, engineering, technology and related disciplines to develop a workforce capable of supporting the design, construction, operation, and regulation of nuclear facilities and the safe handling of nuclear materials. The nuclear-related discipline supported by this funding is intended to benefit the nuclear sector broadly.

Applications are due February 1, 2016. Approximately $15 million is available to support up to 50 awards. Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one application for each of the Scholarship, Fellowship, Faculty Development, & Trade School & Community College Scholarship grant programs. If applying for multiple grant programs, then applicant must submit separate apps.

LINKS: Grants.gov