



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 and Research

[Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science](#)

Project description: The AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program supports grants in six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. Research-only, extension-only, and integrated research, education and/or extension projects are solicited in this Request for Applications (RFA). See Foundational and Applied Science RFA for specific details.

Eligibility: 1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Orgs, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed, Other or Additional Information (See below), Private Institutions of Higher Ed, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Ed

Application Due date: Jul 29, 2021 Conference Grants - Letter of Intent required, Letter of Intent Deadline - Minimum of 195 days before the conference begins; Application Deadline Dates - Dates vary by program area priority, see Program Area Descriptions for additional information (See Part I, C.).

[Condensed Matter and Materials Theory](#)

Project description: CMMT supports theoretical and computational materials research in the topical areas represented in DMR's Topical Materials Research Programs (these are also variously known as Individual Investigator Award (IIA) Programs, or Core Programs, or Disciplinary Programs), which include: Condensed Matter Physics (CMP), Biomaterials (BMAT), Ceramics (CER), Electronic and Photonic Materials (EPM), Metals and Metallic Nanostructures (MMN), Polymers (POL), and Solid State and Materials Chemistry (SSMC). The CMMT program supports fundamental research that advances conceptual understanding of hard and soft materials, and materials-related phenomena; the development of associated analytical, computational, and data-centric techniques; and predictive materials-specific theory, simulation, and modeling for materials research.

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

[Lunar Surface Technology Research \(LuSTR\) Opportunities](#)

Project description: The goal of LuSTR, part of the Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative (LSII), is to accelerate the development of groundbreaking technologies that support and enable lunar surface activities to be conducted under Artemis - the core of NASA's exploration and human spaceflight plans for the next decade. As part of the LSII portfolio, LuSTR solicits ideas from universities for the creation of requisite technologies for lunar surface exploration and to accelerate the technology readiness of key systems and components.

Eligibility: Only accredited U.S. universities

Application Due date: Sep 09, 2020

Agriculture

[National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program 2020 Cooperative/Interagency Agreements](#)

Project description: Each year, APHIS makes funding available to support projects in priority areas of animal disease preparedness and response that are identified via consultation with eligible entities and stakeholders

Eligibility: State departments of agriculture; offices of State chief animal health officials; land-grant universities and other entities eligible to receive funds under a capacity and infrastructure program (as defined in section 251(f)(1)(C) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971); colleges of veterinary medicine, including veterinary emergency teams at such colleges; State, regional, or national livestock producer organizations with direct and significant economic interest in livestock production; State emergency agencies; State, national, allied, or regional veterinary organizations or specialty boards recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association; Indian Tribes; or Federal agencies.

Application Due date: Sep 14, 2020

[Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers](#)

Project description: The overall goal of the 2501 Program is to encourage and assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, veteran farmers and ranchers, and beginning farmers and ranchers with owning and operating farms and ranches and in participating equitably in the full range of agricultural, forestry, and related programs offered by USDA. In partnership with the OPPE, eligible entities may compete for funding on projects that provide education and training in agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, agriculturally related services, and USDA programs and to conduct outreach initiatives designed to accomplish those goals. See attached package for additional information.

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

Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Application Due date: Aug 26, 2020

[Solicitation for Applications to Assist Persistent Poverty Farmers, Ranchers, Agriculture Producers and Communities through Agriculture Resources](#)

Project description: Funding will be made available for the purpose of leveraging USDA, state, local and private sector resources, to address local agricultural and natural resource issues, encourage collaboration and to develop state and local leadership and partnerships to assist limited resource and socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers and communities through agriculture industries. The eligible entities will provide technical assistance to identified persistent poverty communities, with emphasis on socially disadvantaged and/or veteran farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers to assist them in establishing a local working leaders group, identifying issues, challenges and assets, preparing a plan of action and identifying resources and means to address and accomplish results through available programmatic services and opportunities.

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

(Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Application Due date: Aug 24, 2020

Health

[Reducing Cardiac Arrest Disparities Through Data Registries Initiative](#)

Project description: OMH is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities and advance health equity. Through its demonstration grants, OMH supports the identification of effective approaches for improving health outcomes with the goal of promoting sustainability and dissemination of these approaches.

Eligibility: State Governments, County Governments, City or township governments, Special district governments, Independent school districts, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public Housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private non-profit institutions of higher education

Application Due date: Aug 17, 2020

[Promoting Research on Music and Health: Phased Innovation Award for Music Interventions](#)

Project description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to promote innovative research on music and health with an emphasis on developing music interventions aimed at understanding their mechanisms of action and clinical applications for the treatment of many diseases, disorders, and conditions. Given the emphasis on innovation, little or no preliminary data are needed to apply under this FOA. Because of the need for a multidisciplinary approach, collaborations among basic researchers, translational science researchers, music intervention experts, other clinical researchers, music health professionals, and technology development researchers are encouraged. The FOA utilizes a phased R61/R33 funding mechanism to support mechanistic research and to evaluate the clinical relevance of music interventions. The R61 phase will provide funding to either investigate the biological mechanisms or behavioral processes underlying music interventions in relevant animal models, healthy human subjects, and/or clinical populations, or can be used to develop innovative technology or approaches to enhance music intervention research. The second R33 phase will provide support for further mechanistic investigations in human subjects or animal models, intervention development, or pilot clinical studies. The pilot clinical studies may focus on intervention optimization/refinement, feasibility, adherence, and/or identification of appropriate outcome measures to inform future clinical research. Transition from the R61 to the R33 phase of the award will depend on successful completion of pre-specified milestones established in the R61.

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

of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, City or township governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses
Small businesses

Application Due date: Jun 19, 2023

[Community-based Approaches to Strengthening Economic Supports for Working Families](#)

Project description: This notice solicits applications for projects under the Community-based Approaches to Strengthening Economic Supports for Working Families Initiative to serve low-income working families disproportionately at risk for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including racial and ethnic minority families. This initiative seeks to determine if implementation of earned income tax credit (EITC) outreach and education activities in communities at higher risk for ACEs can result in (1) increased EITC receipt and (2) changes in risk and/or protective factors for ACEs.

Eligibility: • State Governments • County Governments • City or township governments • Special district governments • Independent school districts • Public and State controlled institutions of higher education • Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) • Public Housing authorities/Indian housing authorities • Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments) • Nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education • Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education • Private non-profit institutions of higher education • U.S. Territories

Application Due date: Aug 17, 2020

Housing and Economic Development

[Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#)

Project description: Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which focus on directing resources to address three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood. To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

Eligibility: Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), local governments, tribal entities, and nonprofits.

Application Due date: Sep 14, 2020

Veterans, Security, and Law Enforcement and First Responders

[BJA FY 20 Law Enforcement Training & Technical Assistance Response Center](#)

Project description: BJA seeks to fund a national training and technical assistance provider to act as a single point of contact for law enforcement agencies at the state, local, and tribal levels to address issues currently affecting the law enforcement community. BJA requires the assistance of demonstrated national leaders in the field of law enforcement. Working with a one-stop TTA provider with deep knowledge of the law enforcement profession and constituency groups, acting as the dedicated repository and response center, they will pool their collective knowledge and expertise to provide TTA to state, local, and tribal

law enforcement agencies on the day-to-day issues that they face. Leveraging the experience and resources of these national organizations via this response center will increase cooperation and provide real-time support on issues that a single organization may not have had experience with in the past.

Eligibility: Private 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)

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

For profit organizations other than small businesses

Application Due date: Aug 10, 2020

[State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Information Sharing Technical Assistance Program](#)

Project description: In collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security, BJA will fund this training and technical assistance program to support the standardization and promulgation of information sharing practices, and the identification and sharing of state, local, tribal, and territorial promising practices and lessons learned.

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

Application Due date: July 31, 2020

[Deputy Director's Leadership Guide and Orientation Curriculum](#)

Project description: The position of a Deputy Director continues to be difficult and is compounded responding to the rise of mass incarceration, an aging prison population, coupled with the intricate operational issues that face the nation's prisons, jails and community corrections facilities. Additionally, they are responsible for managing these facilities in a manner that ensures public safety, the safety of staff and inmates, and accountability with taxpayer dollars. Many are tasked leading workplaces whose missions have changed dramatically, and now include dealing with reduced budgets, limited resources, aging infrastructures, specialized populations, significant healthcare and mental health issues, overcrowding, understaffing, problems with recruitment and retention, and effectively meeting the needs of both internal and external stakeholders.

Eligibility: NIC invites applications from nonprofit organizations (including faith-based, community, and tribal organizations), for-profit organizations (including tribal for-profit organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). Recipients, including for-profit organizations, must agree to waive any profit or fee for services. NIC welcomes applications that involve two or more entities; however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as sub-recipients. The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the entire program.

Application Due date: Aug 14, 2020

[National Sheriffs Institute](#)

Project description: New sheriffs come to the office or are elected to the office in a variety of ways. Some succeed a retiring sheriff. Others come from outside the agency with different ideas for changes in the current methods of operation that appeal to their community. Few of these new sheriffs have experience as a chief executive officer (CEO). Even fewer have experience with the full responsibilities of operating a local correctional facility. The awardee of this cooperative agreement will be working

closely with the National Institute of Corrections to continue offering the only courses of instruction specifically developed to enhance the skills for these elected officials to better serve their communities.

Eligibility: NIC invites applications from nonprofit organizations (including faith-based, community, and tribal organizations), for-profit organizations (including tribal for-profit organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). Recipients, including for-profit organizations, must agree to waive any profit or fee for services. NIC welcomes applications that involve two (2) or more entities; however, one (1) eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as sub-recipients. The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the entire program.

Application Due date: Aug 13, 2020

Arts and Culture

[Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program \(2021\)](#)

Project description: The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports developing a diverse workforce of librarians to better meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public by enhancing the training and professional development of library and archives professionals; developing faculty and library leaders; and recruiting, educating, and retaining the next generation of library and archives professionals.

Eligibility: A library or a parent organization, such as a school district, a municipality, a State agency, or an academic institution, that is responsible for the administration of a library. See [NOFO](#) for additional information.

Application Due date: Oct 02, 2020

[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.

Project description:

Eligibility:

Application Due date: