



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. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry Cuellar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Henry" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Cuellar".

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

[Equipment Grant Program \(EGP\)](#)

Project description: The Equipment Grant Program (EGP) serves to increase access to shared-use special purpose equipment/instruments for fundamental and applied research for use in the food and agricultural sciences programs at institutions of higher education, including State Cooperative Extension Systems. The program seeks to strengthen the quality and expand the scope of fundamental and applied research at eligible institutions, by providing them with opportunities to acquire one major piece of equipment/instruments that support their research, training, and extension goals and may be too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NIFA grant programs.

Eligibility: a college or university, State Cooperative Institution, State-certified Schools of Forestry, State Agricultural Experiment Stations,

Application Due date: Jun 23, 2020

Tax Assistance/Community Service

[Tax Counseling for the Elderly](#)

Project description: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will enter into agreements with private or public nonprofit agencies and organizations, which will provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who provide FREE tax counseling and assistance to elderly individuals in the preparation of their federal income tax returns.

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

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Application Due date: Jun 01, 2020

[Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) Matching Grant Program](#)

Project description: This funding allows the Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication (SPEC) organization within the IRS to provide grants to partner organizations to achieve the following program objectives: Enable the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to extend services to underserved populations in hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban; Increase the capacity to file returns electronically; Heighten quality control; Enhance training of volunteers; Improve significantly the accuracy rate of returns prepared at VITA sites.

Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Local governments

Application Due date: Jun 01, 2020

[Senior Community Service Employment Program \(SCSEP\)](#)

Project description: SCSEP is the only Federally-sponsored employment and training program targeted specifically to low-income older individuals who seek to enter or re-enter the workforce. Program participants receive paid work experience at local public or non-profit agencies and are paid the higher of the Federal, State, or local minimum wage; or the most nearly comparable wage for similar employment; for approximately 20 hours per week while in community service assignments and other job training (OAA Amendments § 502(b)(1)(J); 20 CFR 641.565(a)). The dual goals of the program are to promote useful opportunities through work experience training in community service activities and to move SCSEP participants into unsubsidized employment.

Eligibility: Nonprofit Organization, Federal Public Agencies, Tribal Organizations

Application Due date: Jun 15, 2020

Health/Food Security

[National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities](#)

Project description: The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is offering a funding opportunity to support the development and coordination of a national-state/territorial/tribal-local network of public and community-based organizations that will disseminate COVID-19-related information; disseminate effective response, recovery and resilience strategies; and ensure service linkages for racial and ethnic minority, rural and disadvantaged communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility: All entities are eligible except for-profit institutions of higher education and for-profit organizations including small businesses. Eligible applicants includes the U.S. territories and private non-profit institutions of higher education.

Application Due date: May 11, 2020

[Closing the Health Disparity Gap for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:](#)

Project description: The Administration on Disabilities (AoD) seeks to fund one five-year cooperative agreement that will increase and accelerate current efforts to embed ID/DD content into medical and allied health school education programs. The goal of the project is to expand access to quality healthcare for individuals with ID/DD by increasing the ID/DD-specific knowledge, skills, attitudes, and competence of the health care workforce. By funding this project, AoD seeks to create greater health equity and increase life expectancy of the ID/DD population.

Eligibility: Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Application Due date: Jun 29, 2020

Housing/Development

[Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs](#)

Project description: The PRIME Act authorizes the SBA to provide funding to qualified organizations for the purposes of: (i) providing training and technical assistance to disadvantaged entrepreneurs; (ii) providing training and capacity building assistance to microenterprise development organizations (MDOs) and programs; (iii) aiding in Research and development of best practices for microenterprise and technical assistance programs for disadvantaged entrepreneurs; and (iv) for other activities as the SBA Administrator determines.

Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, please see the NOFO for more information

Application Due date: May 31st 2020

[Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies \(LHHTS\) Grant Program](#)

Project description: To fund technical studies to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling key housing-related health and safety hazards; to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards; to improve our knowledge of these key housing-related health and safety hazards; and through implementation studies, identify ways to improve the effectiveness of proven housing-related hazard interventions

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

Application Due date: Jun 15, 2020

[Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements](#)

Project description: The purpose of the CRISI Program is to assist in funding capital projects that improve intercity passenger and freight rail transportation safety, efficiency, and reliability.

Eligibility: 1. A State; 2. A group of States; 3. An Interstate Compact; 4. A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States; 5. A political subdivision of a State; 6. Amtrak or another Rail Carrier that provides Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation (as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 24102); 7. A Class II railroad or Class III railroad (as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 20102) or a holding company of a Class II or Class III railroad; 8. Any Rail Carrier or rail equipment manufacturer in partnership with at least one of the entities described in 1-5 above; 9. The Transportation Research Board together with any entity with which it contracts in the development of rail-related research, including cooperative research programs; 10. A University

transportation center engaged in rail-related research; or 11. A non-profit labor organization representing a class or craft of employees of Rail Carriers or Rail Carrier contractors.
Application Due date: Jun 19, 2020

Water

[WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency](#)

Project description: The objective of this FOA is to invite states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on Drought Resiliency Projects that will increase the reliability of water supplies; improve water management; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.

Eligibility: an eligible applicant is a state, tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority.

Application Due date: Jul 08, 2020

Security/Law Enforcement and First Responders

[Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program- COVID-19](#)

Project description: The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) is a supplemental funding opportunity under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). The AFG-S Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (NAEMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical Personal Protective Equipment Personal Protective Equipment and supplies needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Eligibility: Fire Departments, Nonaffiliated EMS Organizations, and State Fire Training Academies

Application Due date: May 15, 2020

Arts and Culture

[Digital Projects for the Public](#)

Project description: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Public Programs is accepting applications for the Digital Projects for the Public program. The purpose of this program is to support projects 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.

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

Application Due date: Jun 10, 2020

[NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations](#)

Project description: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act recognizes that the nonprofit humanities sector is an essential component of America’s economic and civic life. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has received supplemental funding to provide emergency relief to institutions and organizations working in the humanities that have been affected by the coronavirus. In keeping with Congress’s intent in enacting the CARES Act, proposed short-term projects should emphasize retaining or hiring humanities staff. NEH invites applications from eligible organizations seeking support for at-risk humanities positions and projects that have been impacted by the coronavirus. Through this funding opportunity, NEH will award grants to museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, independent research institutions, professional organizations, colleges and universities, and other cultural organizations across the country to help these entities continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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

Application Due date: May 11, 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.