ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

American Center Technology Club
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Vietnam

Notice seeking applications to provide American Center patrons high quality opportunities to learn and experience the new Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs to include tiered opportunities from beginners (with little to no coding knowledge) to advanced STEM professionals.

Applications are due May 20, 2018. Approximately up to $10,000, per award, is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to bring a group of diverse and intellectually probing students from Europe, ages 15-18, to participate in an intensive, four-week exchange program in the United States. Participants will engage in a variety of activities such as training sessions, workshops, community and/or school-based programs, and cultural events through the framework of Benjamin Franklin’s legacy; and they will work together on joint projects that present and promote the Institute’s stated goals. Program goals include: Develop a sense of civic responsibility and a commitment to cooperation among youth; Foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious, and national groups; Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Europe; and Develop a cadre of young leaders who will share their knowledge and skills with their peers through positive action.

Applications are due by June 1, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this competition

LINKS: Grants.gov

Catch Them Young with the Entrepreneurship Bug
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to India

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to: enhance U.S.-India strategic partnership through a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship; support economic growth and development by providing training opportunities and building skills capacities for youth; and strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and India through exchanges of information, experiences and expertise. Applications are due by June 12, 2018. Approximately $40,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Design and Implementation of the English Access Microscholarship Program, 2018-2020
Department of State (State), Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

Notice seeking application supporting efforts to provide youth from economically disadvantaged communities in Turkey with English language and other global citizenship skills that improve educational and employment prospects, build stronger self-esteem, and provide a deeper multi-cultural understanding. Projects should serve as a viable educational model for communities through a variety of components, including those focused on leadership, creative and critical thinking, information technology, and civic outreach. Applications are due by May 20, 2018. Approximately $386,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
EcoCinema: A Greener World through Art

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to organize and implement a film and art festival and tour that aims to generate awareness on creating a sustainable environment in East India and promote sustainable environmental practices. Funds support efforts to engage communities and advocate for the environment, air quality and sustainability through art and films. Applications are due by June 12, 2018. Approximately $37,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

English Language Teaching Program

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to teach sound English Language Teaching pedagogy, combining some structured instruction along with ample time for speaking practice.

Applications are due May 13, 2018. Up to $10,000 is available, per award, for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to one year. Activities must occur in the American Center located in Ho Chi Minh city.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Global Media Makers

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to conduct an innovative professional development program for film and television professionals from participating countries to enhance their creative impact. Funds support efforts to connect approximately 12 to 18 mid-career film and television professionals from approximately six to eight countries with leading U.S. entertainment and media professionals who will facilitate behind-the-scenes access, bolster participants’ technical skills and creative content development, and build the foundations for lasting professional network.

Applications are due by June 1, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award. Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this competition.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Global Sports Mentoring Program

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

Notice seeking applications supporting month-long professional development mentorship programs which encourage mutually beneficial relationships between American sports executives and leaders in the sports sector overseas. Funds support two programs: the Sport for Community program which focuses on increasing sports opportunities for marginalized youth and people with disabilities worldwide; and the espnW program which focuses on increasing sports opportunities for women worldwide. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge, experience, and capacity in the following areas: delivery of successful international sports exchange programs; creation and facilitation of mentoring relationships between emerging leaders and individuals in the private sector, non-profits, or universities; technical knowledge and significant experience in sports diplomacy and/or sport for development programs, especially those targeting women, girls, people with disabilities, and youth from marginalized populations; monitoring and evaluation of both international and American participant experiences and follow-on project implementation data; and high quality digital production to include photos, videos, website content, social media, and public-facing written content for social and traditional media use.

Applications are due by June 1, 2018. Approximately $3.39 million is available to support one award. Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this cooperative agreement competition.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Labor Rights and Mega Sporting Events

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to address the potential negative human rights and labor rights impacts of international mega-sporting events. Projects must strengthen grievance mechanisms and work to increase access to remedy for human rights abuses related to the development and operation of international mega-sporting events, including a focus on violations of internationally recognized worker rights. Projects may also include a focus on the promotion of decent work throughout the lifecycle of mega-sporting events.

Applications are due by April 20, 2018. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Applicants can submit one application

LINKS: Grants.gov

North India Small Grants Program

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

Notice seeking applications to support engagement with organizations and institutions outside of the National Capitol Region and provide an opportunity to: create dialogue on issues important to the people of North India; and develop innovative and sustainable programming to address these issues. Funds support efforts to Strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and India through exchange of information, experiences, and expertise. Focus areas include: Environmental Sustainability (including renewable energy); Women’s Economic Empowerment; Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Preventing Violent Extremism; and Countering Trafficking-in-Persons.

Applications are due by June 12, 2018. Approximately $60,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Promoting Diversity and Tolerance through Interfaith and Interclass Community Service Projects

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

Notice seeking applications supporting initiatives that promote social harmony by bringing youth from different socio-economic groups to work together on community service projects in their local communities. Participating youth should come away with an improved understanding of a different socio-economic group, a heightened appreciation for diversity, and a stronger commitment to community service. Program goals include: Increase the capacity of India to address its challenges and prepare it for the future by providing youth with problem-solving skills while promoting social harmony and an appreciation of diversity; and Strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and India by promoting linkages between the corporate and social/educational sectors of India and the United States.

Applications are due by June 12, 2018. Approximately $21,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Promoting U.S. Private Sector Engagement in Emerging MENA Markets

Department of State (State), Assistance Coordination

Notice seeking applications supporting innovative means to engage in the emerging Middle East and North Africa (MENA) media and entertainment market that will encourage the U.S. private sector to invest in and facilitate production of quality local content and improve local productions and regional capacity, while promoting positive messages of interest to the U.S. government. No activities may take place in UAE, Egypt, Yemen, Syria or Iraq. A 60 percent match is required. Optional notifications of intent to apply are due May 15, 2018. Applications are due June 19, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available to support one to three awards. Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one (1) application

LINKS: Grants.gov
South Asia Higher Education Symposium

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

Notice announcing an open competition for eligible organizations to submit applications to organize and implement a symposium for higher education stakeholders in South Asia.

Applications are due June 12, 2018. Up to $300,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Supporting Private Sector Growth in Algeria

Department of State (State), Assistance Coordination

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to support the private sector in Algeria by increasing access to finance for Small to Medium Enterprises. Funds support efforts to: strengthen the capacity of banks and financial institutions for better business services; and extend and diversify financing options for businesses.

Optional letters of intent are due by May 10, 2018. Applications are due by June 12, 2018. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one application per applicant.

LINKS: Grants.gov

TechWomen Program

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to recruit, select, and place in mentorships a total of approximately 100-110 women from select regions to participate in a five- to six-week intensive peer-mentoring program in the United States. Special emphasis should be placed on finding creative ways to involve alumnae in strengthening a network of female STEM professionals, building professional standards and capacity, and inspiring the next generation of girls interested in STEM careers by exposing them to female role models. Award applicants must exhibit their ability to manage all program logistics and overseas follow-on programming. Participants must come from Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Central Asia, and the Middle East and North Africa.

Applications are due by June 1, 2018. Approximately $9.24 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this competition.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. Consulate Fukuoka PAS Annual Program Statement

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

Notice seeking applications supporting projects that strengthen cultural ties between the U.S. and Japan through cultural and exchange programming that highlights shared values and promotes bilateral cooperation. All programs must include an American cultural element, or connection with American expert/s, organization/s, or institution/s in a specific field that will promote increased understanding of U.S. policy and perspectives. Funds only support grants geared to Japanese audiences. Focus areas include: US-Japan Bilateral Relationship; Regional Security; Economic Growth; Social Issues; English Teaching; and Education.

Applications are due by November 1, 2018. Approximately $15,000 is available to support two awards. Limited Submission: Applicants are only allowed to submit one application per organization.

LINKS: Grants.gov
U.S. Exchange Alumni Network and Capacity Building Program

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

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to expand opportunities to U.S. citizen alumni of U.S. government-sponsored people-to-people exchange programs. Program goals include: Organize and implement approximately 12 professional development seminars and accompanying career events in different cities across the United States, focusing on professional networks, capacity building, and job skills-training; and Develop and implement a small grants program targeted at U.S. citizen alumni to provide opportunities for them to use the skills, knowledge, and networks gained on their exchange programs to carry out community projects.

Applications are due by June 1, 2018. Approximately $2.26 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this competition.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USAID Learn to Read Activity

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Thailand USAID-Bangkok

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to improve Lao literacy for children in selected target districts. Objectives include: Improved Lao reading ability for non-Lao speakers and vulnerable students; Improved classroom instruction through enhanced teacher competencies and resources to meet needs of target children; and Strengthened community engagement to provide a conducive learning environment for improved reading skills, particularly for non-Lao speaking and vulnerable communities. Cost sharing is required.

Applications are due by May 16, 2018, 2:00 p.m., Bangkok time. Approximately $20 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: An Applicant organization may submit only one Summary Application package in response to this NFO.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Vietnam Criminal Trial Advocacy Project

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

Notice seeking applications to provide Vietnamese judges, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys and law students an opportunity to develop skills they need to bring the adversarial elements included in Vietnam’s new Criminal Procedural Code (CPC) to life. For judges, these skills include managing a more adversarial courtroom; for prosecutors and lawyers, they include making persuasive oral arguments and effectively questioning witnesses in open court.

Applications are due June 11, 2018. Up to $600,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Notice of Meeting

Institute of Peace (Institute of Peace)

Notice announcing a meeting of the US Institute of Peace. Agenda items include: Chairman's Report; Vice Chairman's Report; President’s Report; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixty Fifth Meeting (January 19, 2018) of the Board of Directors; Reports from USIP Board Committees; Iraq Trip Report; and Central Asia: Multiple Connections report. The meeting will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10:00 am-12:15 pm ET at 2301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register
Alumni Mentoring: The Journey Continues

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

Notice seeking applications to organize a mentoring program for US government exchange program alumni from the five posts that comprise Mission India. The program will comprise of 3 stages: targeted workshops on mentoring for mentees and mentors; six months of regular mentoring interactions with a two- to four-week internship; and implementation of social impact projects by selected mentees in their career fields.

Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $145,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Cultural Preservation of Historic Sites and Monuments (Built Heritage)

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

Notice seeking applications to promote tolerance, diversity, and national pride by building community and national awareness of Afghanistan’s rich heritage. Selected projects will also build capacity and develop skills of university students and/or youth through well-defined internship programs and/or educational outreach programs, including curriculum enhancement.

Applications are due June 18, 2018. Up to $400,000 per award is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Cultural Preservation of Traditional Forms of Expression

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

Notice seeking applications to promote tolerance, diversity, and national pride by building community and national awareness of Afghanistan’s rich heritage. Selected projects will preserve an endangered or threatened aspect of traditional forms of cultural expression as listed above by increasing human capacity within those disciplines.

Applications are due June 19, 2018. Up to $100,000 per award is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Digital Humanities Advancement Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Office of Digital Humanities (ODH)

Notice seeking applications for digital humanities projects featuring experimentation, reuse, and extensibility principles, leading to innovative work that can scale to enhance scholarly research, teaching, and public programming in the field. Various funding levels are available.

Applications are due June 5, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Funding varies by award level.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Digital Projects for the Public

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Public Programs

Notice seeking applications that interpret and analyze humanities content in primarily digital platforms and formats, such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks, games, and virtual environments. The projects must be designed to attract broad public audiences.

Applications are due June 6, 2018. Awards are one to three years and may be up to $30,000 for Discovery grants, up to $100,000 for Prototyping grants, and up to $400,000 for Production grants.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Myanmar and Thailand Law Enforcement Forensic Capacity Assessment and Training

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

Notice seeking applications to fund a project to bolster the capacity of law enforcement forensic laboratories in Myanmar and Thailand to analyze evidence from crime scenes to strengthen related investigations and prosecutions.

Questions are due April 30, 2018. Applications are due May 16, 2018. Up to $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

NEH Research and Development

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

Notice seeking applications for projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources, including finding better ways to preserve materials of critical importance, and developing advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. Two funding mechanisms are available: Tier I for planning and basic research; and Tier II for projects at a more advanced stage of implementation for the development of standards, practices, methodologies, or workflows for preserving and creating access to humanities collections; and/or applied research addressing preservation and access issues concerning humanities collections.

Applications are due June 7, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Tier I awards have a ceiling of $75,000. Tier II awards have a ceiling of $350,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Operation and Management of the Kabul Educational Advising Center (KEAC) locations in Kabul, Herat, and Mazar-e Sharif

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

Notice seeking proposals to carry out the operation and management of the Kabul Educational Advising Center locations in Kabul, Herat, and Mazar-e Sharif. The three educational advising centers provide advising and training to Afghan high school and college students who wish to study in the United States and offer career mentoring and job search assistance. The recipient of this award will offer standardized test preparation courses and administer standardized exams. The centers will provide advisors certified by EducationUSA, the State Department network of international student advising centers.

Proposals are due June 20, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to fund one award for two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Supporting Her Empowerment – Girls’ Resilience, Enterprise, and Technology (SHE’s GREAT) Initiative

Department of State (State), Office of Global Womens Issues

Notice seeking applications to ensure that young women and girls are economically and socially empowered, free from violence and discrimination, and have access to skills training, information and technology thereby promoting global development, security, and prosperity.

Applications are due June 15, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award. Cost sharing is encouraged.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Television Content Fund program

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking proposals to increase the quality and quantity of locally produced content on Moldovan television through co-productions that expand investment and employment in the media space. Awardees will be responsible for overall logistical coordination, management of funds, and coordination with the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs Section.

Proposals are due June 15, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to fund one award. Cost sharing is not required but encouraged.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Youth for Peace: Follow On Programming

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

Notice seeking proposals for a project titled “Youth for Peace: Follow-on Programming.” The project will bring together young leaders from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, to understand the complex variables that affect peace and violence in their communities, identify best practices of conflict resolution and see themselves as key catalysts in the peace building process. Proposals should be based on the framework of an inaugural two-day workshop with a follow on two-day workshop after a span of two-three months, and a final Youth for Peace Summit.

Proposals are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $50,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development - RMA; Notice of Meeting

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development with the theme of “Resilience Measurement and Analysis.” At this meeting, the Board will address old and new business, including the presentation of the BIFAD Award for Scientific Excellence in an Innovation Lab. The purpose of this meeting is to share knowledge about theoretical and applied frameworks for resilience measurement and analysis and to identify opportunities to leverage U.S. university research capabilities to support resilience measurement and analysis.

The meeting will be held May 9, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development with the theme of "Building an Evidence Base on Rural Youth Employment and Livelihoods." The purpose of the meeting is to develop a shared understanding of rural labor markets and youth-specific constraints, discuss the evidence base on programs that aim to improve rural youth employment and livelihoods, outline cross-sectoral opportunities to support and empower youth to take advantage of agricultural system market opportunities, and identify knowledge gaps on which U.S. university research partners can generate evidence to address.

The meeting will be held May 8, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

2019-2021 IMLS Inspire! Grants for Small Museums Notice of Funding Opportunity

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Notice seeking comments concerning a plan to offer a new grant initiative targeted to the needs of small museums nationwide, aligned to the updated IMLS Strategic Framework for 2018-2022. Inspire! Grants for Small Museums (IGSM) is a special initiative of the Museums for America Program. The goal of IMLS Inspire! Grants for Small Museums (IGSM) is to support projects that strengthen the ability of small museums to serve their community.

Written comments are due by June 11, 2018 to Dr. Sandra Webb, Director, Office of Grant Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135.

LINKS: Federal Register

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Law Enforcement-Youth Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Notice seeking applications supporting a methodologically rigorous research and/or evaluation effort focused on interactions between law enforcement and youth, with practical implications for the identification and development of strategies that ensure officer, youth, and community safety. Funds support studies that contribute to the development of scientific evidence about factors that facilitate or inhibit positive police-youth interactions, as well as evaluations of the implementation and effectiveness of trainings, programs, practices, or policies designed to facilitate productive law enforcement and youth engagement.

Applications are due by May 29, 2018. Approximately $1 million per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Puerto Rico Youth and the Environment Program

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking applications to support the development of projects in Puerto Rico for eligible post-Hurricane Maria restoration activities in the Vieques Bioluminescent Mosquito Bay; and San Juan Bay Estuary, that involve training, studies and/or demonstrations relating to the reduction of the sedimentation load; elimination of water pollution; and/or the development of an environmental education program and materials through the Youth and the Environment program.

Applications are due by May 25, 2018. Approximately $40,000 is available to support up to two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
State System Enhancements for Youth Offenders

Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Notice seeking application to provide funding to states and localities to enhance juvenile defense delivery systems. IHEs may partner. Focus areas include: Provide specialized training for staff and stakeholders involved with assisting indigent youth offenders within the juvenile justice system; Improve juvenile courts’ data collection and reporting capacity, specifically relating to youth and their legal representation and access to services pre and post-adjudication; Analyze the juvenile defense delivery system with respect to juvenile offenders’ access to services by identifying critical needs and gaps in service, areas for improvement, and aspects that are working and may be replicable and/or scalable across jurisdictions; and Address a specific, identified need or gap within the juvenile justice system to improve access to and/or the quality of juvenile defense services for youth offenders at every stage of justice system involvement, from arrest and charging to appeal and reentry.

Applications are due by May 29, 2018. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support four awards.

Limited Submission: Only one application by any particular applicant entity will be considered

LINKS: Grants.gov

Veterans Accelerated Learning for Licensed Occupations Project

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

Notice seeking applications supporting partnerships to help increase and expedite attainment of state occupational licenses by veterans and transitioning service members. Applications must have both a postsecondary education partner, and an occupational licensing partner. Funds support efforts to identify gaps between military education and training in specific military occupations as compared to the education required for related licensed civilian occupations, and develop a bridge curriculum, as open educational resources, to address those gaps such that veterans can enter and complete a program of study required to obtain a state license needed to achieve their career objectives.

Applications are due by May 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm ET. Approximately $4.5 million is available to support three awards.

Limited Submission: Applicants may only submit one application

LINKS: Grants.gov

Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Membership for the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee

Maritime Administration

Notice requesting nominations for membership on the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee. Members will be selected with a view toward a varied perspective of the marine transportation industry, including relevant policy areas such as innovative financing, economic competitiveness, performance monitoring, safety, labor, and environment.

Nominations for current openings are due on or before 5:00 pm ET on May 29, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Solicitation of Applications for Membership on the Community Advisory Council

Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Federal Reserve System

Notice announcing the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is seeking new member applications to serve on the Community Advisory Council (CAC), a diverse group of experts and representatives of consumer and community development organizations and interests, including from such fields as affordable housing, community and economic development, employment and labor, financial services and technology, small business, and asset and wealth building.

Applications are due June 15, 2018 for consideration for selection to the CAC for terms beginning January 1, 2019. Click here to access the application: https://www.federalreserve.gov/secure/CAC/Application/.

LINKS: Federal Register

Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Notice seeking State-lead applications to demonstrate user-based alternative revenue mechanisms that utilize a user fee structure to maintain the long-term solvency of the Federal Highway Trust Fund.

The grants require State department of transportation serve as the lead agency; however, partnerships for regional or national proposals are available. No more than 50 percent of total proposed project costs, with the remainder coming from non-Federal sources.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative

Federal Highway Administration (FHA)

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

Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $60 million is available for multiple awards. Colleges and universities may partner.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Applications for New Awards; Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program

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

Notice seeking applications to support innovative literacy programs in low income areas for children and students from birth to 12th grade that 1) develop and enhance effective school library programs (including professional development for school librarians); 2) provide early literacy services, including pediatric literacy programs; and 3) provide high-quality books on a regular basis to children and adolescents from low-income communities. The Absolute Priority, which must be addressed, is High-Quality Plan for Innovative Approaches to Literacy That Includes Book Distribution, Childhood Literacy Activities, or Both, and that, at a Minimum, Demonstrates a Rationale. There are also two Competitive Preference Priorities, which provide additional points to an application: 1) Promoting STEM Education with a Particular Focus on Computer Science, and 2) Serving Rural Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

Applications are due May 18, 2018. Approximately $26.73 million is available for up to 36 awards ranging from $175,000 to $5 million depending on the scope of the project and applicant type. Eligibility is limited high-need LEAs, national not-for-profit organizations (NNPs) that have multiple high-need LEAs in their service areas, consortia of LEAs or NNPs or both, and Bureau of Indian Education. Opportunities may exist for collaboration with colleges and universities (though subgrantees may not directly carry out project activities).

LINKS: Grants.gov, Federal Register, Agency Site
Food Safety Outreach Competitive Grant Program 2018

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Notice seeking applications to develop and implement food safety training, education, extension, outreach and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners and operators of small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers. Three project types are being solicited: Pilot Projects will support the development of food safety education and outreach programs in local communities that address the needs of small, specialized audiences whose education needs have not previously been adequately addressed. Community Outreach Projects will support the growth and expansion of already existing food safety education and outreach programs currently offered in local communities; to include previously funded, successful Pilot Projects. Regional Center Projects will support the infrastructure of the program by coordinating information within and among the four regions to ensure that best practices for FSMA-related training, education, and technical assistance within local communities are translated to a national audience.

Applications are due June 7, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Funding varies by project type.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Request for Applications: The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service

Notice seeking applications to establish community forests by acquiring private forest land from a willing seller. The community forests are intended to provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management; clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; forest-based educational programs; and recreational benefits from public access.

Applications must be submitted by June 29, 2018 to the regional contact with a confirmation email to communityforest@fs.fed.us. Awards of up to $600,000 are available.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Training Support Workshop Activities for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking applications to provide training workshop support activities for states and other practitioners implementing the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs, the Clean Water SRF program and the Drinking Water SRF programs. The training workshop support will include planning, preparing, and providing technical support for four annual National SRF Infrastructure Financing and Training Workshops.

Questions are due May 18, 2018 to Joseph.Frances@epa.gov. Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $380,000 is available to support one awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Board of Visitors (BoV) of the U.S. Air Force Academy Notice of Meeting

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, athletics, diversity, curriculum and other matters relating to the Academy; these topics will fall under a Superintendent's update, a Commandant's update and a Dean's update.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the United States Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Course, Building 3162, Colorado Springs, CO. The open portion of the meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

LINKS: Federal Register
Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee Meeting

Census Bureau (CB)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee.

The meeting will be held June 8, 2018 at 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Friday, June 1, 2018. You may access the online registration form with the following link: https://www.regonline.com/fesac_june2018_meeting.

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of a Public Meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion

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

Notice announcing the final meeting of the task force, scheduled to include final deliberations on strategies and next steps to promote and expand apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient.

The meeting will be held May 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm, ET at DOL, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. To attend in person, register at the Agency Site link before 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting and arrive 30 minutes early.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Notice of National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The purpose is to focus on transformational policies and programs that aim to accelerate innovation and increase the rate at which research is translated into companies and jobs, including through entrepreneurship and the development of an increasingly skilled, globally competitive workforce. The final agenda for the meeting will be posted on the NACIE website at http://www.eda.gov/oie/nacie/ prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm ET at the Herbert Clark Hoover Building (HCHB), 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, Room 58026.

LINKS: Federal Register

Open Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Federal Communications Commission with several agenda items, including taking up proposed rules and rule changes from the Wireline Competition, International, and Media Bureaus, and a public notice from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The meeting will be held April 17, 2018 beginning at 10:30 am ET in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
FOIA Advisory Committee; Solicitation for Committee Member Nominations

Notice seeking member nominations for the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee (Committee).

We must receive nominations for Committee membership before 5:00 pm ET on Friday, June 1, 2018. Nominations can be sent to OGIS at foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov, fax them to Amy Bennett's attention at 202-741-5769, or mail them to Amy Bennett; National Archives and Records Administration; Office of Government Information Services; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, MD 20740-6001.

LINKS: Federal Register

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

DoD Ovarian Cancer Funding Opportunities

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing several awards for new and established researchers focused on ovarian cancer.

Required pre-applications are due in late May and late July depending on mechanism. Multiple awards and funding amounts anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov (Clinical Development Award), Solicitation (All mechanisms)

Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology Research to Address Health Disparities in the U.S. (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Notice announcing the availability of administrative supplements to support aging research that addresses disparities in health, with emphasis on geriatrics and clinical gerontology studies.

Applications are due July 16, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available for four awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Improving Implementation of Immunization Practice Standards by National Pharmacy Organizations--Financed Solely by PPHF 2018 Prevention and Public Health Funds

Notice seeking applications to support the implementation of immunization practice standards by national-level pharmacy organizations and improve communication among pharmacists, state and local immunization programs, and other health care providers.

Applications are due June 11, 2018. Up to $2 million is available for two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
NIMH Career Transition Award for Tenure-Track Intramural Investigators (K22 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications to support career intramural investigators at NIMH who aim to transition from the Division of Intramural Research Programs (DIRP) to an independent research faculty position in the extramural community. Applicants should have a demonstrated record of meritorious research in mental health-related fields.

Applications are due annually on February 12, June 12 and October 12 through May 8, 2021.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Novel Biomarkers for the Development of HIV Incidence Assays with Improved Specificity (R01 Clinical Trial Optional; R21 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 to support the development of novel biomarkers and improved HIV incidence assays and algorithms with increased specificity for distinguishing recent (within the first 12 months) from chronic HIV infections.

Applications are due annually on January 7, May 7 and September 7 through May 8, 2021.

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

Reaching Healthcare Professionals in the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

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

Notice seeking applications to increase healthcare professionals’ use of alcohol screening and brief intervention as a routine part of care, decrease risky alcohol use among women of reproductive age, including any alcohol use by pregnant women, and improve health outcomes, including those of women and their families.

Applications are due June 13, 2018. Approximately $250,000, per budget period, is available for five awards to support projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program

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

Notice seeking applications to partner with state health departments to implement evidence-based strategies and to leverage resources from multiple stakeholders and sectors (e.g., agriculture, transportation, education, business, commerce, housing) to improve the nutrition and physical activity status of Americans.

Applications are due June 14, 2018. Approximately $70 million is available for 15 awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site
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 of the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration created by Congress to advance the mission of FDA to modernize medical, veterinary, food, food ingredient, and cosmetic product development; accelerate innovation, and enhance product safety. FDA Commissioner, Dr. Scott Gottlieb, will deliver a keynote address, followed by a panel discussion on the “Evolution of FDA Science and Engagement” and the role of the Foundation. Panelists will include the current FDA Commissioner, Dr. Scott Gottlieb, and former FDA Commissioners Drs. Robert Califf and Andrew C. von Eschenbach. The panel moderator will be Susan Dentzer, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Network for Excellence in Health Innovation.

The public meeting will be held on May 4, 2018, from 10 am until noon ET at Alston & Bird, 950 F St. NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee to discuss new drug application (NDA) 208627 for tecovirimat, sponsored by SIGA Technologies Inc., for the proposed indication of the treatment of smallpox disease caused by variola virus in adults and pediatric patients.

The meeting will be held on May 1, 2018 from 10 am to 3:30 pm ET at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda/Washington DC, Grand Ballroom, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Environmental Modeling Public Meeting; Notice of Public Meeting

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing an Environmental Modeling Public Meeting, which provides a public forum for EPA and its stakeholders to discuss current issues related to modeling pesticide fate, transport, and exposure for pesticide risk assessments in a regulatory context. Potential topics include quantitative use of chemical surface water monitoring data in exposure/risk assessment, calibration of water quality models using surface water data, comparisons of chemical monitoring and modeling data, chemical removal efficacy of drinking water and sewage treatment and monitoring data for agricultural, urban, forestry and aquatic pesticide applications.

The meeting will be held May 23, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm ET at the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, One Potomac Yard (South Building), First Floor Conference Center (S-1200), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Council on Migrant Health

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health. Topics addressed at this meeting include: Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Regional Health Issues/Trends; and Occupational and Environmental Hazards and Injuries Impacting Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Health.

The meeting will be held on May 8, 2018, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, PT and May 9, 2018, 9:30 am-5:30 pm PT at the Holiday Inn Downtown Yakima, 802 East Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Meetings

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council to present the Director's Report and other scientific presentations and review the Division's scientific and planning activities.

Open portions of the meeting will be held throughout the day on May 16, 2018 at the National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Council of Councils to evaluate the “Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST)” Awards; NIDA Update; Introduce the Use of Non-Human Primates in Addiction Research and NHP Models of Drug Addiction.

The meeting will be held on May 18, 2018 from 8:15 am to 11:30 am ET and 2:30 pm to 4:05 pm ET at the National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD. Click here to access the videocast: http://videocast.nih.gov

LINKS: Federal Register

Administrative Supplements to NIGMS Predoctoral Training Grants for the Development of Activities to Prepare Trainees for Careers in the Biomedical Research Workforce (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications from recipients of NIGMS-funded predoctoral T32 training grants for additional funds designated to provide support for the development and implementation of activities aimed at broadening the training experience to better prepare individuals for careers in the biomedical research workforce.

Applications are due May 18, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $80,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

BARDA Division of Research, Innovation and Ventures (DRIVe) Accelerator Network

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice soliciting applicants interested in working with BARDA DRIVe to stimulate the public good by creating or leveraging a network of accelerators across America to promote national health security innovation. In order to address the serious 21st century health threats facing our nation, BARDA DRIVe invests in innovative,transformative tools and technologies to disrupt the current paradigm of how we approach health security threats, enabling us to increase our capability and capacity to prepare for and respond to such threats.

Applications are due May 17, 2018. Approximately $7.5 million is available for up to 20 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Development of Curricular or Training Activities in Skills Development/Rigor and Transparency/Laboratory Safety (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications from NIGMS-funded predoctoral T32 training grant recipients for additional funds designed to provide support for the development and implementation of curricular or training activities aimed at various graduate-level biomedical research and education projects. Funding mechanisms exist for developing the technical, operational, or professional skills to become a biomedical scientist; providing graduate trainees with a strong foundation in areas related to conducting rigorous and transparent research to enhance reproducibility in the biomedical sciences; and providing trainees with the knowledge and skills to enhance laboratory safety.

Applications are due May 18, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $80,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov (Skills Development), Grants.gov (Rigor and Transparency to Enhance Reproducibility), Grants.gov (Laboratory Safety)

In Vivo Synaptic Function in Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications to study in vivo synaptic structure and function in Alzheimer's and related dementia; and to advance development of methods to study synapses in animal models and humans.

Applications are due annually on February 16, June 16 and October 16 through January 8, 2021. Approximately $1.5 million is available for up to five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Loan Repayment Program for Repayment of Health Professions Educational Loans Announcement Type: Initial

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Indian Health Service (IHS)

Notice seeking applications from individuals for health professional educational loans (undergraduate and graduate) in return for full-time clinical service at an Indian health program site.

Applications are due the Friday of the second full week of each month until August 15, 2018. Approximately 384 two-year contract awards averaging $46,210 each are available. Approximately 390 one-year contract extension awards averaging $25,000 each are available.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Novel Nucleic Acid Sequencing Technology Development

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

Notice seeking R01, R21 and R43/R44 grant applications to develop novel technologies that will enable no less than one order of magnitude improvement in DNA sequencing, and practical methods for direct RNA sequencing. The goal now is to improve the quality and efficiency of DNA sequencing and enable direct RNA sequencing (e.g., longer read lengths, faster turn-around time, greater accuracy, and higher-throughput etc.) at reasonable costs with the anticipation that significant advances in any of these and related areas would make significant contributions to the mission of NHGRI and the field of genomics.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 27 annually through September 11, 2020. Number of awards and award amounts vary.

LINKS: Grants.gov (R01), Solicitation
PPHF2018-National Organization for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion-financed in part by 2018 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications supporting the development of effective state chronic disease programs through implementation of practice-based learning and leadership development activities for chronic disease leadership and staff, and outreach and networking with local health departments.

Optional letters of intent are due May 8, 2018. Applications are due June 25, 2018. Approximately $15 million is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Summer Institute for Research Education in Biostatistics (R25 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation’s biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs.

Optional letters of intent are due May 28, 2018. Applications are due June 28, 2018. Approximately $1.6 million is available for six awards.

Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry to review the impact of the Title VII, Section 747 and oral health training programs, and make recommendations on funding and appropriation levels. In addition, the Committee will identify its strategic priorities for the coming year, and discuss issues related to pending Committee reports on the integration of behavioral health into primary care and oral health training, and clinical trainee and faculty well-being and resilience. Webinar and teleconference options are available.

The meeting will be held May 3, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and May 4, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-Health Disparities Subcommittee (HDS)

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Disparities Subcommittee. The purpose is to provide counsel to the CDC Director through the ACD on strategic and other health disparities and health equity issues and provide guidance on opportunities for CDC.

The meeting will be held May 23, 2018, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm ET via teleconference. Please dial (866) 918-8397 and enter code 9346283.

LINKS: Federal Register
Announcement of Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss the development of national health promotion and disease prevention objectives for 2030.

The meeting will be held May 14, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, ET online at http://www.healthypeople.gov/.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC)

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee. The meeting will focus on mining safety and health research projects and outcomes, including end-of-shift silica monitor; iLOTOf iFund project; miner health program; research & practice to protect miners' hearing health; stone, sand, & gravel sector research priorities; mining program collaborations; and mining innovations research initiative update.

The meeting will be held on May 22, 2018, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, EDT and May 23, 2018, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm ET. at the Patriots Plaza 1, 395 E Street SW, Room 9000, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council to deliver a report to the director of NIDCR.

The open portion of the meeting will be held on May 25, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. ET at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the NCI Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee scheduled to discuss NCI clinical and translational research programs and strategy.

The meeting will be held July 11, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET at NCI Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room TE406, Rockville, MD. It will be videocast at http://videocast.nih.gov/.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics to hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics and work on activities outlined in the NCVHS 2018 work plan. Anticipated action items during this meeting include a letter to the Secretary and a summary report of the hearing held September 2017 on the topic of the national vital records and vital statistics systems. In addition, a letter to the Secretary regarding the Committee's recommendations resulting from the March Standards Subcommittee Hearing on NCPDP Updates will be considered for approval.

The meeting will be held May 15, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and May 16, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm ET at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 705A, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Standards Subcommittee Meeting

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

Notice announcing a meeting of the Standards Subcommittee of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics to convene a group of Chief Information Officers and health care leaders from various fields to develop a roadmap to improve the predictability of the update and adoption process of standards and operating rules in support of the exchange of electronic health information between entities covered under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The meeting will be held May 17, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm ET at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Janet Norwood Conference and Training Center, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Room G440, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council scheduled to discuss the NIMH Director's report and NIMH programs.

The open portion of the meeting will be held May 17, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, ET at NIH Neuroscience Center 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse scheduled to discuss announcements and reports of administrative, legislative, and program developments in the drug abuse field.

The meeting will be held May 15, 2018, from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, ET at NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
NIH Office of the Secretary; Notice of Meetings

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women to report on gaps in knowledge and research on safe and effective therapies for pregnant women and lactating women.

The meeting will be held May 14, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and May 15, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at 6710B Rockledge Drive, Room 1425/1427, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

BLM JFSP Graduate Research Innovation (GRIN)

Department of the Interior (Interior)

Notice seeking applications for current master and doctoral students enrolled at colleges or universities within the United States in the field of wildland fire and related physical, biological, and social sciences to enhance student exposure to the management and policy relevance of their research to achieve beneficial outcomes of funded work.

Applications are due May 30, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available for 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Computational Chemical Sciences Research

Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science

Notice seeking applications to accelerate research and development needed to overcome key exascale challenges and maximize benefits of high-performance computing.

Letters of intent are due May 16, 2018. Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $18 million is available for 15 awards to support projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS: Grants.gov

ROSES 2018: Astrophysics Science SmallSat Studies

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking applications for research proposals intended to capitalize on the creativity in the astrophysics science community to envision science enabled by smaller and significantly lower cost mission that will span the breadth of possible science investigations that are enabled by CubeSat/SmallSat technologies and available secondary launch opportunities.

Proposals are due July 13, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for up to 10 awards to support projects lasting up to six months.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site
Science and Technology for Autonomous Teammates

Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Materiel Command

Notice announcing projects in AI resulting in transition to operational systems with missions related to processing, exploitation, and dissemination. Funds support projects that span advanced technology development and will utilize modern information technology systems capabilities to accelerate development. Focus areas include: Algorithm Development; and Human Machine Teaming.

Required white papers are due by May 16, 2018 at 3:00 pm ET. Approximately $22 million is available to support 6 to 12 awards.

LINKS: FBO

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS): Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on APR1400; Notice of Meeting

NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NCR staff and Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company.

The meeting will be held on April 17- April 18, 2018 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm ET at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-2B1, Rockville, MD. Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Christopher Brown (contact) five days prior to the meeting.

LINKS: Federal Register

Army Geospatial Center Presolicitation for Broad Agency Announcement

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Notice providing draft topic area descriptions for the Broad Agency Announcement under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Army Geospatial Center, which works to ensure the efficient integration of Geographic Information System technologies in systems acquisition.

The full BAA should be released on or about May 1, 2018.

LINKS: FBO

Automated Celestial Navigation System (ACNS)

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

Notice seeking proposals for a science and technology development effort to design, build and test a celestial navigation system aimed at providing a positioning source for surface ships.

Proposals are due June 5, 2018. Up to two awards between $4 million and $8 million each are anticipated to support projects lasting up to 18 months.

LINKS: FBO, Agency Site
Broad Other Transaction Authority Announcement for NSRDEC

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking preproposals for the availability or developmental status of a variety of mission command platform (MCP) concepts that may be considered for prototype development. MCP concepts should support decentralized mission command and develop MCPs that are more agile, mobile, and survivable against adversaries, empowering commanders to increase their situational understanding and enabling small units to regain overmatch capabilities against emerging global threats.

Preproposals must be submitted by May 4, 2018 to usarmy.natick.rdecom.mbx.ota-nsrdec@mail.mil

LINKS: FBO

Centers for Chemical Innovation

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals for major, long-term fundamental chemical research programs to receive the label, "Center for Chemical Innovation." The CCI Program is a two-phase program. Both phases are described in this solicitation. Phase I CCIs receive significant resources to develop the science, management and broader impacts of a major research center before requesting Phase II funding.

Required preliminary proposals are due August 14, 2018. Approximately $9.4 million is available to fund four awards with a per-award ceiling of $1.8 million for three years.

Limited Submission: Cost sharing is prohibited.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Citrus Disease Research and Extension Pre-App

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Notice seeking pre-applications to conduct research and extension activities, technical assistance and development activities to: combat citrus diseases and pests, both domestic and invasive and including huanglongbing and the Asian citrus psyllid, which pose imminent harm to United States citrus production and threaten the future viability of the citrus industry; and provide support for the dissemination and commercialization of relevant information, techniques, and technologies discovered pursuant to research and extension activities.

Required pre-applications are due June 29, 2018. Approximately $21.7 million is available to fund multiple awards, with per-award ceilings varying by project type. Cost sharing of 50% is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Computers and Humans Exploring Software Security (CHESS)

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking research proposals to develop techniques and systems that will substantially accelerate software vulnerability research.

Optional abstracts are due May 3, 2018. Proposals are due June 15, 2018.

LINKS: FBO, Grants.gov
DARPA Launch Challenge Competitors Day

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a Competitors Day to provide information to potential participants on the objectives of the DARPA Launch Challenge. The goal of the DARPA Launch Challenge is to incentivize the emerging industry of small launch providers who will be able to launch payloads to low earth orbit (LEO) to demonstrate capabilities that are both flexible (launch from anywhere) and responsive (launch at any time). DARPA envisions the culmination of the DARPA Launch Challenge will be two separate launch competitions within weeks of each other at different locations in the United States.

The Competitors Day will be held May 23, 2018 at the L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown, Los Angeles, CA. Register to attend in person by May 11, 2018 or via webinar by May 18, 2018 at [http://events.sa-meetings.com/DARPALaunchChallengeCompetitorsDay](http://events.sa-meetings.com/DARPALaunchChallengeCompetitorsDay)

LINKS: FBO, Agency Site

Industry Partnerships for Cybersecurity of Energy Delivery Systems (CEDS) Research, Development and Demonstration

Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

Notice seeking applications to support multi-year research, development and demonstration of tools and technologies to enhance the cybersecurity of energy delivery systems. Proposed solutions should be interoperable, scalable, readily manageable advanced tools and technologies and are compatible with common methods and best practices.

Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $25 million is available to support 5 to 10 awards for up to three years. Cost share must be at least 20 percent of the total allowable cost for R&D and 50 percent of the total allowable cost for demonstration and commercial application projects.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) FY 2018

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice seeking proposals for early-stage research that spans the Solar Energy Technologies Office portfolio, seeking to advance both solar photovoltaic and concentrating solar thermal power technologies and to facilitate the swift integration of those technologies into the nation’s electricity grid. It also is designed to support efforts that prepare the workforce for the solar industry’s future needs.

Required letters of intent are due May 4, 2018. Required concept papers are due May 9th, 2018. Applications are due June 26, 2018. Cost sharing of 20% is required for most projects. Multiple awards are anticipated. Budget and number of awards determined by topic.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Notification of a Public Meeting of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB)

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss a draft SAB report on screening methodologies to support risk and technology reviews for air pollution, planned EPA actions and their supporting science, and briefings from the EPA Offices of Research and Development, Water, and Air.

The meeting will be held May 31, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and June 1, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, ET at the Washington Plaza Hotel 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Urban Reconnaissance through Supervised Autonomy (URSA) Proposers Day

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a Proposers Day to provide information to potential proposers on the objectives of the Urban Reconnaissance through Supervised Autonomy (URSA) program. The URSA vision is to develop technology to enable autonomous systems operated and supervised by U.S. ground forces to detect hostile forces and establish Positive Identification (PID) before any U.S. troops come in contact with them.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at the CENTRA Technology Incorporated Conference Center located at 4121 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203. Advance registration is required. Participants must register for the Proposers Day and Networking Day events through the registration website: https://www.client-meeting.net/Proposers-Day-May-2018. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 25 at 4:00 pm ET.

LINKS: FBO

NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC) Ohio Bio Challenge

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Glenn Research Center

Notice seeking proposals to incentivize entrepreneurs to form teams around federally-owned intellectual property to start up new companies. The technical focus of the Ohio Bio Challenge will be on biomedical and health related federally-owned intellectual property.

Proposals are due May 18, 2018 to amy.hiltabidel@nasa.gov. Each party funds their own participation in the effort, and there is no exchange of funds.

LINKS: FBO