



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN  
**HENRY CUELLAR**  
REPRESENTING THE 28TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:alexis.garcia@mail.house.gov)*

## Education and Research

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### [Build and Broaden 2.0: Enhancing Social, Behavioral and Economic Science Research and Capacity at Minority-Serving Institutions](#)

**Project description:** Build and Broaden 2.0 (B2 2.0) encourages research collaborations between scholars at minority-serving institutions (MSIs) and scholars in other institutions or organizations. Growing the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce is a national priority. National forecasts of the impending shortage of science and engineering skills and essential research workforce underscore a need to expand opportunities to participate in STEM research

**Eligibility:** See opportunity for more information.

**Application Due date:** Mar 05, 2021

### [YouthBuild](#)

**Project description:** The YouthBuild model balances project-based academic learning and occupational skills training to prepare at-risk youth for career placement. The academic component assists youth who are often significantly behind in basic skill development in obtaining a high school diploma or state high school equivalency credential. The occupational skills training component prepares at-risk youth for apprenticeship and other career pathways and/or further education or training. It also supports the goal of increasing affordable housing within communities by teaching youth construction skills learned by building or significantly renovating homes for sale or rent to low-income families or transitional housing for homeless families or individuals.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants for these grants are public or private non-profit agencies. These organizations include rural, urban, or Native American agencies that have previously served disadvantaged youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program. These agencies or organizations may include, but are not limited to, the following: Community and faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status; An entity carrying out activities under WIOA, such as a local workforce development board or one-stop career center partner program; Educational institutions, including a local school board, public school district, or community college; A community action agency; A state or local housing development agency; Any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under Sec. 166 of WIOA, including federally and other than federally-recognized Tribes, Native American non-profit organizations, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native organizations; A community development corporation; A state or local youth service conservation corps; and Any other public or private non-profit entity that is eligible to provide education or employment training under a federal program and can meet the required elements of the grant.

**Application Due date:** Feb 09, 2021

## Health

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### [Field Initiated Projects Program: Minority-Serving Institution \(MSI\) - Development](#)

**Project description:** The purpose of the Field Initiated (FI) Projects program is to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. The purpose of this MSI-FI competition is to improve the capacity of minority entities to engage in disability and rehabilitation research and development activities.

**Eligibility:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education

**Application Due date:** Feb 02, 2021

[Field Initiated Projects Program: Minority-Serving Institution \(MSI\) -Research](#)

**Project description:** The purpose of the Field Initiated (FI) Projects program is to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. In carrying out a research activity under a FI Projects research grant, a grantee must identify one or more hypotheses or research questions and, based on the hypotheses or research questions identified, perform an intensive, systematic study directed toward producing (1) new scientific knowledge, or (2) better understanding of the subject, problem studied, or body of knowledge.

**Eligibility:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education

**Application Due date:** Feb 02, 2021

[Mental Health Awareness Training](#)

**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 Mental Health Awareness Training grants (Short Title: MHAT). The purpose of this program is to: (1) train individuals (e.g., school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, veterans, armed services members and their families) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, particularly serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbance (SED); (2) establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services; (3) train emergency services personnel, veterans, law enforcement, fire department personnel, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder. It is expected that this program will prepare and train others on how to appropriately and safely respond to individuals with mental disorders, particularly individuals with SMI and/or SED.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities.

**Application Due date:** Feb 05, 2021

[Nurse Faculty Loan Program \(NFLP\)](#)

**Project description:** The purpose of this program is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty nationwide. NFLP seeks to accomplish this by providing funding to accredited schools of nursing to establish and operate a student loan fund and provide loans to students enrolled in advanced education nursing degree programs who are committed to becoming nurse faculty. In exchange for completion of up to four years of post-graduation full-time nurse faculty employment in an accredited school of nursing, the program authorizes cancelation of up to 85 percent of any such student loan (plus interest thereon).**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are accredited schools of nursing with advanced education nursing programs.

**Application Due date:** Feb 08, 2021

[Enhancement and Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and their Families](#)

**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 Enhancement and Expansion of Treatment and Recovery Services for Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth, and their Families grant program (Short Title: Youth and Family TREE). The purpose of this program is to enhance and expand comprehensive treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services for adolescents (ages 12-18) and transitional aged youth (ages 16-25) with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (COD), and their families/primary caregivers.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities.

**Application Due date:** Feb 08, 2021

## **Housing and Economic Development**

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[Rural Energy for America Program Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants](#)

**Project description:** This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA).

**Eligibility:** State and local governments. Federally-recognized tribes. A land-grant college or university or other institutions of higher education. Rural electric cooperatives. Public power entities. An instrumentality of a state, tribal or local government.

**Application Due date:** February 1, 2021

[FY 2020 Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Water Quality and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water](#)

**Project description:** The first National Priority Area is to provide training and technical assistance to small public water systems so that they can operate and maintain their systems to achieve and maintain compliance with the SDWA and to build their financial and managerial capacity to provide safe drinking water over the long term. The second National Priority Area is to provide training and technical assistance to small publicly-owned wastewater systems and communities served by onsite/decentralized wastewater systems to improve water quality and sustainable operations

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants under this competition are nonprofit organizations, nonprofit private universities and colleges, and public institutions of higher education.

**Application Due date:** February 12, 2021

## **Arts and Culture**

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[NEA Grants for Arts Projects](#)

**Project description:** These grants support arts projects that use the arts to unite and heal in response to current events; celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage; invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values; and enrich humanity.

**Eligibility:** County governments, State governments, Special district governments

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

**Application Due date:** Feb 11, 2021

## **Grant Resources**

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[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.