



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

## Grants Newsletter

December 21, 2020

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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### [Geomorphology and Land-use Dynamics \(GLD\)](#)

**Project description:** The GLD Program supports innovative fundamental research into processes that shape and modify earth's landscapes over a variety of length and time scales, with a focus on the Holocene. The program encourages research that quantitatively investigates the coupling and feedback among such processes, their rates, and their relative roles, especially in the contexts of variation in biologic, climatic, and tectonic influences and in light of changes due to human impacts. Such research may involve fieldwork, modeling, experimentation, theoretical development, or combinations thereof. GLD is particularly interested in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups in research and education such as women, persons with disabilities, and underrepresented minorities [1] [2], and those from geographically underrepresented areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation are strongly encouraged to involve PIs, co-PIs, postdoctoral researchers, students, and other personnel who are members of these groups. Proposers are also strongly encouraged to consider involving veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces as part of NSF's broader effort to promote veteran involvement in STEM research and education.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research labs, professional societies and similar organizations in the U.S. associated with educational or research activities. -Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) - Two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members

**Application Due date:** Proposals accepted anytime

### [Computer and Information Science and Engineering Minority-Serving Institutions Research Expansion Program](#)

**Project description:** With this solicitation, the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) is launching a new, focused program to support research expansion for Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). The goal of the CISE-MSI program is to broaden participation by increasing the number of CISE-funded research projects from MSIs. MSIs are central to inclusive excellence: they foster innovation, cultivate current and future undergraduate and graduate computer and information science and engineering talent, and bolster long-term U.S. competitiveness.

**Eligibility:** Proposals may only be submitted by the following: -Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) - Two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members.

**Application Due date:** Apr 15, 2021

## Health

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### [Service Area Competition](#)

**Project description:** This notice announces the opportunity to apply for funding under the Health Center Program's Service Area Competition (SAC). The Health Center Program supports public and private nonprofit community-based and patient-directed organizations that provide primary health care services to the Nation's medically underserved populations. The purpose of the SAC notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to ensure continued access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services for communities and populations currently served by the Health Center Program.

**Eligibility:** Special district 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, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), City or township governments, Independent school districts, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) Private institutions of higher education, County governments

**Application Due date:** Feb 16, 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**

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### **[Proposed Cooperative Institute for Severe and High-Impact Weather](#)**

**Project description:** The NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) invites applications for the establishment of a Cooperative Institute (CI) for Severe and High-Impact Weather Research and Operations. The proposed CI will conduct severe and high-impact weather research by improving NOAA's understanding of severe storms. This research will include, mesoscale and stormscale dynamics, atmospheric electricity, microphysics, and planetary boundary layer processes; development and application of observational tools (weather radar, profilers, mobile mesonet, lidars, (etc)); development and application of high-resolution numerical prediction models, including associated physical parameterizations, data assimilation

systems, and ensemble systems and that provide estimates of uncertainty associated with various outcomes; improved understanding of societal impacts of different strategies for informing the public about imminent severe weather; and the effects of climate change on frequency, intensity, and location of extreme weather.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility is limited to non-Federal public and private non-profit universities, colleges and research institutions that offer accredited graduate-level degree-granting programs in NOAA-related sciences

**Application Due date:** Feb 15, 2021

## **Veterans, Security, and Law Enforcement and First Responders**

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### [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

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

## Arts and Culture

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### [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

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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.