Notices from April 23, 2020 to April 24, 2020

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ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Telecommunications Training

FON:
SFOP0006869
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (EB)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to conduct a series of training engagements and workshops on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) policy, Internet and telecommunications regulation, digital trade, and digital economy policy to appropriate developing country government officials.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 12, 2020. Approximately $1.98 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Embassy Budapest, Public Affairs Section – Remembering World War II and its Aftermath – The Long Road to Freedom

FON:
PAS-BUD-FY20-WWII001

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for programs that foster truthful recognition and remembrance of the tragedies of the Second World War, the Holocaust, and the long road to freedom that followed.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 1, 2020. The maximum award amount is $25,000.

LINKS:

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

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY20 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

FON:
FR-CRS-20-001

AGENCY:
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to leverage private, state and local investments to support safety enhancements and general improvements to infrastructure for both intercity passenger and freight
railroads. The U.S. rail network is central to the success of the American economy, carrying more than 1.8 billion tons of freight valued at more than $830 billion annually, and over 32.5 million passengers on Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation services. Both services primarily operate over privately-owned and maintained infrastructure, allowing for strong private, capital market investment that generates public benefit, including public-private partnerships among other models.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due June 19, 2020. Approximately $311.7 million is available for 25 awards. University transportation centers engaged in rail-related research are eligible.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Frances Bourne, 202–493–6366. Email: frances.bourne@dot.gov

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
**FY2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental**

**FON:**
DHS-20-GPD-044-00-99

**AGENCY:**

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (NAEMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical Personal Protective Equipment Personal Protective Equipment and supplies needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**ACTION:**
Approximately $100 million is available for 1,000 awards. Any institution, association, or foundation providing medical, surgical, or psychiatric care and/or treatment for the sick or injured is eligible.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
AFG Help Desk, 866-274-0960. Email: firegrants@dhs.gov

**HEALTH**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
DoD Multiple Sclerosis, Exploration- Hypothesis Development Award

**FON:**
W81XWH-20-MSRP-EHDA

**AGENCY:**
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in the multiple sclerosis research field. The studies supported by this award mechanism are expected to lay the groundwork for future avenues of scientific investigation.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 17, 2020. Applications are due October 1, 2020. Approximately $2.4 million is available to support seven Established Investigator and three New Investigator awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Multiple Sclerosis, Investigator- Initiated Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-20-MSRP-IIRA

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support highly rigorous, high-impact research projects that have the potential to make an important contribution to multiple sclerosis research and/or patient care. Research projects may focus on any phase of research, excluding clinical trials.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 17, 2020. Applications are due October 1, 2020. Approximately $6.7 million is available to support seven awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Neurofibromatosis, Investigator- Initiated Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-20-NFRP-IIRA

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support highly rigorous, high-impact research projects that have the potential to make an important contribution to NF research and/or patient care. Research projects may focus on any phase of research, excluding clinical trials. The rationale for a research idea may be derived from laboratory discovery, population-based studies, a clinician's firsthand knowledge of patients, or anecdotal data.

ACTION:
Pre-applications are due June 25, 2020. Approximately $4.6 million is available to support five awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Neurofibromatosis, Synergistic Idea Award

FON:
W81XWH-20-NFRP-SIA

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support new ideas that represent synergistic approaches to neurofibromatosis research involving two or three Principal Investigators (PIs). These investigators should utilize their complementary and synergistic perspectives to address a central problem or question in neurofibromatosis research.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 25, 2020. Applications are due July 9, 2020. Approximately $3.2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network

FON:
USDA-NIFA-OP-007413

AGENCY:
National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
ITEM: Notice seeking applications to establish a network that connects individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations to stress assistance programs. The establishment of a network that assists farmers and ranchers in time of stress can offer a conduit to improving behavioral health awareness, literacy, and outcomes for agricultural producers, workers and their families.

ACTION: Applications are due June 23, 2020. Approximately $7.1 million is available for awards.

Limited Submission: Lead applicants may not submit more than one application.


CONTACT: NIFA Help Desk, 202-401-5048. Email: electronic@nifa.usda.gov (mailto:electronic@nifa.usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
IDeA Program Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational Research (IDeA-CTR)(U54 - Clinical Trial Optional)

FON: PAR-20-175

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications for statewide and/or interstate regional networks to achieve the following objectives: (1) to support the development and/or enhancement of infrastructure and human resources required to address clinical and translational research needs in IDeA-eligible states/jurisdictions, (2) to strengthen clinical and translational research that addresses the broad spectrum of health challenges faced by populations in IDeA-eligible states/jurisdictions, and (3) to foster and coordinate collaboration in clinical and translational research within an IDeA-CTR network and with other institutions.

ACTION: Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due October 7, 2020; October 7, 2021, and October 7, 2022.

Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.


CONTACT: Ming Lei, Email: leim@mail.nih.gov (mailto:leim@mail.nih.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02)  

FON:  
PA-20-171, PA-20-173, PA-20-174  

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

ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. The K02 award provides three to five years of salary support and "protected time" for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers. Each independent scientist career award program must be tailored to meet the individual needs of the candidate.  

ACTION:  
Applications are due February 12, June 12, and October 12 annually through May 8, 2023. Multiple awards expected across the three mechanisms.  

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Multiple Contacts  

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Mucosal Immunology Studies Team (MIST) (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)  

FON:  
RFA-AI-20-027  

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 participate in a cooperative research group, the Mucosal Immunology Studies Team (MIST), focusing on immune mechanisms and immune regulation at mucosal surfaces of the respiratory, gastrointestinal and urogenital tracts.  

ACTION:  
Optional letters of intent are due September 9, 2020. Applications are due October 9, 2020. Approximately $5.45 million is available to support 8 to 10 awards.  

LINKS:  
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MEETING:
Notification of Public Meetings of the Science Advisory Board; COVID-19 Review Panel

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing the convening of a panel of experts drawn from the Chartered Science Advisory Board, the SAB Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee (CAAC), and the SAB Drinking Water Committee (DWC) to provide rapid advice on scientific and technical issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and opportunities for current and future EPA research activities that might enhance and inform EPA’s current and any future responses to SARS-CoV-2. The Staff Office announces two public meetings: (1) a teleconference of the SAB COVID-19 Review Panel to conduct a review of EPA’s research activities in response to SARS-CoV-2 and (2) a teleconference of the Chartered SAB to review the draft report of the SAB COVID-19 Review Panel.

ACTION:
The public teleconference of the SAB COVID-19 Review Panel will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET. The public teleconference of the Chartered SAB will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice can be found on the SAB website at http://www.epa.gov/sab.

LINKS:

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SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Antarctic Research

FON:
20-568

AGENCY:
Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of Polar Program (OPP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to support cutting-edge research to: Expand fundamental knowledge of Antarctic systems, biota, and processes; Improve understanding of interactions among the Antarctic region and global systems; and Utilize the unique characteristics of the Antarctic region as a science observing platform.

ACTION:
Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately $55 million is available to support 55 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Elizabeth L. Rom, 703-292-7709. Email: elrom@nsf.gov (mailto:elrom@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Biological Technologies

FON:
HR001120S0044

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Biological Technologies Office (BTO)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that integrate biology, engineering, computer science, mathematics, and the physical sciences. BTO’s research investment portfolio includes combating pandemic disease, innovative physiological interventions, human performance and warfighter readiness, microbes as production platforms, and deep exploration of changing ecologies and environments on U.S. capabilities and resilience. BTO’s programs operate across a wide range of scales, from individual cells to the warfighter to global ecosystems. BTO responds to the urgent and longterm needs of the Department of Defense (DoD) and addresses national security priorities.

ACTION:
Abstracts and full proposals may be submitted on a rolling basis until April 22, 2021. Multiple awards expected.

LINKS:

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