Grants Newsletter

September 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. 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,
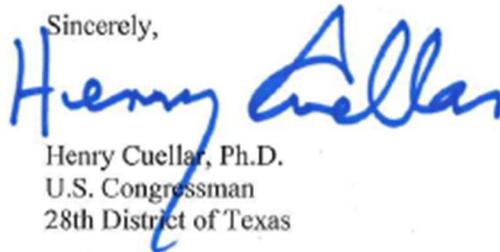
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Note: This newsletter provides information on current federal grant solicitations. This is not a comprehensive list of all grant opportunities. For more information on federal grants, please contact the office at (202) 225-1640 or email alexis.garcia@mail.house.gov

Research and Education

[Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) Program](#)
Project description: The Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative approaches to STEM graduate education training. The program seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based master's and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers.
Eligibility: Unrestricted
Application Due date: Nov 04, 2020

[Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions](#)
Project description: The goals of the HSI program are to enhance the quality of undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and to increase the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of students pursuing associate's or baccalaureate degrees in STEM. Achieving these, given the diverse nature and context of the HSIs, requires additional strategies that support building capacity at HSIs through innovative approaches: to incentivize institutional and community transformation; and to promote fundamental research (i) on engaged student learning, (ii) about what it takes to diversify and increase participation in STEM effectively, and (iii) that improves our understanding of how to build institutional capacity at HSIs. Intended outcomes of the HSI Program include broadening participation of students that are historically underrepresented in STEM and expanding students' pathways to continued STEM education and integration into the STEM workforce.
Eligibility: non-profit institutions,
Application Due date: Feb 10, 2021; Track 1: Planning or Pilot Projects (PPP) and Track 2: Implementation and Evaluation Projects (IEP) full proposal deadline.; Track 3: Institutional Transformation Projects (ITP) full proposal deadline.

[Dynamic Language Infrastructure – Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships](#)
Project description: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Research Programs is accepting applications for Dynamic Language Infrastructure – Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) Fellowships program, offered in partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF). This program supports individual scholars for six to twelve months to pursue research on documentation and analysis of one or more endangered languages. DLI-DEL Fellowships provide recipients with time for fieldwork to record languages; digital archiving; transcription and annotation; linguistic and ethnographic analysis of findings; and preparation of print or digital research publications. Anticipated products include, but are not limited to, lexicons, grammars, databases, peer-reviewed articles, and monographs.
Eligibility: Individuals
Application Due date: Sep 30, 2020

[Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks](#)
Project description: The purpose of the SRS RNs competition is to develop and support interdisciplinary, multi-organizational teams of investigators and stakeholders working collaboratively to produce cutting-edge convergent research, education, and outreach that addresses grand challenges in sustainable regional systems. SRS RNs will study multiscale regional systems to further SRS science, engineering, and education.

Eligibility: For-profit organizations: U.S. commercial organizations, especially small businesses with strong capabilities in scientific or engineering research or education. -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: Jan 11, 2021

Health

[Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community-Based Organizations](#)
Project description: The CDC announces the availability of fiscal year 2021 funds for a cooperative agreement program for community-based organizations (CBOs) to develop and implement high-impact human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention programs.
CBOs are uniquely positioned to complement and extend the reach of HIV prevention efforts implemented by state and local health departments and education agencies. They support the optimization of services across public, private, and other community-based organizations to achieve objectives of increased identification of HIV diagnoses, referral for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP) services, earlier entry to HIV care, and increased consistency of care.
Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
Application Due date: Nov 20, 2020

Housing and Economic Development

[Small Business Innovation Research Phase II](#)
Project description: The goals of the SBIR program are to: stimulate technological innovation; strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal R&D needs; foster and encourage participation by socially and economically disadvantaged Small Business Concerns and by women-owned SBCs, in technological innovation; and increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from federal research and development funding. The NOAA SBIR Program identifies and solicits proposals in subtopics that fall within NOAA's mission.
Eligibility: Each applicant must qualify as a small business concern for research or research and development (R/R&D) purposes, as defined in Section 1.7 of this NOFO, at the time of the award and at any other time set forth in the SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.701- 121.705
Application Due date: Oct 14, 2020

[Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)](#)
Project description: Funds can be used to help rural communities access planning resources and technical assistance to develop actionable placemaking plans, convene partners, identify community needs, and implement priorities to build rural prosperity.
Eligibility: Public or private groups, organizations, or institutions that demonstrate experience and expertise in providing placemaking technical assistance to rural communities.
Application Due date: Sept. 10, 2020.

[Jobs Plus Initiative](#)

Project Description: The Jobs Plus program develops locally-based, job-driven approaches that increase earnings and advance employment outcomes through work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement, technology skills, and financial literacy for residents of public housing. The place-based Jobs Plus program addresses poverty among public housing residents by incentivizing and enabling employment through earned income disregards for working residents and a set of services designed to support work including employer linkages, job placement and counseling, educational advancement, and financial counseling. Ideally, these incentives will saturate the target developments, building a culture of work and making working residents the norm. **Eligibility**: Eligible applicants are only public housing authorities (PHAs) that operate one or more public housing projects that meet the criteria outlined in this NOFA.
Application Due date: Dec 01, 2020

Environment

[WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase II](#)

Project description: The objective of this FOA is to invite established watershed groups comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders, which have completed a watershed restoration plan, and are capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources to submit proposals for watershed management projects under Phase II of the CWMP. Funding provided under this FOA may be used to implement on-the-ground watershed management projects, collaboratively developed by members of a watershed group, that will address critical water supply needs, water quality concerns, and restoration needs, helping water users meet competing demands and avoid conflicts over water.

Eligibility: Established watershed groups as defined in the Section 6001(5) of the Cooperative Watershed Management Act (Act) that alsomeet the requirements outlined in Section 6002(c)(2)(A)(iv) of the Act, and are located in the Western United States or United States Territories including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the NorthernMariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands, or a fiscal agent of anestablished watershed group as described in Section C.1. of this FOA
Application Due date: Nov 17, 2020

Arts and Culture

[Humanities Connections](#)

Project description: The purpose of this program is to expand the role of the humanities in undergraduate education at two- and four-year institutions. Awards support innovative curricular approaches that foster productive partnerships among humanities faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences and in pre-service or professional programs (such as business, engineering, health sciences, law, computer science, and other technology-driven fields), in order to encourage and develop new integrative learning opportunities for students.
Eligibility: Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Application Due date: Sep 30, 2020

[Museums for America (2021)](#)

Project description: The Museums for America program supports projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. Museums for America has three project categories: Lifelong Learning, Community Anchors and Catalysts, and Collections Stewardship and Public Access.

Eligibility: unit of State, local, or tribal government or be a private, nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code; Please see [NOFO](#) for more information.

Application Due date: Nov 16, 2020

[National Leadership Grants for Museums (2021)](#)

Project description: National Leadership Grants for Museums support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public. This program has five project categories: Collections Care and Public Access; Data, Analysis, and Assessment; Digital Platforms and Applications; Diversity and Inclusion; and Professional Development..

Eligibility: Please see [NOFO](#) for more information

Application Due date: Nov 16, 2020

[Inspire! Grants for Small Museums (2021)](#)

Project description: Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to help small museums implement projects that address priorities identified in their strategic plans.

Eligibility: Please see [NOFO](#) for information

Application Due date: Nov 16, 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.