Notices from March 25, 2019 to March 27, 2019

This publication synopsizes funding opportunities, rules and regulations, comment requests, and meetings information from Grants.gov, Federal Register, and Federal Business Opportunities for colleges and universities that are eligible to be lead applicants or serve as partners.

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ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Becoming a Responsible Consumer of Media

FON:
DOS-CT-201902

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to implement a series of workshops, lectures, media campaigns on Becoming A Responsible Consumer of Media over a one-year period to train trainers and educators to educate South Africans to be responsible consumers of news.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 31, 2019. One award of $20,000 to $50,000 is anticipated.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Black History Month Performance Program 2020

FON:
DOS-JHB-201901

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to carry out a Black History Month performance program. As part of the U.S. Mission's commemoration of Black History Month in February 2020, the grantee will stage a four-week (20-performance minimum) run of a thought-provoking play that addresses the African-American experience. Competitive proposals will demonstrate how the proposed play will resonate with South African audiences, and, preferably, feature a play written in the past 10 years by an African-American playwright.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 31, 2019. One award of $75,000 to $100,000 is anticipated.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mark Dobson, 01127124314640. Email: pretoriagrants@state.gov (mailto:pretoriagrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DRL FY18 and FY19 IRF Burma

FON:
SFOP0005688

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for projects that promote a diverse, multi-ethnic and multi-religious, and inclusive society that respects the rights of all people.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 10, 2019. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Questions , Email: DRLIRFGrants@state.gov (mailto:DRLIRFGrants@state.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DRL Strengthening Local Media Outreach and Security in Yemen

FON:
SFOP0005654

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide independent journalists and media outlets with the necessary investigative, physical, and digital security skills to securely produce fact-based reporting, thereby reinforcing the credibility of media products to the community.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 24, 2019. Up to $1.25 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Questions, Email: ColburnA@state.gov (mailto:ColburnA@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2019 Ngawang Choephel Fellows Program

FON:
SFOP0005690

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for a two-way exchange program designed to expand sustainable, inclusive economic development opportunities within the Tibetan communities of China.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 28, 2019. Approximately $600,000 is available to support two awards.

Limited Submission:
Applicants must submit only one proposal under this competition

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Chris Remsen, 202-632-9432. Email: RemsenCM@state.gov (mailto:RemsenCM@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2019 U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation Conservation
FON: SFOP0005691

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to strengthen existing professional and institutional relationships in architectural or objects conservation and to provide participants with new technical knowledge and skills that they may apply in their work at their home institutions or organizations.

ACTION: Applications are due June 3, 2019. Approximately $100,000 is available to support one award.


CONTACT: Martin Perschler, 202-632-6308. Email: afcp@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FY18-19 IRF Combatting Anti-Semitism in EUR and SCA

FON: SFOP0005669

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications for projects that counter the rise of anti-Semitism in OSCE member states in Europe and Central Asia.

ACTION: Applications are due May 3, 2019. Approximately $1 million is available to support up to two awards.

Limited Submission: Primary organizations can submit one (1) application


CONTACT: Questions, Email: DRLIRFGrants@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Go green on campuses and in surrounding communities

FON: DOS-PTA-201907

AGENCY: Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to South Africa
ITEM: Notice seeking proposals to carry out an exchange for South African and American undergraduate students and nearby youth community leaders dedicated to developing and implementing environmentally supportive on-campus/in-community projects.

ACTION: Applications are due May 31, 2019. Approximately $90,000 is available to support one award in 12 months.


CONTACT: U.S. Embassy South Africa Grants Administrator, Email: PretoriaGrants@state.gov (mailto:PretoriaGrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Hackathons for SA: Digital Solutions for Real-World Challenges

FON: DOS-CT-201901

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

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals interested in implementing a series of four hackathons (two in Cape Town and two in Johannesburg) over a one-year period to: Build technical, problem-solving, creative thinking, and collaborative skills among emerging software developers to strengthen their employability and help drive economic growth; Create innovative digital solutions to key social, environmental, health, and economic challenges; and Strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and South Africa through exchanges of information, experiences, and expertise.

ACTION: Applications are due May 31, 2019. Approximately $70,000 is available to support one awards for 12 to 18 months.


CONTACT: U.S. Embassy South Africa Grants Administrator, Email: PretoriaGrants@state.gov (mailto:PretoriaGrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Linking Cities in the U.S. and South Africa

FON: DOS-PTA-201910

AGENCY: Department of State (State)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to carry out an exchange program for mayors and municipal leaders in the U.S. and South Africa. The objective of this program is to advance the overall goal of promoting prosperity and good governance in South Africa.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 31, 2019. One award of $25,000 to $45,000 is anticipated.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mark Dobson, 01127124314640. Email: pretoriagrants@state.gov (mailto:pretoriagrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Preservation and Access Education and Training

FON:
20190515-PE

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the development of knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects.

ACTION:
Optional draft applications are due April 3, 2019. Applications are due May 15, 2019. The maximum award amount is $350,000 for a period of up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Preservation and Access Team, 202-606-8570. Email: preservation@neh.gov (mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Promoting Volunteerism and Community Engagement

FON:
DOS-PTA-201906

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to South Africa
ITEM: Notice seeking proposals to develop and implement a program that would connect people who want to volunteer or intern with relevant volunteer opportunities at NGOs and corporations. This public-private partnership meets the U.S. Mission strategic goal to promote prosperity and good governance in South Africa with the goal of helping to close the skills gap and mitigate unemployment nationwide.

ACTION: Applications are due May 31, 2019. Approximately $115,000 is available to support one award for 12 to 18 months.


CONTACT: U.S. Embassy South Africa Grants Administrator, Email: PretoriaGrants@state.gov (mailto:PretoriaGrants@state.gov)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** Protecting SA heritage & reducing demand for wildlife

**FON:** DOS-PTA-201911

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

**ITEM:** Notice seeking proposals to carry out a coordinated national public marketing campaign for audiences in South Africa for illicit wildlife products, with a particular focus on rhino horn and elephant ivory, as well as pangolins, vultures, and other trafficked flora and fauna. The campaign would focus on the historic South African cultural and natural heritage value of these threatened/endangered species as shown through literature, song, art, storytelling, etc., while deglamorizing/devaluing horn and ivory as mere keratin/dentine.

**ACTION:** Applications are due May 31, 2019. Approximately $30,000 is available for one award.

**LINKS:** Grants.gov (https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314247)

**CONTACT:** Mark Dobson, 01127124314640. Email: pretoriagrants@state.gov (mailto:pretoriagrants@state.gov)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** Research and Development

**FON:** 20190515-PR

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials.

ACTION:
Optional draft applications are due April 3, 2019. Applications are due May 15, 2019. Tier I provides awards up to $75,000. Tier II provides awards up to $350,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Preservation and Access Team, 202-606-8570. Email: preservation@neh.gov (mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Southern Iraq Job Skills Development Program
FON:
DOS-BAGHDAD-PD-2019-011
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Iraq
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for a job skills development and mentoring program in southern Iraq, targeting Basrah, Dhi Qar, Maysan, and Muthanna. This project will match 60 university and vocational students ages 19-22 with local private sector leaders for a one-year mentorship program. The program's objective is to improve the ability of local youth to find employment outside the public sector, including through entrepreneurship.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 15, 2019. Approximately $200,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Email: baghdadpdgrants@state.gov (mailto:baghdadpdgrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Tunisia Chambers of Commerce Capacity Building
FON:
SFOP0005681
AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to strengthen the capacity of targeted regional Chambers of Commerce in Tunisia and increase their performance in serving as a major driver of local development and investment within their communities. The project will spur economic development through support to the Chambers of Commerce in Gabes, Gafsa, and Beja that improves their capacity to serve as local drivers of sustainable growth.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 1, 2019. Approximately $500,000 to $700,000 is available to support one award for 18 months of activities.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
John Daniels, Email: nea-grants@state.gov (mailto:nea-grants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Embassy Ankara, Grants Program

FON:
ANK-NOFO-FY19-02

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to carry out projects that address one or more of the following key bilateral themes: Support Shared Security, Strengthen Economic Prosperity, Reinforce Democratic Values or Foster Turkish and U.S. Ties.

ACTION:
Proposals are due April 30, 2019. Awards may range from a minimum of $5,000 to a maximum of $75,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Questions, Email: GrantsTurkey@state.gov (mailto:GrantsTurkey@state.gov)

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Announcement for Program Funding for NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for Federal fiscal year 2019 - Michigan

FON:
USDA-NRCS-MI-CIG-19-GEN0010079
AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. Applications are accepted from eligible entities for projects carried out in the state of Michigan.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 31, 2019. Approximately $225,000 is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kim Wieber, 517-324-5276. Email: kim.wieber@mi.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Announcement for Program Funding for NRCS’ Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 – MISSOURI

FON:
USDA-NRCS-MO-CIG-19-GEN0010092

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) to agricultural producers, into NRCS technical manuals and guides, or to the private sector.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 31, 2019. Approximately $100,000 is available. Cost share is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen D. Brinkman, 573-876-0901. Email: karen.brinkman@mo.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Arkansas funding announcement

FON:
USDA-NRCS-AR-MULTI-19-GEN0010077

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to solicit partnerships to provide direct technical services to assist producers to plan and/or implement conservation practices throughout Arkansas.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 24, 2019. Approximately $5 million is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Amanda J. Mathis, 501-301-3162. Email: amanda.mathis@ar.usda.gov (mailto:amanda.mathis@ar.usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 19 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program

FON:
BJA-2019-15093

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to reduce opioid abuse and the number of overdose fatalities, as well as to mitigate impacts on crime victims. The program also supports the implementation, enhancement, and proactive use of prescription drug monitoring programs to support clinical decision making and prevent the abuse and diversion of controlled substances.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 28, 2019. Approximately $13.3 million is available to support at least five awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Response Center, 800–851–3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 19 Enhancing Task Force Leadership, Operations, and Management

FON:
BJA-2019-15244

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide training and technical assistance nationwide to increase the effectiveness and ensure the success of state and local multijurisdictional, and tribal law enforcement task forces created to address local crime issues.
ACTION:
Applications are due May 28, 2019. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Response Center, 800–851–3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for education and training programs to help identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines. The focus of these grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 will be training programs and training materials on powered haulage safety (i.e. reducing vehicle-on-vehicle collisions, increasing seat belt use, and improving belt conveyor safety), examinations of working places at metal and nonmetal mines, mine emergency prevention and preparedness, or other programs to prevent unsafe conditions in and around mines.

ACTION:
Applications are due 60 days after the published date of this FOA. Approximately $400,000 is available to support eight awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Janice Oates, 202-693-9573. Email: oates.janice@dol.gov (mailto:oates.janice@dol.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program

FON:
USDA-NIFA-HEMS-006676

AGENCY:
National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide scholarships to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring, and training committed multicultural scholars, resulting in either baccalaureate degrees within the FANH disciplines or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) degrees.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 24, 2019. Approximately $945,000 is available.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Ariela Zycherman, 202-531-0643/202-720-0384. Email: MSP@NIFA.usda.gov (mailto:MSP@NIFA.usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans’ Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Female Veterans’ and Veterans’ with Families Program (HFVWVF) (referred to collectively as HVRP)

FON:
FOA-VETS-19-01

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor), Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide services to reintegrate homeless veterans into the labor force by placing them into meaningful employment and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 26, 2019. Approximately $13.5 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kia Mason, 202-693-2606. Email: mason.kia@dol.gov (mailto:mason.kia@dol.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OJJDP FY 19 Family Drug Court Program

FON:
OJJDP-2019-15026

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to build the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to sustain existing family drug courts or establish new family drug courts. Family drug courts serve parents who require treatment for a substance abuse disorder and who are involved with the child welfare system as a result of child abuse, neglect, or other parenting issues.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 29, 2019. Approximately $9 million is available to support 14 awards. Cost share of 25 percent is required.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Employment of Transition-Age Youth with Disabilities

FON:
HHS-2019-ACL-NIDILRR-RTEM-0339

AGENCY:
Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to improved employment outcomes of transition-age youth with disabilities.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due April 29, 2019. Applications are due May 24, 2019. Approximately $875,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Hugh Berry, Email: hugh.berry@acl.hhs.gov (mailto:hugh.berry@acl.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

FON:
USDA-RD-HCFP-RCDI-2019

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development that will support the community.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 5, 2019.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by state.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Workforce Data Quality Initiative – WDQI Round VII

FON:
FOA-ETA-19-02

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor) , Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the development or expansion of State workforce longitudinal administrative databases. Collecting and analyzing data and conducting research using longitudinal data can provide a comprehensive picture of whether education programs lead to employment in related fields, whether jobseekers are obtaining training-related employment, and the impact of training on workers' earnings throughout their careers.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 24, 2019. Approximately $11.5 million is available to support eight awards. Partnership opportunities exist for colleges and universities.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michael Lessmeier, 202-693-3323. Email: Lessmeier.Michael.J@dol.gov
(mailto:Lessmeier.Michael.J@dol.gov)

MEETING:
Fixed Income Market Structure Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Fixed Income Market Structure Advisory Committee to discuss updates and presentations from the subcommittees and a discussion on the transition away from the London Interbank Offered Rate.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 15, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m. ET at 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
David Dimitrious, 202-551-5131.

HEALTH
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Development of Sample Sparing Assays for Monitoring Immune Responses (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-AI-19-017

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 accelerate the development and validation of sample sparing assays that can be applied for studying the human immune system in health and disease. Development of new, cutting-edge sample sparing assays will lead to maximum use of the human-derived specimens by significant reduction of sample volumes/amounts required or by simultaneous multi-parameter assessments of immune function.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due July 30, 2019. Approximately $5 million is available to support 8 to 10 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Priti Mehrotra, 240-669-5375. Email: PMehrotra@niaid.nih.gov (mailto:PMehrotra@niaid.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
ITCR: innovative algorithms (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
RFA-CA-19-038

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the development of innovative methods and algorithms in biomedical computing, informatics, and data science addressing priority needs across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities. As a component of the NCI's Informatics Technology for Cancer Research (ITCR) Program, this FOA encourages applications focused on the development of novel computational, mathematical, and statistical algorithms and methods that can considerably improve acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of relevant data and/or knowledge.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 11, 2019. Approximately $1.24 million is available to support six awards.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Juli Klemm, 301-480-5778. Email: juli.klemm@nih.gov (mailto:juli.klemm@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Optimizing the Management and Outcomes for Cancer Survivors Transitioning to Follow-up Care (R01 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
RFA-CA-19-035

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that develop and test models of care for adult survivors of cancer who are transitioning from active treatment to follow-up care.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 28, 2019. Approximately $5 million is available to support up to six awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michelle Mollica, 240-276-7621. Email: michelle.mollica@nih.gov (mailto:michelle.mollica@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program

FON:
HRSA-19-094

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to improve access to and continuity of maternal and obstetrics care in rural communities.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due May 3, 2019. Applications are due May 24, 2019. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support up to three awards.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution
MEETING:
Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a forthcoming public advisory committee meeting of the Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee. The committee will discuss the safety and effectiveness of bacitracin for intramuscular injection for the treatment of infants with pneumonia and empyema caused by staphylococci shown to be susceptible to the drug, which is the only approved indication for bacitracin for intramuscular injection.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 26, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tommy Douglas Conference Center, the Ballroom, 10000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. The conference center's telephone number is 240-645-4000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Lauren Tesh, 301-796-9001. Email: AMDAC@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:AMDAC@fda.hhs.gov)

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MEETING:
Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors. The purpose of the meeting is to addresses occupational safety and health issues related to: NIOSH Chemical Risk Management; Occupational Exposure Banding; Research Integration Activities; and an Overview of the National Fire Fighter Registry.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ET at Patriots Plaza I, 395 E Street SW, Room 9000, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alberto Garcia, 513-841-4596. Email: agarcia1@cdc.gov

MEETING:
Development of Antibacterial Drugs for the Treatment of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Disease

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing the following public workshop entitled “Development of Antibacterial Drugs for the Treatment of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Disease.” The purpose of the public workshop is to discuss the clinical trial design considerations, including endpoints, related to the development of antibacterial drug products for treatment of nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) disease.

ACTION:
The public workshop will be held April 8, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at FDA's White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31, Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Lori Benner and/or Jessica Barnes, 301-796-1300.

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Advancing Sustainable Materials Management

FON:
EPA-R4-RCRD-19-01

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that focus on economically-driven strategies to drive SMM of food, glass, recycling markets, and the built environment.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 10, 2019. Approximately $125,000 is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Clean Energy Manufacturing Innovation Institute: Cybersecurity in Energy Efficient Manufacturing
FON: DE-FOA-0001960

AGENCY: Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals for a consortium of manufacturers, small businesses, universities, national laboratories, and state and local governments to establish a Clean Energy Manufacturing Innovation Institute dedicated to advancing cybersecurity in energy efficient manufacturing to pursue targeted research and development that will focus on understanding the evolving cybersecurity threats to greater energy efficiency in manufacturing industries, developing new cybersecurity technologies and methods, and sharing information and knowledge to the broader community of U.S. manufacturers.

ACTION: Required concept papers are due May 15, 2019. Proposals are due August 20, 2019. Cost sharing of 20 percent is required for the consortium. Approximately $14 million per year is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

CONTACT: Chad Alden Schell, Email: cemii@ee.doe.gov

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

FON: USDA-NIFA-CGP-006735

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications for projects that will produce baccalaureate or higher degree level graduates capable of strengthening the nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce within the food, agricultural, natural resources, and human sciences.

ACTION: Applications are due May 27, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated, with a funding range of $30,000 to $750,000.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

CONTACT: Joyce Parker, 202-445-5403. Email: joyce.parker@nifa.usda.gov

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: NSF Program on Fairness in Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Collaboration with Amazon
FON:
19-571

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for computational research focused on fairness in AI, with the goal of contributing to trustworthy AI systems that are readily accepted and deployed to tackle grand challenges facing society. Specific topics of interest include, but are not limited to transparency, explainability, accountability, potential adverse biases and effects, mitigation strategies, validation of fairness, and considerations of inclusivity. Funded projects will enable broadened acceptance of AI systems, helping the U.S. further capitalize on the potential of AI technologies.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due May 10, 2019. Proposals are due June 25, 2019. Six to nine awards are anticipated, with a funding range of $750,000 to $1,250,000.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
State Department Key Verification Assets Fund BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA)

FON:
BAA-2019-DOS-AVC-001

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to address priority science and technology requirements that help sustain, research, develop, or acquire technologies or programs relating to the verification of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament agreements and commitments. Various topics are available for funding under this announcement.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 30, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
DOE NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel
AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel with the following agenda: Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program; Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program; Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics; and Public Comment.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 30, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and May 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET at 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) to hear from informed speakers on environmental finance issues and EPA priorities; to discuss recommendations from EFAB work products; to discuss changes to the EFAB’s process of selecting new topics and developing recommendations; and to discuss stormwater funding and financing.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. on April 17 and will end on April 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. ET. The meeting will be held at 801 Wharf St. SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

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