



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

Grants Newsletter

June 29, 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. 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".

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

[Interactive Digital Media STEM Resources for Pre-College and Informal Science Education Audiences \(SBIR\)](#)

Project description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide opportunities for eligible small business concerns (SBCs) to submit NIH Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications to develop interactive digital media science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) resources that address student career choice and health and medicine topics for: (1) pre-kindergarten to grade 12 (P-12) students, and pre- and in-service teachers and families ("Teachers") or (2) Informal science education (ISE), i.e., outside the classroom resources for the general public. Interactive digital media (IDM) are defined as products and services on digital computer-based systems which respond to the user's actions by presenting content such as text, moving image, animation, video, audio, and video games. There is a large body of evidence that IDM technology has the potential to support learning in a variety of contexts from primary and secondary schools, to universities, adult education and workplace training. IDM is widely used to train, educate, and encourage behavioral changes in a virtual world format where progressive learning, feedback on success and user control are combined into an interactive and engaging experience.

Eligibility: Small businesses

Application Due date: Sep 02, 2022

Health

[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: You must be a domestic public or nonprofit private entity, as demonstrated through the submission of the Evidence of Non-profit/Public Center Status (Attachment 11), outlined in Section IV.2.vi. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. See NOFO for Additional Information

Application Due date: Aug 24, 2020

[SNAP E&T National Partnership Grants](#)

Project description: FNS intends to make available approximately \$5 million to support grants to non-profit national organizations with broad member or affiliate networks that provide direct workforce development services to low-income and low-skilled individuals, including SNAP participants. Grant funds will be used to support new organizational capacity to provide to network members or affiliates training and other technical assistance so that network members or affiliates may become third-party SNAP E&T providers.

Eligibility: The entities eligible to receive grants under this competition are non-profit national organizations with broad member or affiliate networks that provide direct workforce development services to low-income and low-skilled individuals, including SNAP participants. Applicants must have:

- At least thirty geographically diverse member or affiliate organizations;
- Previous experience providing technical assistance on complex policy and program areas across the organization’s member or affiliate network;
- Demonstrated expertise providing SNAP E&T services, via one or more member or affiliate organizations; and
- Demonstrated expertise moving low-income and low-skilled individuals toward economic self-sufficiency, across multiple member or affiliate organizations.

Application Due date: Jul 22, 2020

Housing and Economic Development

[Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant](#)

Project description: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service announces the availability of \$3,000,000 in competitive grant funds for the FY 2020 Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant (SDGG) program. The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to Socially-Disadvantaged Groups in rural areas. Eligible applicants include Cooperatives, Groups of Cooperatives, and Cooperative Development Centers. This program supports Rural Development’s (RD) mission of improving the quality of life for rural Americans and commitment to directing resources to those who most need them.

Eligibility: Cooperatives, Groups of Cooperatives, Cooperative Development Centers that serve socially disadvantaged groups

Application Due date: Aug 10, 2020

[Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#)

Project description: SHOP Grant funds to be awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. Applicants must propose to use a significant amount of SHOP Grant funds in at least two states. Individuals are not eligible to apply for SHOP Grant funds. SHOP Grant funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning and administration costs (not to exceed 20 percent). The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds. The average SHOP Grant expenditure for the combined costs of land acquisition and infrastructure improvements must not exceed \$15,000 per SHOP unit.

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

Application Due Date: Aug 18, 2020

Veterans, Security, and Law Enforcement and First Responders

[Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program](#)

Project description: A number of America’s low-income veterans with disabilities are in need of adaptive housing to help them regain or maintain their independence. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development intends to address these challenges in accordance with the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291, enacted December 19, 2014) by

awarding competitive grants to nonprofit organizations that provide nationwide or statewide programs that primarily serve veterans or low-income individuals. The grants may be used to modify or rehabilitate eligible veterans' primary residences or to provide grantees' affiliates with technical, administrative, and training support in connection with those services.

Eligibility: The organization must be described in section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code; The organization must provide nationwide or statewide programs that primarily serve veterans or low-income individuals.

Application Due Date: Aug 18, 2020

Arts and Culture

[Media Projects](#)

Project description: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Public Programs is accepting applications for the Media Projects program. The purpose of this program is to support collaboration between media producers and scholars to develop humanities content and to prepare documentary film, television, radio, and podcast projects that engage public audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. All projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship. Media Projects makes awards at two levels: Development and Production.

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

Application Due date: Jan 06, 2021

[Short Documentaries](#)

Project description: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Public Programs is currently accepting proposals for the Short Documentaries program. The purpose of the program is to support documentary films up to 30 minutes that engage audiences with humanities ideas in appealing ways. The program aims to extend the humanities to new audiences through the medium of short documentary films. Films must be grounded in humanities scholarship. The Short Documentaries program can support single films or a series of thematically-related short films addressing significant figures, events, or ideas. The proposed film(s) must be intended for regional or national distribution, via broadcast, festivals, and/or online distribution. The subject of the film(s) must be related to "A More Perfect Union": NEH Special Initiative Advancing Civic Education and Commemorating the Nation's 250th Anniversary.

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

Application Due date: Jan 06, 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.