



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

[FY2021 English Language Fellow and Specialist Program](#)

Project description: The English Language (EL) Fellow and Specialist Programs build bridges of mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by placing U.S. English language educators in educational institutions abroad.

Eligibility: Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Application Due date: Jan 08, 2021

[Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program \(WAMS\)](#)

Project description: The purpose of this program is to support research, education/teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM. NIFA intends this program to address educational needs within broadly defined areas of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human (FANH) sciences. Applications recommended for funding must highlight and emphasize the development of a competent and qualified workforce in the FAHN sciences. WAMS-funded projects improve the economic health and viability of rural communities by developing research and extension initiatives that focus on new and emerging employment opportunities in STEM occupations. Projects that contribute to the economic viability of rural communities are also encouraged.

Eligibility: (a) State agricultural experiment stations; (b) colleges and universities; (c) university research foundations; (d) other research institutions and organizations; (e) Federal agencies; (f) national laboratories; (g) private organizations or corporations; and, (h) individuals.

Application Due date: Jan 21, 2021

[Higher Education Challenge \(HEC\) Grants Program](#)

Project description: Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a state, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support.

Eligibility: (a) U.S. public or private nonprofit colleges and universities offering a baccalaureate or first professional degree in at least one discipline or area of the food and agricultural sciences; (a) land-grant colleges and universities, (including land grant institutions in the Insular Areas); (b) colleges and universities having significant minority enrollments and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and (c) other colleges and universities having a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences.

Application Due date: Mar 18, 2021

[FY 2021 Farm to School Grants](#)

Project description: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) establishes a Farm to School Program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, Small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), City or township governments, Native

American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, County governments, State governments
Application Due date: Jan 08, 2021

Health

[Statewide Consumer Network Program](#)

Project description: The purpose of this program is to improve efforts to address the needs of adults with serious mental illness (SMI) by developing and/or expanding peer support services, peer leadership, and peer engagement strategies statewide.

Eligibility: Eligibility is limited to domestic public and private non-profit entities, tribes, and Urban Indian organizations that are mental health consumer-operated organizations for at least two years and are not operating under the umbrella of another organization. To expand the impact of this program and ensure broad geographic distribution, SAMHSA will make only one award per state, territory, or tribe.

Application Due date: Jan 04, 2021

[Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program \(RHSE\)](#)

Project description: The RHSE program proposals are expected to be community-based outreach education programs, such as those conducted through Human Science extension outreach that provide individuals and families with: information as to the value of good health at any age; information to increase individual or family's motivation to take more responsibility for their own health; information regarding rural environmental health issues that directly impact human health; information about and access to health promotion and educational activities; and training for volunteers and health services providers concerning health promotion and health care services for individuals and families in cooperation with state, local, and community partners.

Eligibility: Applications may be submitted by 1862 and 1890 Land Grant colleges and universities that are eligible to receive funds under the Act of July 2, 1862 (7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), and the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.).

Application Due date: Apr 29, 2021

[Statewide Family Network](#)

Project description: The purpose of this program is to more effectively respond to the needs of children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families by providing information, referrals, and support; and to create a mechanism for families to participate in state and local mental health services planning and policy development.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are family-controlled domestic public and private non-profit organizations in states, territories, and tribes not operating under the umbrella of another organization. SAMHSA is limiting eligibility to family-controlled organizations to strengthen the capacity of families with children and youth with SED to act as agents of transformation in influencing the type and amount of services provided to them and their children and youth, and to ensure that mental health care is family-driven and youth-guided.

Application Due date: Jan 04, 2021

[Multi-Level HIV Prevention Interventions for Individuals at the Highest Risk of HIV Infection](#)

Project description: This initiative will support R01 projects that test the effectiveness of multi-level interventions to prevent HIV in high-risk health disparity populations or subgroups in one or more geographic areas with a high rate of new infections.

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

Application Due date: Jan 15, 2021

Housing and Economic Development

[Connected Communities](#)

Project description: A Connected Community (CC) is a group of grid-interactive efficient buildings GEB with diverse, flexible end use equipment and other distributed energy resources (DERs) that collectively work to maximize building, community, and grid efficiency. The Department of Energy (DOE) will select a portfolio of “Connected Community” projects totaling up to \$65 million in varying climates, geographies, building types, building vintages, DERs utility/grid/regulatory structures and resource bases. Through funding these projects, DOE hopes to find and share technical and market solutions that will increase demand flexibility and energy efficiency.

Eligibility: Unrestricted

Application Due date: Mar 03, 2021

Arts and Culture

[NEA National Folklife Network, FY2021](#)

Project description: The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (the “Cooperator”) to establish and administer the National Folklife Network. In brief, the Cooperator will: 1.) Establish and administer the NFN, composed of seven regional cohorts of participants. 2.) Identify a process for announcing, promoting ,and selecting NFN participants; propose potential anchor organizations and participants. 3.) Provide consultative services, training, and logistical support to the regional cohorts. 4.) Develop programmatic, fieldwork, convening, and funding strategies with each regional cohort. 5.) Develop, host, maintain, and promote Digital Platform comprising information about the NFN, its participants, funding opportunities, and topical resource materials.6.) Develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan to disseminate information about the NFN to its participants and the public.

Eligibility: State governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, County governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), City or township governments, Special district governments, Independent school districts, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Application Due date: Dec 17, 2020

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.