ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Combat Trafficking in High Value Wildlife Products from Big Cats

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to improve source, transit, and destination countries’ will and capacity to investigate, arrest, prosecute, convict, and sentence to the fullest extent of the law the criminal organizations that perpetrate wildlife trafficking, especially the leaders and mid-level members of those organizations. Proposals must include details on how the applicant proposes to provide technical assistance to source, transit, and destination countries for big cats in one or more of the following areas: strengthen legislative frameworks, enhance law enforcement and investigative capabilities, develop prosecutorial and judicial capacity, and/or support cross border law enforcement cooperation at the provincial, national, regional, and international levels. Cost sharing is strongly encouraged.

Applications are due by June 5, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Mothers Against Terrorist Radicalization

Department of State (State), Bureau of Counterterrorism

Notice seeking applications for a global project that focuses on mothers and their roles as change-makers in terrorism-affected countries. Funds support efforts to develop new or refine existing practices or models, and then implement these models that aim to provide mothers with the structures, tools, and skills to prevent terrorist radicalization and counter the influence of terrorist ideologies. Targeted countries include India, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia.

Applications are due by May 15, 2018. Approximately $790,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Only one application per applicant organization is allowed

LINKS: Grants.gov

Strengthening Civil Society and Civil Servant Capacity through Partnership

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

Notice seeking applications to strengthen democratic governance through capacity building for civil society organizations and civil servants through partnership in Belize with a focus on principles of accountability in all substantive areas, processes, and procedures oriented toward civil society organizations working with national and/or local government, particularly in vulnerable and/or marginalized communities.

Questions are due May 10, 2018. Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $1.26 million is available for up to five awards to support projects lasting up two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Undergraduate Scholarships Outside Afghanistan for Afghan Students

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

Notice seeking applications to support Afghan students to obtain undergraduate degrees at an American-style, liberal arts, co-educational or women-only, English language-based institution of higher learning outside Afghanistan. Program supports female Afghan high school graduates and female and/or male high school graduates who are alumni of U.S. Embassy programs. Eligibility is open to institutions of higher education that offer American-style, co-educational or women-only, English language-based undergraduate education in the Middle East, Central Asia, the Indian sub-continent, or the East Asia-Pacific region.

Applications are due June 7, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to support one to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Anti-TIP International Youth Champions Conclave

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

Notice seeking applications that aims to unite and empower student activists to combat human trafficking through increased awareness, enhanced advocacy tools, and the creation of an international youth alliance.

Applications are due June 8, 2018. Approximately $50,000 per award is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Art and Heritage Conservationist Summit

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to bring together 30 conservationists from across India (at least 10 being alumni of the Art Conservationist Fellowship) to meet for two full days in New Delhi to draft a plan to create India’s first modern conservationist lab. The plan should include a listing of the equipment needed, the structure of the lab, how the lab will be administered, safety features, a process through which conservationists from across India can apply to use the lab’s facilities, training and support for using the lab, a maintenance plan for ensuring that the equipment is well maintained, a monitoring and evaluation strategy and any other aspects needed to launch a India-relevant, modern conservation lab at an easily accessible location that is open to all conservationist professionals.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $60,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Documentary Film Making for Social Activism

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to provide instruction, mentorship and support to young documentary film makers on how to make short documentary films on issues of concern to both India and the U.S., including sustainable development, education/skills development, women’s empowerment, diversity and pluralism, freedom of expression, urbanization and smart cities. The instruction and mentorship should be executed through a combination of face-to-face seminars/workshops/intensive courses and virtual individual mentorship as well as real-time online instructional sessions. At the end of the program 15 short documentary films, all packaged for international audiences should be produced.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $200,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program Logistics Support

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Security-Nonproliferation (ISN)

Notice seeking applications to support U.S. training activities for the Export Control and Related Border Security Program in Libya. EXBS is designed to stem proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems, as well as irresponsible transfers of conventional weapons, by assisting countries with establishing effective strategic trade and border control systems meeting international standards.

Applications are due June 8, 2018. Approximately $5.75 million is available to support one award for 36 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Gender Equity: Women’s Equality, Empowerment and Leadership through Safe Higher Educational and Work Spaces

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to establish partnerships with five Indian universities to organize five gender sensitization training workshops for 125 faculty of Higher Educational Institutions and conduct gender and safety audits at these institutions. Each workshop will be led by an eminent American feminist scholar or activist in addition to Indian experts.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $150,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Let’s Get Serious: Comic Videos to Promote Study in the U.S.

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to partner with a well-known Indian comedian(s) to create a series of short videos responding to frequently asked questions about higher education opportunities in the United States, the application process and student life in the United States. The grantee will be responsible for identifying and securing a comedian, drafting and editing scripts, hiring supplementary actors if needed, arranging all A/V and filming support, shooting the footage, editing and obtaining all copyrights/permissions for dissemination. The grantee will create a minimum of 10 short videos, lasting between 30 seconds and 2 minutes, edited for best viewing on a smartphone screen.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $75,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program

Department of the Interior (Interior), National Park Service (NPS)

Notice seeking proposals for preservation projects along the Route 66 Corridor. Two funding mechanisms are available: cost-share grants and cooperative agreements for the preservation of the most significant and representative buildings, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor; and cost-share grants are also available for planning, research, and educational initiatives related to the preservation of Route 66.

Proposals are due May 10, 2018. Approximately $100,000 is available to fund 10 awards, with an award range of $5,000 to $30,000. 50% cost-sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Strategic Trade Control Implementing Regulations in Kenya and Morocco

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Security-Nonproliferation (ISN)

Notice seeking applications to co-develop implementation regulations with the Governments of Morocco and Kenya in parallel to ongoing efforts to finalize strategic trade control legislation.

Applications are due June 8, 2018. Approximately $395,400 is available to support one award for 27 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Supporting Libya's Legislative Priorities

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to train and build the capacity of Libyan legislative bodies to more effectively carry out their legislative functions. Proposals will be measured against their ability to effectively train legislative members and staff to provide them with the tools and skills necessary to draft, consult and approve legislation in order to tackle Libya’s immediate legislative priorities.

Optional questions and intent to apply are due May 10, 2018. Proposals are due June 12, 2018. Approximately $750,000 to $1 million is available to support one award. Cost-sharing is encouraged but not required.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one application.

LINKS: Grants.gov

This House Believes That: A U.S.-India Comparative Constitutional Law Debate Project

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to organize and implement a multi-tiered program which will include a workshop, mentorship and debate competition in English that offers youth (especially law students) from South India an opportunity to objectively and dispassionately deliberate important contemporary issues through the lens of U.S. and Indian comparative constitutional law. The program will compare, contrast, and provide insight into the salient features of the foundational documents of the world’s two greatest democracies. In the process, the project will interrogate the rationale and impact of democratic tenets such as freedom of speech and freedom of the press in an open, non-judgmental environment.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $24,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S.-China Afghan Diplomat Training Program

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

Notice seeking applications to support the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in building the capacity of its staff, thereby enhancing staff professionalism and ability to work cooperatively and effectively with the United States and other countries, multinational organizations and NGOs, universities and research centers, businesses, and the press.

Applications are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available to support one award for a period of 12 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Women Shaping the Narrative in Media and Entertainment

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

Notice seeking proposals for a series of workshops and training programs on “Women First, Prosperity for All: Opportunities for Women in the Media and Entertainment Industry in South India.” The workshop will highlight issues that preclude and challenge women from reaching their full potential in this industry and find practical solutions to address them. It will also highlight the economic and creative benefits of having more women in the workforce in this sector.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. One award is available for up to $35,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Youth Leaders as Change Makers

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to manage a series of workshops, follow-on activities and networking platforms for American and Indian youth between the ages of 19-25 to engage with their peers on issues of concerns to both India and the United States. The proposed project will equip youth leaders with skills and direct their initial efforts through workshops and follow-on mentoring.

Proposals are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $40,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Notice of Meeting

Institute of Peace (Institute of Peace)

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss reports from the Institute of Peace Board Committees on Institute activities.

The meeting will be held April 20, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm, ET, at 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

RFI--Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice announcing an upcoming natural resources management project designed to strengthen landscape scale conservation in the western geographical landscape of Tanzania and to seek information from capable and interested organizations. If the Mission determines to proceed with the funding opportunity, then a five-year activity under a Cooperative Agreement award is anticipated through full and open competition, subject to availability of funds.

Responses are due May 8, 2018.

LINKS: Grants.gov
EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Utilities Programs

Notice seeking applications supporting financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies that students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents can use. Funds support telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, transmission facilities, and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural areas. Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $46 million is available to support 100 awards. A 15 percent match is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Female Veterans’ and Homeless Veterans’ with Families Program (HFVVWF) (referred to collectively as HVRP)
Department of Labor (Labor), Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS)

Notice seeking applications to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately up to $500,000 per award is available for 75 awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Notice seeking applications to conduct rigorous research to examine reentry initiatives for adult or juvenile offenders that incorporate promising practices, strategies, or programs applicable to institutional or community corrections, or both. Preference will be given to applications that propose to use a randomized controlled trial and recidivism reduction.

Applications are due August 6, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Native American Employment and Training Council
Department of Labor (Labor), Employment and Training Administration

Notice announcing a meeting of the U.S. Department of Labor Native American Employment and Training Council to discuss (1) WIOA Implementation, (2) Administrative and Financial Reporting; (3) Four-Year Strategic Planning; (4) Update on Public Law 102-477; (5) Council Expirations and Nominations Updates; (5) Census Updates; (6) Council and Workgroup Updates; (7) New Business; and (8) Public Comment.

The meeting will be held April 24-25, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at Members of the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-5437 A, B, & C, Washington, DC. Members of the public can submit a written statement by April 20, 2018 to: Athena R. Brown, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S-4209, Washington, DC 20210.

LINKS: Federal Register
Executive Excellence: A Professional Development Program for Correctional Leaders

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

Notice seeking applications to enter into a cooperative agreement to support the development, enhancement, and sustainability of nationwide correctional leadership through the creation and implementation of training programs and evaluation tools.

Applications are due June 10, 2018. Approximately $80,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

FY 2018 EDA Disaster Supplemental

Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications for regional and community resilience strategies to promote long-term economic recovery plans in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster has been issued.

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until funds are expended or a new notice is issued. Proposals will be reviewed within 30 days of receipt. Approximately $587 million is available to fund multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Proof of Concept Commercialization Pilot Program Innovation Corps @ Department of Defense (I-Corps @ DoD) Fiscal Year 2018

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications from entities that have received a DoD basic research award in a field of science or engineering awarded currently or completed after March 1, 2013 to receive mentoring and funding to accelerate the transition and commercialization of the funded research.

Optional white papers and questions are due June 8, 2018. Applications are due July 6, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for up to 14 awards with a per-award ceiling of $70,000.

Limited Submission: Applicants must have received a DoD basic research award in a field of science or engineering either currently active or completed after March 1, 2014.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Consumer Advisory Board Subcommittee Meetings

(CFPB)

Notice announcing telephone meetings of two Consumer Advisory Board subcommittees, including the Consumer Lending Subcommittee and the Card, Payment, and Deposits Markets Subcommittee. The Consumer Lending Subcommittee will discuss two of the Bureau's Request for Information related to the Call for Evidence initiative by Acting Director Mulvaney. The Card, Payment, and Deposits Markets Subcommittee will discuss lessons learned about the needs of specific targeted vulnerable populations around Mobile Financial Services and features.

The Consumer Lending Subcommittee meeting will be held April 18, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET and the Card, Payment, and Deposits Markets Subcommittee meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET. Both will be held via conference call.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality Integrity

Department of Education (Education), Office of Postsecondary Education

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality.

The meeting will be held May 22, 23, and 24, 2018, each day from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Double Tree by Hilton Washington DC Crystal City, Washington Ballroom, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of a Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting

(Coast Guard), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security), Department of State (State)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Shipping Coordinating Committee to prepare for the 99th session of the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee. Teleconference options are available.

The meeting will be held May 11, 2018 at 9:00 am ET in the CDR Raymond J. Evans Conference Center, Room 6i10-01-a, of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Request for Information Regarding Bureau Financial Education Programs

(CFPB)

Notice seeking comments regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of the Bureau's financial education programs, including its focus on various topics, programs, delivery channels and methods, the use of technology, and the use of the procurement process to support its work.

Comments are due by July 9, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register

Solicitation of Appointment Nominations to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Notice seeking nominations for individuals whose experience is representative of at least one of the 4 categories—the mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers, and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. Nominations may be made by agency officials, members of Congress, the general public, professional organizations, and self-nominations.

Nominations are due by May 9, 2018 in writing and submitted via email to HCFAC.application@hud.gov.

LINKS: Federal Register
HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Impact of Initial Influenza Exposure on Immunity in Infants (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to establish, follow, and characterize longitudinal cohorts of infants to determine how initial and repeated natural influenza infections and/or influenza vaccinations shape infant and childhood immunity to future influenza exposures in order to provide key information to facilitate design of durable, broadly protective influenza vaccines.

Optional letters of intent are due by June 2, 2018. Applications are due by July 2, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

NIDA Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Program Award in Substance Use and Substance Use Disorder Research (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)

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

Notice seeking applications to facilitate supervised research training and career development (K12) experiences for clinician scientists (Scholars) leading to research independence in the area of substance use disorder research.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 11, 2018 through June 11, 2020 and expires August 29, 2020. The budget and number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations (Direct costs are limited to $500,000 per year).

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. Agenda items include updates from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and Staff Offices, as well as updates on recommendations from the 2016 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm ET on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9 and from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET on Thursday, May 10th at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 930, Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to discuss the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Learning Health Systems Mentored Career Development Program (K12) program.

The meeting will be held April 25, 2018 from 7:30 am to 8:30 am ET (and will close to the public thereafter) at the Cambria Hotel & Suites, 1 Helen Heneghan Way, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of Meeting for the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC)

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee to discuss federal efforts related to serious mental illness (SMI) and serious emotional disturbance (SED), including data evaluation, and recommendations for action. Agenda items include member relationship to implementation workgroups, establishing the prevalence of SMI and SED, communication with non-federal organizations to engage non-federal support for the committee, and future meetings.

The meeting will be held June 8, 2018 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm ET at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 800, Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) public advisory committee (Science Board) to discuss the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Program Review Subcommittee; hear about FDA’s Patient Affairs Initiative; and discuss how the Agency can leverage its existing tools and authorities, and work with stakeholders, to better address the complex scientific, public health, and technology challenges it faces today.

The meeting will be held April 23, 2018 from 9 am to 4:30 pm ET at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503, Section A), Silver Spring, MD. Members of the public can access the meeting via webcast: https://collaboration.fda.gov/scienceboard2018/.

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00)

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

Notice announcing the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke intends to publish "BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00)." The program will seek applications to increase the biomedical research workforce diversity and foster a strong cohort of new, highly skilled and well trained, NIH-supported, independent investigators from diverse backgrounds.

The FOA is expected to be publish in April 2018 with an expected application due date in June 2018.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Cardiothoracic Surgical Trials Network Renewal (UM1)

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

Notice announcing the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute intends to promote a new initiative (UM1) through the Cardiothoracic Surgical Trials Network as Linked Clinical Research Centers.

The FOA is expected to be published in May 2018 with an expected application due date in July 2018.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Solicitation of Nominations for Membership to Serve on the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

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

Notice seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children which provides advice, recommendations, and technical information about aspects of heritable disorders and newborn and childhood screening to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Nomination packages must be submitted electronically as email attachments to Alaina Harris, Genetic Services Branch, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), HRSA, AHarris@hrsa.gov. Written nominations for membership on the Committee must be received on or before April 30, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register

Addressing the Challenges of the Opioid Epidemic in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research in the U.S. (R21 and R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

Notice seeking applications to determine the mechanisms for the variation in the prevalence of Opioid Use Disorder, and understanding and reducing disparities in opioid care in minority health and health disparity populations in the U.S. This initiative will also seek to identify multi-level intervention strategies at the institutional and systems level for addressing OUD in these populations. Both developmental and exploratory research (R21 mechanisms) and investigative and collaborative research (R01 mechanisms) grants are available.

Optional letters of intent May 15, 2018. Applications are due June 14, 2018, November 14, 2018, June 14, 2019, November 14, 2019, June 15, 2020 and November 13, 2020. Multiple awards are anticipated. R21 proposals are limited to $275,000 over two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov (R21), Grants.gov (R01)

Administrative Supplements to NCI Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards to Support Collaborations with the Drug Resistance and Sensitivity Network (DRSN) (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice announcing supplemental funds to current NCI-funded research projects for new interdisciplinary collaborations between non-U54 investigators and DRSN U54-supported investigators to perform research within the scientific scope(s) of the parent grant and/or cooperative agreement award(s) that will lead to improved pre-clinical evaluations of novel discoveries in cancer drug resistance that could ultimately be tested in NCI-sponsored clinical trials. Applications are due June 30, 2018. Approximately $500,000 is available for two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
DoD Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Therapeutic Development Award/Therapeutic Idea Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals for innovative preclinical research targeting development of new therapeutics for ALS through two mechanisms: the Therapeutic Development award to support research ranging from validation of therapeutic leads to U.S. Food and Drug Administration Investigational New Drug enabling studies; and the Therapeutic Idea award to support new ideas aimed at drug or treatment discovery that are still in the early stages of development.

Pre-applications for both mechanisms are due June 22, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Therapeutic Development awards have a ceiling of $1 million and Therapeutic Idea awards have a ceiling of $500,000.

LINKS: Agency Site, Grants.gov (Therapeutic Development Award), Grants.gov (Therapeutic Idea Award)

Examining Diversity, Recruitment and Retention in Aging Research (R24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications for collaborative teams to target gaps in methods and outcomes regarding research participant recruitment and retention. The team approach encouraged by this initiative will be used to generate a research resource to advance processes for high yield recruitment, formulate breakthrough ideas, concepts and approaches to research participant recruitment and retention, strengthen outreach and community engagement practices, and devise improved communication strategies. Teams will demonstrate the success of these improvements by engaging a large diverse population. Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due every May 25, September 25, and January 25 until 2021. Approximately $3 million is available to fund one to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Making Health care Safer in Ambulatory Care Settings and Long Term Care Facilities (R18)

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

Notice seeking applications for large research demonstration and implementation projects that pertain to ambulatory care settings and long term care facilities with a focus on implementing evidence-based processes to improve patient safety, especially those involving transitions in care. Projects should develop, utilize, and evaluate strategies to implement existing measures, metrics, tools or practices that have already been validated and have been shown to be efficacious in improving patient safety sites.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due annually on May 25, September 25, and January 25 until September 8, 2021. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $450,000 per year and $1.35 million for the entire project period.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Mental Health Awareness Training Grants

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

Notice seeking applications to: (1) train individuals (e.g., school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, veterans, armed services members and their families) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, particularly serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbance (SED); (2) establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services; (3) train emergency services personnel, veterans, law enforcement, fire department personnel, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder. Applications are due June 8, 2018. Approximately $15.8 million is available to support up to 126 awards for three years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Next-Generation Biologics for Sustained HIV Remission (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice soliciting applications that support research on and early development of next-generation biologics with the goal of inducing sustained HIV remission.

Optional letters of intent are due June 27, 2018. Applications are due July 27, 2018. Approximately $2.25 million is available for up to six awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Promoting, Strengthening and Enhancing Disease Prevention by Collaboration with Targeted Stakeholders

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

Notice announcing support for communication and education activities to promote and maintain accurate information about vaccines among stakeholders and the general public, and education of USDA/WIC staff about the latest vaccine recommendations and best practices to facilitate vaccination referrals to WIC participants.

Applications are due June 11, 2018. Approximately $1.3 million is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Annual Public Meeting; Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration

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

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss the evolution of FDA science and engagement and the role of the Foundation. The Foundation was created by Congress to allow representatives from different sectors including academia to support FDA's mission, work toward modernizing medical, veterinary, food, food ingredient, and cosmetic product development, and to accelerate innovation and enhance product safety.

The meeting will be held May 4, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, ET at Alston & Bird, 950 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. Register to attend by May 3, 2018 at https://reaganudall.org/public-meeting.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS**

Full Spectrum Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Cyber Operations Technology

Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Materiel Command

Notice seeking white papers supporting research, development, integration, test and evaluation of technologies/techniques to expand cyber operations technologies within the Department of Defense. Funds support projects at the intersection of the areas of Signals Intelligence, Electronics Warfare and Cyber Operations. Research areas of interest include methods of integration, improving coordination, and advancing the capability to conduct cyberspace operations in a multitude of environments. Approaches should take into consideration operational and contingency planning, as well as technology and approaches to better equip the warfighter.

Required white papers are due December 2, 2018, December 3, 2019, December 1, 2020, and December 1, 2021. Approximately $1-5 million per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: FBO
SIGMA+ Sensors

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Defense Sciences Office (DSO)

Notice seeking proposals supporting innovative research in the area of advanced chemical and biological detector technologies to support a networked system of sensors for the detection, interdiction, and deterrence of clandestine weapons of mass destruction. Specifically excluded is research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.

Optional abstracts are due by April 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm ET. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

STEM + Computing K-12 Education

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking applications to develop new approaches to pre-K-12 STEM teaching and learning related to Harnessing the Data Revolution, Convergence Research and the Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier with particular focus on research and development of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to promote the integration of computing within STEM teaching and learning for pre K-12 students in both formal and informal settings.

Applications are due July 2, 2018. Proposals received after that date will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Human Studies Review Board; Notification of Public Meetings

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing public meetings of the Human Studies Review Board to advise the Agency on the ethical and scientific review of research involving human subjects. A separate, subsequent teleconference meeting is planned for the board to finalize its Final Report of the earlier meeting and review other possible topics.

Meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, Wednesday, April 25, 2018, and Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 1:00 pm to approximately 5:30 pm ET on all dates. The teleconference meeting will be held on, June 14, 2018, from 2:00 pm to approximately 3:30 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Meeting of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee to consider reports and recommendations from its working groups, including the Model Code for Municipalities working group and the Model Code for States working group as well as continue discussions on how to accelerate the deployment of broadband by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am ET at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing a public teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel to discuss the CASAC draft reviews of the EPA's Risk and Exposure Assessment for the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (External Review Draft) and Policy Assessment for the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (External Review Draft).

The call will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Materials and Chemical Sciences Research for Quantum Information Science

Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Basic Energy Science (BES)

Notice seeking applications for fundamental research for public benefit in materials and chemical sciences to advance our understanding of quantum phenomena in systems that could be used for quantum information sciences and the use of quantum computing in chemical and materials sciences research. Applications must focus on the Priority Research Opportunities for experimental and theoretical research identified in the BES Roundtable Reports, “Basic Energy Sciences Roundtable on Opportunities for Quantum Computing in Chemical and Materials Sciences” or “Basic Energy Sciences Roundtable on Opportunities for Basic Research for Next-Generation Quantum Systems.”

Required letters of intent are due May 3, 2018. Applications are due May 24, 2018. Institutions may submit only two letters of intent as the lead organization. Approximately $24 million is available to fund up to 30 awards, with a per-award range of $150,000 to $1.5 million per year.

LINKS: Grants.gov

SVIP Topic Call - Object Recognition and Adaptive Algorithms in Passenger Property Screening

(TSA), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice seeking innovative techniques to automatically classify the contents of passenger Stream-of-Commerce images/data in a manner that can support future algorithm development for explosives and/or prohibited item threats.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through April 17, 2019. Multiple phase I proof of concept awards of up to $200,000 are available to support projects lasting three to six months. Upon completion of Phase I, awardees may be eligible to further develop their concept in Phase 2 awards and then Phase 3, and 4 awards at up to $200,000 each upon completion of the previous Phase. An Industry Day will be held May 4, 2018 at 9:30 am, PT at SRI I Building Dining Room, 333 Ravenswood Av., Menlo Park, CA.

LINKS: FBO

Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences. The purpose of the meeting is 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 May 10, 2018; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, May 11, 2018; 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room W2210/W2220, Alexandria, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register
Human Exploration and Operations Research Advisory Committee; Meeting

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Human Exploration and Operations Research Advisory Committee to discuss NASA Space Life and Physical Sciences Research and Applications Status; Center for the Advancement of Science In Space Status; International Space Station Research Planning; and Human Exploration and Operations Advisory Committee Evolution. Web and teleconference options are available.

The meeting will be held on May 11, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm ET at NASA Headquarters, Room 1Q39, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Space Launch System (SLS) Core Stage Engine (CSE)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking information to provide eighteen human-rated, flight-certified, high-performance liquid rocket engines in support of the SLS Program flight manifest.

Responses are due by April 30, 2018 to Jennifer A. Jones, email: jenny.a.jones@nasa.gov and darlene.l.schmidt@nasa.gov

LINKS: FBO