



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
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Grants Newsletter

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In an effort to better serve you, I would like to provide you with this week's Grant's Newsletter. Enclosed you will find a variety of open federal grant opportunities.

Attracting more federal funds to our district and region has been a top priority during my tenure in Congress. By providing this document, I hope that we can bring federal funds and assistance to our area.

For more information on the federal grant process, please visit my [grants webpage](#) or contact Alexis Garcia, Grants Coordinator, at alexis.garcia@mail.house.gov. To stay informed about recent legislative activity and how it impacts your family and your community, please visit my congressional website at www.cuellar.house.gov or follow me on Twitter at @RepCuellar.

Sincerely,

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas

Note: This newsletter provides information on current federal grant solicitations. This is not a comprehensive list of all grant opportunities. For more information on federal grants, please contact the office at (202) 225-1640 or email alexis.garcia@mail.house.gov

Education and Research

[Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Talent Search Program](#)

Project description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Talent Search Program is to identify qualified individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds with potential for education at the postsecondary level and encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake postsecondary education. Talent Search projects publicize the availability of, and facilitate the application for, student financial assistance for persons who seek to pursue postsecondary education, and encourage persons who have not completed programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete these programs.

Eligibility: (a) Institutions of higher education, (b) public or private agencies or organizations, including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, (c) secondary schools, and (d) combinations of such institutions, agencies, and organizations, for planning, developing, or carrying out one or more of the services identified under this program

Application Due date: Feb 26, 2021

[Special Research Grants Program Potato Research](#)

Project description: The purpose of this grant program is to support potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) research programs that focus on varietal development and testing and potato varieties for commercial production. As used herein, varietal development and testing is research using conventional breeding and/or biotechnological genetics to develop improved potato varieties. Aspects of evaluation, screening and testing must support variety development.

Eligibility: Applications may only be submitted by State agricultural experiment stations, land-grant colleges and universities, research foundations established by land-grant colleges and universities, colleges and universities receiving funds under the 1962 McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act, Pub. L. 87-778, as amended (16 U.S.C. 582a et seq.), and accredited schools or colleges of veterinary medicine.

Application Due date: Apr 16, 2021

[Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury](#)

Project description: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent violence that impacts children and youth, collectively referred to as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including child abuse and neglect, teen dating violence, sexual violence, youth violence, and exposure to adult intimate partner violence. This initiative is intended to support the evaluation of primary prevention programs, practices or policies that focus on universal or selected populations at higher risk (i.e., populations that have one or more risk factors that place them at heightened risk for violence). Funds are available to conduct such studies focused on preventing child abuse and neglect and at least one other form of violence affecting children and youth, including teen dating violence, sexual violence, youth violence, and exposure to adult intimate partner violence.

Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility", Others (see text field entitled "Additional, Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses, County governments, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), City or township governments, Small businesses, Independent school districts, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, State governments

Application Due date: Mar 22, 2021

[Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth](#)

Project description: The purpose of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support for an intensive, supervised (mentored) career development experience in violence prevention research leading to research independence. NCIPC supports K01 grants to help ensure the availability of an adequate number of trained scientists to address critical public health research questions to prevent violence and injury. Applicants must propose a research project that addresses at least one of the research priorities in the interpersonal violence prevention section of the NCIPC Research Priorities

(<https://www.cdc.gov/injury/researchpriorities/index.html>) as they relate to violence impacting children or youth (from birth through age 17). These research priorities include: Cross-cutting violence prevention; Child abuse and neglect; Youth violence; Intimate partner violence (teen dating violence); Sexual violence

Eligibility: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Independent school districts, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), For profit organizations other than small businesses, Special district governments, State governments, Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional, Information on Eligibility", Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), County governments Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification) Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Small businesses, City or township governments, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

Application Due date: Mar 10, 2021

Health

[Improving Health Disparities in Alcohol Health Services](#)

Project description: The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism intends to renew an initiative by publishing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to solicit applications for an R01 Clinical Trial Optional mechanism focusing on health disparities and health services. This FOA will include five areas of focus: access to treatment, making treatment more appealing, costs, dissemination and implementation, and health disparities. Applications are expected to emphasize health disparities in addition to the other four areas of emphasis.

Eligibility: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), City or township governments, Small businesses, State governments, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), County governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Special district governments, Independent school districts For profit organizations other than small businesses

Application Due date: Mar 15, 2021

[Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants](#)

Project description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2021 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Expansion Grants (Short Title: CCBHC Expansion Grants). The purpose of this program is to increase access to and improve the quality of community mental and substance use disorder treatment services through the expansion of CCBHCs. CCBHCs provide person- and family-centered integrated services. The CCBHC Expansion grant program must provide access to services including 24/7 crisis intervention services for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) or substance use disorders (SUD), including opioid use disorders; children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance (SED); and individuals with co-occurring mental and substance disorders (COD). SAMHSA expects that this program will provide comprehensive 24/7 access to community-based mental and substance use disorder services; treatment of co-occurring disorders; and physical healthcare in one single location.

Eligibility: Eligibility is limited to certified community behavioral health clinics or community-based behavioral health clinics who may not yet be certified but meet the certification criteria and can be certified within 4 months of award. CCBHC Expansion grant recipients that received funding under Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Expansion FOA (SM-20-012) are not eligible to apply for funding under this FOA.

Application Due date: Mar 01, 2021

Building Communities of Recovery

Project description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2021 Building Communities of Recovery (Short Title: BCOR). The purpose of this program is to mobilize resources within, and outside of, the recovery community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery support from substance abuse and addiction. These grants are intended to support the development, enhancement, expansion, and delivery of, recovery support services (RSS) as well as promotion of, and education about recovery. Programs will be principally governed by people in recovery from substance abuse and addiction who reflect the community being served.

Eligibility: The statute limits eligibility for this program to RCOs that are domestic private nonprofit entities in states, territories, or tribes. RCOs are independent, non-profit organizations led and governed by representatives of local communities of recovery. To ensure that recovery communities are fully represented, only organizations controlled and managed by members of the addiction recovery community are eligible to apply.

Application Due date: Feb 15, 2021

The Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program

Project description: The GusNIP grant program presents the opportunity to bring together stakeholders from various parts of the food and healthcare systems to foster understanding of how they might improve the health and nutrition status of participating households 1) receiving incentives through the purchase of fruits and vegetables, 2) prescribed fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to nutrition educational opportunities and 3) offer incentive program training and technical assistance to applicants and grantees, facilitating growth in states with low participation, and collecting and aggregating core data sets from eligible entities through a central system to capture program success and identify best practices and areas to improve on a broad scale. NIFA requests applications for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) to support and evaluate projects intended to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by providing incentives at the point of purchase through nutrition incentive grants; and to demonstrate and evaluate the improvement of dietary health through increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, reduced individual and household food insecurity, and reduced healthcare usage and associated costs through produce prescription grants.

Eligibility: Eligible Entity Eligibility to receive a nutrition incentive grant or a produce prescription grant is limited to government agencies and non-profit organizations (FCEA, § 4405(b)(2)(A)). Eligible government agencies and non-profit organizations may include: an emergency feeding organization; an agricultural cooperative; a producer network or association; a community health organization; a public benefit corporation; an economic development corporation; a farmers' market; a community-supported agriculture program; a buying club; a SNAP-authorized retailer (firm); and a State, local, or tribal agency.

Application Due date: Mar 16, 2021

[Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program](#)

Project description: In FY 2020 and FY 2021, NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP) and (2) Planning Projects (PP). The purpose of the CFP is to support the development of projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining. CFPs are designed to create community-based food projects with objectives, activities and outcomes that are in alignment with Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) primary goals. The purpose of a Planning Project (PP) is to complete a plan toward the improvement of community food security in keeping with the primary goals of the CFPCGP. PPs are to focus on a defined community and describe in detail the activities and outcomes of the planning project.

Eligibility: Please see link for additional information.

Application Due date: May 04, 2021

Housing and Economic Development

[Regional Infrastructure Accelerators](#)

Project description: As a part of the implementation plan, the Bureau is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for designating and funding an RIA that will: 1) serve a defined geographic area; 2) act as a resource to qualified entities in the geographic area in accordance with Section 1441 of the FAST Act; and 3) demonstrate the effectiveness of an RIA to accelerate the delivery of eligible projects through the Bureau's innovative financing programs including the TIFIA credit program, and, to the extent applicable, the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) credit program and Private Activity Bonds (PABs) and other innovative financing methods. Accelerators would provide assistance and act as a resource to regional entities (e.g. counties, towns, economic development agencies, etc.) as they develop transportation infrastructure programs and projects that could be eligible for DOT credit assistance.

Eligibility: State governments, County governments, Special district governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), City or township governments

Application Due date: Mar 31, 2021

[Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Program Phase II](#)

Project description: All Phase II projects must have previously completed a successful USDA Phase I project before applying for a Phase II grant. Success rates for applicants have been 50-60% for Phase II. Projects dealing with agriculturally-related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all 2018 SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water. USDA SBIR has awarded over 2000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological potential and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas.

Eligibility: Only previous USDA-NIFA SBIR Phase I awardees who have not previously applied for Phase II support are eligible to apply for Phase II support through this FY 2021 RFA. This includes those awardees identified via a “novated” or “successor-in-interest” revised funding agreement. A Phase I project may only apply for a Phase II award once. If a Phase I awardee was unsuccessful in receiving a Phase II award with a previous application, then the awardee is not eligible to resubmit the proposal under this or a future Phase II program solicitation.

Application Due date: May 03, 2021

[Supplemental and Alternative Crops \(SAC\) Competitive Grants Program](#)

Project description: The Supplemental and Alternative Crops (SAC) Competitive Grants Program will support projects that lead to expanded adaptation and increased acres in the United States of canola grown for oil and industrial hemp grown for value added products. The SAC supports the breeding, testing, and development of superior performing canola and industrial hemp varieties and production practices that result in improved cost efficiencies, reduced grower risks, and wider use in production systems. Research results and technology developed are expected to be rapidly transferred to producers and other users through effective extension outreach and other engagement efforts.

Eligibility: Only colleges and universities (as defined in section 1404 of NARETPA, 7 U.S.C. 3103), other Federal agencies, and private sector entities are eligible to submit applications. Award recipients may subcontract to organizations not eligible to apply provided such organizations are necessary for the conduct of the project.

Application Due date: Mar 30, 2021

Veterans, Security, and Law Enforcement and First Responders

[Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)

Project description: With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects to support the development of objective and independent knowledge and validated tools to reduce violence against women (VAW) (including violence against elderly women and American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls[1]), promote justice for victims of crime, and enhance criminal justice responses. For that reason, this solicitation seeks applications for grant funding to conduct research and evaluation projects examining a broad range of topics, including the crimes of domestic and family violence, homicide, intimate partner and dating violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking, along with the associated criminal justice system response, procedures, and policies.

Eligibility: For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), City or township governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Small businesses Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Private institutions of higher education,

State governments, Independent school districts, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Application Due date: Mar 16, 2021

[Juvenile Justice Emergency Planning Demonstration Program](#)

Project description: This program provides funding to support implementation of the principles outlined in the Emergency Planning for Juvenile Justice Residential Facilities guide.

Eligibility: State governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), For profit organizations other than small businesses, City or township governments, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Special district governments

Application Due date: Feb 16, 2021

[FY20 Assistance to Firefighters Grant](#)

Project description: The AFG program provides financial assistance to help fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA); for critically needed resources to protect the public; to train emergency personnel, and to foster interoperability and support community resilience, as well as enhance through direct financial assistance, the safety of the public and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.

Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Private institutions of higher education, County governments, City or township governments, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Application Due date: Feb 12, 2021

[Research and Evaluation of Services for Victims of Crime](#)

Project description: In collaboration with the Office of Victims of Crime, NIJ is seeking applications in three main areas under this solicitation: 1) research and evaluation of State crime victim compensation programs; 2) research on the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of services to victims of crime; and 3) evaluation of programs that provide services for victims of crime.

Eligibility: City or township governments, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, County governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Special district governments Others (see text field entitled

"Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Independent school districts, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Small businesses, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses

Application Due date: Feb 16, 2021

[SMART FY 2021 Keep Young Athletes Safe](#)

Project description: The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) seeks applicants to design and implement a program that aims to safeguard amateur athletes through the prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee, each national governing body and each Paralympic sports organization. The SMART Office is responsible for, among other activities, assisting states, the District of Columbia, territories and tribal jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and promoting innovation and best practices in preventing and protecting the public from sexual violence.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are nonprofit, nongovernmental entities with nationally recognized expertise in the identification and prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee, each national governing body and each Paralympic sports organization

Application Due date: Feb 02, 2021

[Reducing Risk for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System](#)

Project description: The goal of this program is to reduce risk factors and promote protective factors for girls who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, and place them on a path toward success, stability, and long-term contribution to society. The goals of the project is to increase protective factors to prevent further delinquent behavior by girls involved in funded programs and improve juvenile justice system responses for girls in contact with the system.

Eligibility: Private institutions of higher education, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), State governments, City or township governments, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Application Due date: Feb 12, 2021

Arts and Culture

[FY2020 Historic Preservation Fund- Save America's Treasures Collection Grants](#)

Project description: Save America's Treasures grants from the Historic Preservation Fund provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. The grant program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). There are separate opportunities for preservation and collections projects.

Eligibility: Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Independent school districts Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, State governments, Special district governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, City or township governments

Application Due date: Jan 26, 2021

Grant Resources

[Grants.gov Community Blog](#) This website provides information on how to apply for grants, open solicitations, and other helpful grant resources.

[Grants.gov Training Videos](#) This webpage provides videos and webinars in order to assist you in your application process. Video topics include registering with grants.gov, how to search for federal grants, and other topics of interest for applicants.