

UNO FOCUS:

Bridging the Digital Divide
University of Louisiana System

The University of Louisiana System is excited to announce a Request for Funding Proposal (RFP) for faculty and staff that seeks to mitigate digital and technological inequities across the System. The general objective of this RFP aims to improve digital and technological literacy and skills and expand online support through education, training, and professional development opportunities.

Specifically, the RFP calls for applicants to design an online professional development (PD) course that addresses (1) the technology and tools for online learning, (2) quality matters, (3) innovative and engaging course content, and/or (4) student success.

LINKS: ULSystem.edu

Open Educational Resources Course Transformation Funds
Louisiana Library Network at the Louisiana Board of Regents

The competitive Course Transformation Program seeks to lower the cost of post-secondary education for students and contribute to their retention, progression, and graduation. This program provides financial and technical support to faculty wishing to adopt, adapt, and/or create open materials. We invite proposals in accordance with the CFP.

The deadline for proposals is July 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM Central. LOUIS will host webinars to provide guidance and to answer questions: June 2nd: 12:00-1:00 PM, June 17th 10:00-11:00 AM, and June 26th 2:00-3:00 PM. All will take place at <https://zoom.us/j/2214546474>.

LINKS: LouisLibraries.org

ARTS, HUMANITIES, and INTERNATIONAL

Combatting COVID-19 Pandemic and Proliferation Threats
Department of State (State), Bureau of International Security-Nonproliferation (ISN)

Notice seeking applications to build capacity to continue to safely prevent, contain, and mitigate threats and impacts posed by the rapid spread of destabilizing biological and chemical threats at national borders and points of entry, including infectious diseases such as COVID-19.

Applications are due May 29, 2020. Approximately \$15 million is available for 20 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Support to American-Style Higher Education in Iraq
Department of State (State), Office of Assistance Coordination (AC)

Notice seeking proposals to build and increase the institutional capacity of institutions of higher education (IHE) in Iraq, and to enhance partnerships with U.S. and regional IHE for the purposes of research, exchange, and curriculum and pedagogic development, to include faculty exchanges.

Applications are due June 22, 2020. Approximately \$10 million is available to support up to three awards for 24 months.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one application.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

ECC Counter-Iran Activities: Proliferation-UNSCR Enforcement
Department of State (State), Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN)

Notices seeking proposals to develop and execute strategic, threat-based programming to counter the following Iranian threats like procurement of proliferation-sensitive (missile and nuclear) materials, goods, and technologies, activities inconsistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 and transfers of arms to or from Iran.

Proposals are due June 5, 2020. Approximately \$9 million is available for up to 12 awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), [Agency Site](#)

Western Hemisphere Rule of Law Index and Analysis Program
Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics-Law Enforcement (INL)

Notice seeking applications for seven grant projects to comprehensively assess rule of law and criminal justice systems in the Western Hemisphere.

Applications are due July 17, 2020. Approximately \$2.3 million is available for seven awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Notice of Meeting--USAID
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice announcing that the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), an advisory committee to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will convene a virtual public meeting to share the thinking of leading experts in food security and nutrition that relates to COVID-19 impacts. This will include consideration of the most promising short-, medium-, and long-term responses across several key areas: Farm-level productivity, markets and trade, access to finance, nutrition, safe and hygienic food systems, gender, and national and local policy.

The meeting will be held on June 4, 2020 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. ET.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Announcement for Program Funding for NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 – Montana
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Notice seeking applications to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) to agricultural producers, into NRCS technical manuals and guides, or to the private sector.

Applications are due June 22, 2020. Approximately \$225,000 is available to support up to nine awards. Cost share of one to one is required.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Evidence Based Decision Making in State and Local Jurisdictions: Initiative Review
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institutes of Corrections (NIC)

Notice seeking applications to establish and test articulated linkages (information tools and protocols) between the decisions of local criminal justice stakeholders and the application of human and organizational change principles (evidence-based practices) in achieving measurable reductions in pretrial misconduct and post-conviction risk of reoffending. The unique focus of the EBDM initiative is the review of locally developed criminal justice strategies that guide practice within existing statutes and rules.

Applications are due July 6, 2020. Approximately \$30,000 is available.

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

Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP): Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools CFDA Number 84.282B
Department of Education (Education), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Notice seeking applications to expand opportunities for all students, particularly traditionally underserved students, to attend charter schools[1] and meet challenging State academic standards; provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of public charter schools; increase the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the United States; evaluate the impact of charter schools on student achievement, families, and communities; share best practices between charter schools and other public schools; encourage States to provide facilities support to charter schools; and support efforts to strengthen the charter authorizing process.

Notices of intent are encouraged by June 1, 2020. Applications are due June 19, 2020. Approximately \$7.5 million is available to support 12 to 25 awards. Colleges and universities are eligible to collaborate.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Federal Register](#)

Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP): Grants to Charter School Developers for the Replication and expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools CFDA Number 84.282E
Department of Education (Education), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Notice seeking applications to provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools through awarding CSP Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (also referred to as Developer Grants).

Notices of intent are encouraged by June 1, 2020. Applications are due June 19, 2020. Approximately \$7.5 million is available to support 12 to 25 awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Federal Register](#)

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program
Department of Defense (Defense), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)

Notice seeking applications to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. Project proposals must include the endorsement of the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project.

Applications are due June 26, 2020. Approximately \$50 million is available for awards ranging from \$250,000 to \$25 million. A 50 percent match is required for non-rural area projects. Eligibility is limited to

state or local governments and not-for-profit, member owned utility services owning infrastructure outside of, but supporting, a military installation. Opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Agency Site](#)

FY 2020 Competitive Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Notice seeking proposals to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services.

Proposals are due August 24, 2020. Approximately \$5 million is available for multiple awards. In FY 20, FTA will only consider Native American tribes that currently do not have a transit system or that received less than \$20,000 from FTA in FY 19. Opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP); Solicitation of Proposals
Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED)

Notice seeking applications to fund Native language instruction and immersion programs for Native students not enrolled at Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools, including those tribes in states without BIE-funded schools.

Applications are due August 24, 2020. Approximately 15 to 60 grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000 each are available. Eligibility is limited to Native American tribes but opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

Rural Health and Safety Education
National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Notice seeking applications to foster quality of life in rural communities by providing the essential knowledge necessary for successful programs of rural development, improving coordination among Federal agencies, other levels of government, and institutions and private organizations in rural areas, and developing and disseminating information about rural conditions.

Applications are due July 1, 2020 (FY 20) and April 29, 2021 (FY 21). Multiple awards expected over the fiscal years.

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

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel; Meeting
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Forest Service

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss grant applications and other matters.

The meeting will be held virtually, June 23 to June 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET, each day. Call or email the contact for attendance information.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

NIH Directors Emergency Transformative Research Awards (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and Emergency Early Independence Awards (DP5 Clinical Trial Optional)
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking CARES Act funding to support awards that bring new, innovative perspectives and approaches to the prevention of, preparation for, or response to coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, domestically or internationally. Any relevant area of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 research is welcome, including behavioral/social science research, research on health disparities, novel therapeutics, and other related topics. As with all High-Risk, High-Reward Research program applications, innovation may be technological or conceptual.

Optional letters of intent are due August 4, 2020 for Early Independence Awards. Applications are due September 4, 2020. Applications are due September 30, 2020 for Emergency Transformative Research Awards. Multiple awards expected for both programs.

LINKS: [Grants.gov \(RFA-RM-20-020\)](#), [Grants.gov \(RFA-RM-20-021\)](#), [Solicitation \(RFA-RM-20-020\)](#)

NIH Directors Transformative Research Awards (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and Early Independence Awards (DP5 Clinical Trial Optional)
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to support individual scientists or groups of scientists, and junior scientists proposing groundbreaking, exceptionally innovative, original, and/or unconventional research with the potential to create new scientific paradigms, establish entirely new and improved clinical approaches, or develop transformative technologies. For the program to support the best possible researchers and research, applications are sought which reflect the full diversity of the nation's research workforce. Individuals from diverse backgrounds and from the full spectrum of eligible institutions in all geographic locations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Optional letters of intent are due August 4, 2020 for Early Independence Awards. Applications are due September 4, 2020. Applications are due September 30, 2020 for Transformative Research Awards. Multiple awards expected.

LINKS: [Grants.gov \(RFA-RM-20-013\)](#), [Grants.gov \(RFA-RM-20-014\)](#), [Solicitation \(RFA-RM-20-013\)](#)

Airman Readiness Medical Research (ARMR) Hybrid BAA
Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)

Notice seeking applications to fund medical research in support of optimizing of the warfighter by enabling, enhancing, restoring, and sustaining the Airman to more effectively execute the Air Force mission. This medical research objective is dual natured: (1) ensure medical availability of Airmen by analyzing attributes (sensory, behavioral, physiologic) and operational environments (chemical, physical, psychological, biological, radiological stressors) to drive optimal performance of Airmen engaged in high-demand, high-impact mission tasks (2) investigate how the flight environment affects the process of life, the ability to maintain homeostasis, and the risk for injury or secondary insult, seeking to ameliorate these stressors to optimize Airman health and performance.

White paper proposals are accepted on a rolling basis until April 30, 2026. Selected white paper applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Approximately \$480 million is available for multiple awards per year, ranging from \$50,000 to \$49 million each.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Agency Site](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking applications to propose transdisciplinary research to develop or apply innovative approaches/methods to improve the estimates, better characterize the variability, and reduce the uncertainty concerning chemical exposures via soil and dust ingestion for children aged 6 months through 6 years.

Applications are due August 5, 2020. Approximately \$8.1 million is available for six awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Limited Competition: National Primate Research Centers (P51) (Clinical Trials Not Allowed)
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP)

Notice seeking applications that support the activities of the National Primate Research Centers. Nonhuman primates are most closely related to humans, and such care requires specialized physical and intellectual resources, which are most effectively and economically provided in centralized primate centers.

Applications are due September 25; January 25; and May 25 through May 26, 2023. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), [Solicitation](#)

Guidance Documents Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); Availability
Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing the availability of the following COVID-19-related (coronavirus) guidances.

Submit comments at <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

FY 2021 Implementation of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications working to produce, integrate, and communicate high quality ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes data that meets the safety, economic, and stewardship needs of the nation. NOAA is requesting proposals for coordinated regional efforts that further the IOOS in two topic areas; Implementation and Development of Regional Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (Topic Area 1), and Advancing the National Data Management and Cyberinfrastructure System Architecture (Topic Area 2).

Applications are due December 31, 2020. Approximately \$6 million per award is available to support 11 awards in Topic Area 1. Approximately \$300,000 per award is available to support two to three awards in Topic Area 2.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Competitive Research FTA's Public Transportation Innovation Program
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Notice seeking proposals for demonstration projects that deploy cutting edge technologies to provide real-time condition assessment of transit infrastructure and rolling stock conditions.

Proposals are due July 17, 2020. Approximately \$1.25 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to 36 months. Lead applicants must be current FTA awardees, but colleges and universities may collaborate.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice seeking applications to develop and deliver multi-state and national earthquake mitigation and preparedness products and services on behalf of States participating in the FEMA National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program State Assistance program.

Applications are due June 25, 2020. Approximately six awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$300,000 are available.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Agency Site](#)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), Individual State Earthquake Assistance
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice seeking applications to support research to improve understanding of earthquake processes and impacts; develop cost-effective measures to reduce earthquake impacts on individuals, the built environment, and society-at-large; and improve the earthquake resilience of communities nationwide.

Applications are due June 25, 2020. Approximately \$1.5 million is available for up to 22 awards to support projects lasting up to 12 months. A 25 percent cost share is required except in Guam and the Virgin Islands. Eligibility is limited to states and territories that have been determined to be at a High to Very High risk of earthquakes but opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate. Apply to competitions in Grants.gov by relevant FEMA Region and FON.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Agency Site](#)

FY20 Advanced Manufacturing Office Multi-Topic FOA
Department of Energy (Energy), Golden Field Office

Notice seeking innovative, advanced-manufacturing applied research and development (R&D) projects that focus on specific, high-impact manufacturing technology and process challenges. AMO invests in foundational, energy-related, advanced-manufacturing processes (where energy costs are a determinant of competitive manufacturing) and broadly applicable platform technologies (the enabling base upon which other systems and applications can be developed).

Required concept papers are due June 25, 2020. Applications are due August 26, 2020. Approximately \$67 million is available for 33 awards.

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

Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting
National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting to provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to international programs and activities.

The meeting will be held June 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting
National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting to provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) programs and activities.

The meeting will be held June 4, 2020; 11:00 a.m.-4:20 p.m. ET.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#), [Agency Site](#)

Meeting of the NDCAC Executive Advisory Board
Department of Justice (Justice)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Department of Justice's National Domestic Communications Assistance Center's Executive Advisory Board to discuss the National Domestic Communications Assistance Center and the support it provides to the law enforcement; the FBI's future vision of the NDCAC; and a briefing from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

The virtual meeting will be held on June 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST. Registration is required: <https://ndcac.fbi.gov/virtual-executive-advisory-board-meeting-registration>

LINKS: [Federal Register](#)

Modeling and Prediction of Complex Dynamical Events (Topic 23)
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a virtual meeting of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Defense Sciences Office will meet to discuss the opportunity to submit abstracts and full proposals for a research and development project using the Polyplexus platform.

The virtual meeting will be held on June 22, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#), [Contract Opportunities](#)

National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee; Initial Solicitation for Members
(Coast Guard), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice announcing the Coast Guard is requesting applications from persons interested in serving as a member of the National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee.

Applications are due July 27, 2020. Send a cover letter expressing interest in an appointment to the National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee and a resume. Applications are accepted via e-mail or snail mail to the following contact: Michael.W.Lalor@uscg.mil /Subject Line: N-MEDMAC. Michael Lalor, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Commandant (CG-MMC-2), U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20593-7509

LINKS: [Federal Register](#)