Notices from February 20, 2020 to March 11, 2020

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

DRL Fundamental Freedoms Fund

FON:

SFOP0006607

AGENCY:

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

ITEM:

Notice seeking proposals to respond to evolving opportunities and threats to the protection and advancement of the fundamental freedoms of association, assembly, expression, and religion.

ACTION:

Proposals are due April 23, 2020. Approximately $5.02 million is available to support one award for up to 36 months.

LINKS:


CONTACT:

Questions, Email: DRL-RR-ProgramInfo@state.gov (mailto:DRL-RR-ProgramInfo@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

Expanding Efforts and Strategies to Protect and Improve Public Health in Vietnam
FON: CDC-RFA-GH20-2113

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to support projects in Vietnam designed to improve prevention of avoidable epidemics including naturally occurring outbreaks and intentional or accidental releases of dangerous pathogens and to improve ability to rapidly detect threats early, including detecting, characterizing, and reporting emerging biological threats.

ACTION: Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $400 million is available to support five awards of up to $16 million per year to support projects lasting up to five years.


CONTACT: Vanessa Shaw-Dore, Email: MFQ5@cdc.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Innovation in Child Protection

FON: SFOP0006605

AGENCY: Department of State (State), Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM)

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals that advance global knowledge and response for early childhood development to build the resilience of refugee children on the move. PRM will prioritize submissions that contribute to a broader evidence-base and build upon current standards to document good approaches or practice for the wider humanitarian community.

ACTION: Proposals are due May 4, 2020. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support two awards for one year.


CONTACT: Kelly Loewer, Email: Loewerkm@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2020 Professional Fellows Program

FON: SFOP0006609
AGENCY:
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to bring leaders, ages 25-40, to the United States from countries in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, the Middle East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, and the Western Hemisphere. The Professional Fellows Program is a two-way global exchange program designed to promote mutual understanding, enhance leadership and professional skills, and build lasting and sustainable partnerships between emerging leaders from foreign countries and the United States.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 8, 2020. Approximately $5 million is available for up to seven awards.

Limited Submission:
Applicants may submit proposals for both the GFS award and one regional award under this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Applicants may not submit proposals for more than one regional award under this Notice of Funding Opportunity.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Angela Woods, 202-632-9451. Email: WoodsAN@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

FON:
20200515-CHA

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Office of Challenge Programs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for challenge grants to support two distinct types of projects: Capital Projects, which support the design, purchase, construction, restoration, or renovation of facilities for humanities activities; and Digital Infrastructure, which supports the maintenance, modernization, and sustainability of existing digital scholarly projects and platforms.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 15, 2020. Optional draft proposals are due April 3, 2020. Approximately 30 awards of up to $750,000 are available. A 1:1 match is required for HBCUs, TCUs, HSIs, and two-year institutions. A 3:1 match is required for other colleges and universities for federal awards of up to $500,000; awards above that require a 4:1 match. Ten percent of total project costs can be used for fundraising.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Consulate-General Johannesburg PAS Annual Program Statement

FON:
DOS-JHB-202001

AGENCY:
Department of State (State) , U.S. Mission to South Africa

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for programs that strengthen cultural ties between the U.S. and South Africa through cultural and exchange programming that highlights shared values and promotes bilateral cooperation. All programs must include an American cultural element, or connection with American expert/s, organization/s, or institution/s in a specific field that will promote increased understanding of U.S. policy and perspectives.

ACTION:
Proposals are due August 5, 2020. Approximately $120,000 is available to support 20 awards for up to 18 months.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Public Affairs Section, Email: JohannesburgGrants@state.gov (mailto:JohannesburgGrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Embassy LIMA PAS Annual Program Statement

FON:
PAS-LIMA-FY20-01

AGENCY:
Department of State (State) , U.S. Mission to Peru

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals or projects that strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and Peru through cultural and exchange programming that highlights shared values and promotes bilateral cooperation. All programs must include a U.S. cultural element, or connection with U.S. expert/s, organization/s, or institution/s in a specific field that will promote increased understanding of U.S. policy and perspectives.

ACTION:
Applications are due September 30, 2020. Approximately $400,000 is available to support 15 awards for up to 24 months.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Acer Access and Development Program

FON:
USDA-AMS-TM-ACER-G-20-0006

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote the domestic maple syrup industry through activities associated with: promotion of research and education related to maple syrup production; promotion of natural resource sustainability in the maple syrup industry; market promotion for maple syrup and maple-sap products; encouragement of owners and operators of privately held land containing species of trees in the genus Acer—to initiate or expand maple-sugaring activities on the land; or to voluntarily make the land available, including by lease or other means, for access by the public for maple-sugaring activities.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $6 million is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Martin Rosier, 202-260-8449. Email: Martin.Rosier@usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 20 Academic-based Drug Field Testing and Training Initiative

FON:
BJA-2020-18052

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish a pilot project to develop a national training model on current rapid identification technology and scientifically sound field collection and testing methods that can be used when drugs are discovered in the field.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 8, 2020. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support one award for 36 months.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 20 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program

FON:
BJA-2020-17312

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice) , Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 9, 2020. Approximately $71.5 million is available for 150 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BLM CA Youth Conservation Opportunities on Public Lands

FON:
L20AS00042

AGENCY:
Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior (Interior)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to fund projects that provide employment for participants and opportunities to learn about and gain work experience in public lands and natural resources management in California while promoting long-term interest in public lands stewardship and the BLM. The BLM Youth Program assists the BLM with diversifying the workforce while exposing participants to the complex cultural and natural resource issues faced by National Conservation Lands managers. Conservation projects must focus on providing employment, education, and public-service opportunities for U.S. citizens and legal residents (between ages 16 and 30 inclusive and veterans up to age 35 inclusive) recruited from local and surrounding communities to assist with projects on public lands.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $500,000 is available for up to 12 awards. Eligibility is limited to qualified youth conservation corps established by a state or local government, by the governing body of any Indian tribe, or by a qualified nonprofit organization interested in working cooperatively with the BLM to develop and administer multiple-use conservation projects.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Leona Parker, 530-252-5338. Email: lparker@blm.gov (mailto:lparker@blm.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) Grants for Research Fellowship (GRF)
FON:
693JJ318NF5229-2020
AGENCY:
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from students for funding to pursue master's or doctoral degrees in transportation-related disciplines.
ACTION:
Applications are due April 27, 2020. Approximately $240,000 is available for up to five awards in FY 20. Applicants must have baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university in the U.S. or its territories, demonstrate confirmation of acceptance in a graduate degree program at an accredited IHE in the U.S. or its territories; be enrolled in an accredited IHE within the U.S. or its territories; be pursuing a graduate degree in a full-time program in a transportation-related discipline identified in the assignment announcement; have at least one full academic year remaining in program of study; conduct ongoing research in one or more transportation-related disciplines; and plan to enter the transportation profession after completing their higher-level education.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Ewa Flom, 703-235-0532. Email: ewa.flom@dot.gov (mailto:ewa.flom@dot.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Farmers Market Promotion Program
FON:
USDA-AMS-TM-FMPP-G-20-0002
AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.
ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $13.5 million is available. Cost share of 25 percent is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FMPP staff, Email: USDAFMPPQuestions@usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)

FON:
USDA-AMS-TM-FSMIP-G-20-0004

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for projects that explore new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products and encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the U.S. marketing system.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $1 million is available. $1-for-$1 match is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Martin Rosier. 202-260-8449. Email: Martin.Rosier@usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Local Food Promotion Program

FON:
USDA-AMS-TM-LFPP-G-20-0001

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the development, coordination, and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $13.5 million is available. Cost share of 25 percent is required.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Magnet Schools Assistance Program

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the creation and replication of evidence-based magnet programs and magnet schools that seek to reduce, eliminate, or prevent minority group isolation by taking into account socioeconomic diversity. Grantees may use grant funds for activities intended to improve students’ academic achievement, including acquiring books, materials, technology, and equipment to support a rigorous, theme-based academic program; conducting planning and promotional activities; providing professional development opportunities for teachers to implement the academic program; and paying the salaries of effective teachers and other instructional personnel.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 26, 2020. Optional notices of intent are due April 9, 2020. Approximately $23.5 million is available for an estimated 7 to 9 awards. Eligibility is limited to local education agencies (LEAs) or consortia of LEAs but opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gillian Cohen-Boyer, 202-401-1259. Email: msap.team@ed.gov (mailto:msap.team@ed.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OJJDP FY 20 Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

FON:
OJJDP-2020-17352

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to implement programs and strategies that identify, respond to, treat, and support children, youth, and families impacted by the opioid epidemic.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2020. Approximately $9 million is available for 13 awards.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, 800–851–3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Regional Food System Partnerships

FON:
USDA-AMS-TM-RFSP-G-20-0009

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local or regional food systems. The RFSP focuses on building and strengthening local or regional food economy viability and resilience by alleviating unnecessary administrative and technical barriers for participating partners.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $10 million is available. Cost share of 25 percent is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Patrick Kelley, 202-205-3941. Email: Patrick.Kelley@usda.gov (mailto:Patrick.Kelley@usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research and Evaluations of Victims of Crime, Fiscal Year 2020

FON:
NIJ-2020-17326

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for formative evaluations, evaluability assessments, and/or evaluations of victims of crime service programs. NIJ is interested in evaluations of different types of victim services including, but not limited to, programs embedded in hospitals/trauma centers; umbrella/network organizations; one-stop victim services programs; and/or programs embedded in criminal justice agencies.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2020. Approximately $4 million is available for eight awards.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals, Fiscal Year 2020

FON:
NIJ-2020-17328

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for funding for research and evaluation projects that expand understanding of the phenomena of elder abuse, in its many forms, and the effectiveness of strategies to prevent such abuse.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2020. Approximately N$2 million will be available for awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, 800-851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

MEETING:
Judicial Conference of the United States, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. The agenda and supporting materials will become available seven days prior to the meeting date.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 23, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, One Columbus Circle NE, Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to public observation but not participation.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
NOTICE:
Administrative Priorities for Discretionary Grant Programs

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education), Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

ITEM:
Notice announcing six priorities for discretionary grant programs that the Secretary may use in fiscal year (FY) 2020 and later years that expand the Department of Education's (the Department's) flexibility to give priority to a broader range of applicants with varying experience in administering Federal education funds (Priorities 1 and 2), applicants proposing to serve rural communities (Priorities 3 and 4), applicants that demonstrate a rationale for their proposed projects (Priority 5), or applicants proposing to collect data after the grant's original project period (Priority 6).

ACTION:
These priorities are effective April 8, 2020.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kelly Terpak, 202-205-5231. Email: kelly.terpak@ed.gov (mailto:kelly.terpak@ed.gov)

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Development of Wearable Smart Devices for Continuous Monitoring of Circulating Nutrients, Metabolites and Hormones (R21-R33 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
PAR-20-134

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop tools and devices that can continuously monitor a broader range of nutrients, metabolites and/or metabolic signals for advancing precision nutrition, microbiome, and circadian metabolism research.

ACTION:
LOI's are due 30 days prior to application date. Applications are due June 18, 2020 and June 8, 2021. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to two years for the R21 ($275,000 cap) and three years for the R33 ($500,00 cap).

LINKS:

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(mailto:padma.maruvada@nih.gov)

Sharon Ross (NCI), 240-276-7124
Email: rosssha@mail.nih.gov (mailto:rosssha@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Bone Marrow Failure, Idea Development Award

FON:
W81XWH-20-BMFRP-IDA

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support innovative ideas and high-impact approaches based on scientifically sound evidence to move toward the BMFRP's vision of understanding and curing BMF diseases.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due May 11, 2020. Applications are due August 5, 2020.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
CDMRP Help Desk, 301-682-5507. Email: help@eBRAP.org (mailto:help@eBRAP.org)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Engineering Immunity to HIV-1 Through Next Generation Vaccines (R61 and R33 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-AI-20-015

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to pair Bioengineers and Immunologists to leverage emerging innovative knowledge in physical and computational sciences for the design and development of an HIV-1 vaccine.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due July 28, 2020. Approximately $5 million is available to support up to five awards.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Expanding Efforts and Strategies to Protect and Improve Public Health in Kenya

FON:
CDC-RFA-GH20-2115

AGENCY:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Global Health (CGH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to accelerate progress toward a world safe and secure from infectious disease threats and to promote global health security as an international security priority.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. Approximately $20 million is available to support six awards for five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ahmed Liban, 404-718-1142. Email: atl0@cdc.gov (mailto:atl0@cdc.gov)

MEETING:
Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation

AGENCY:
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT). The purpose is to discuss issues related to the recent HHS National Survey of Organ Donation Attitudes and Behaviors and efforts to increase organ transplantation.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 7, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Room 5A03.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Robert Walsh, 301-443-6839. Email; RWalsh@hrsa.gov (mailto:RWalsh@hrsa.gov)
MEETING:
Fiscal Year 2020 Generic Drug Regulatory Science Initiatives; Public Workshop; Request for Comments

FON:
2020-04866

AGENCY:
Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking input through a public workshop from a variety of stakeholders— academia, industry, patient advocates, professional societies, and other interested parties— to inform the development of FDA's annual list of regulatory science initiatives specific to generic drugs. FDA will take the information it obtains from the workshop into account in developing its FY 21 regulatory science initiatives.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 4, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, at FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave. Bldg. 31, Rm. 1503 Sections B&C, Silver Spring, MD. Register with the contact by April 3 to attend remotely.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Stephanie Choi, 240-402-7960, Stephanie.Choi@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:Stephanie.Choi@fda.hhs.gov)

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NOTICE:
Emergency Competitive Revision to Existing NIH Awards (Emergency Supplement - Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PA-20-135

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing to the applicant community that funds may be available for applications based on a presidentially declared disaster under the Stafford Act, a public health emergency declared by the Secretary, HHS, or other local, regional or national disaster. Applications for Emergency Competitive Revisions will be routed directly to the NIH awarding component listed on the NoA of the most recent parent award. Emergency Notices of Special Interest (NOSIs) issued by the respective NIH institutes and centers (ICs) will specify the activity codes under which recipients can apply.

ACTION:
Only applications submitted in response to an Emergency NOSI published by an IC will be allowed to apply to this FOA.

NOTICE:
Scientific Data and Information About Products Containing Cannabis or Cannabis-Derived Compounds; Reopening of the Comment Period

AGENCY:
Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a the Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is reopening the comment period to obtain scientific data and information about the safety, manufacturing, product quality, marketing, labeling, and sale of products containing cannabis or cannabis-derived compounds. The period is open indefinitely with particular interest in data that may help to address uncertainties and data gaps related to the safety of cannabidiol (CBD).

ACTION:
Submit written/paper submissions as follows: Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
April Alexandrow, 301-796-5363.

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2021 EHP External Research Grants

FON:
G20AS00042

AGENCY:
Department of the Interior (Interior)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support research in earthquake hazards, the physics of earthquakes, earthquake occurrence, and earthquake safety policy.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 20, 2020. Approximately $7 million is available for 60 to 80 new awards typically ranging from $30,000 to $85,000 each.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences Program

FON:
20-547

AGENCY:
Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support basic scientific research about the nature, causes, and/or consequences of the spatial distribution of human activity and/or environmental processes across a range of scales. Projects about a broad range of topics may be appropriate for support if they enhance fundamental geographical knowledge, concepts, theories, methods, and their application to societal problems and concerns. Recognizing the breadth of the field’s contributions to science, the HEGS Program welcomes proposals for empirically grounded, theoretically engaged, and methodologically sophisticated geographical research.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 18, 2020, then the third Tuesday in August, annually; and January 19, 2021, then the third Tuesday in January, annually. Approximately $6 million is available for 40 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jacqueline M. Vadjunec, 703-292-7064. Email: jmvadjun@nsf.gov (mailto:jmvadjun@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
SBIR STTR FY 2020 Phase II Release 2

FON:
DE-FOA-0002156

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from DOE SBIR/STTR Phase I and Phase II grantees for financial assistance for new research and development tasks aligned with the original scope of work.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due April 1, 2020. Applications are due April 21, 2020. Approximately $111 million is available for average awards of $1.1 million to support projects lasting up to 24 months.
Eligibility is limited to Phase I and Phase II grantees.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Signals in the Soil
FON: 20-548
AGENCY:
Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), Directorate for Engineering (ENG), Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), National Science Foundation (NSF), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
ITEM:
Notice encouraging convergent research that transforms existing capabilities in understanding dynamic soil processes, including soil formation, through advances in sensor systems and modeling. The Signals in the Soil (SitS) program fosters collaboration among the two partner agencies and the researchers they support by combining resources and funding for the most innovative and high-impact projects that address their respective missions. To make transformative advances in our understanding of soils, multiple disciplines must converge to produce environmentally-benign novel sensing systems with multiple modalities that can adapt to different environments and collect and transmit data for a wide range of biological, chemical, and physical parameters. Effective integration of sensor data will be key for achieving a better understanding of signaling interactions among plants, animals, microbes, the soil matrix, and aqueous and gaseous components.
ACTION:
Full proposals are due May 20, 2020. Approximately $13 million is available for 10 awards.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Contacts vary

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Staff Research Program
FON: W911NF20S0003
AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)
ITEM:
Notice soliciting proposals to enable ARO scientific staff to maintain and expand professional competence in support of fulfilling the ARO mission through the conduct of hands-on, basic research. The staff research will be performed collaboratively with institutions external to ARO. Staff research efforts will involve scientific study directed toward advancing the state-of-the-art or increasing knowledge and scientific understanding in engineering, physical, life and information sciences, when there is an intersection with the interests and capabilities of the participating external institutions in these basic research areas.

ACTION:
Applications can be submitted any time through February 19, 2025.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY:
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee to discuss issues including rail service, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, rail carriers, and users of energy resources. Potential agenda items for this meeting include a rail performance measures review, and member led roundtable discussions.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 21, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Surface Transportation Board headquarters at 395 E St. SW, Washington, DC

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NOTICE:
Acceleration of Quantum Dot Device Development (Topic 20)

FON:
HR001119S0075-20

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)
ITEM:
Notice announcing DARPA invites participation in Polyplexus, which is an online, professional, technical conversation between the research community and DARPA Program Managers that will lead to the opportunity to submit abstracts and full proposals for a research and development project. The online discussion culminates in an opportunity to submit an abstract and subsequently a proposal describing a proposed research project.

ACTION:
Access to the platform should be requested directly from the polyplexus.com website: https://www.polyplex.com/ (https://www.polyplex.com/) Participants are strongly encouraged to apply for access and to start their participation at least 2 weeks before the end of the suggestion period.

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