Notices from May 29, 2018 to May 30, 2018

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:
Programming in the the People's Republic of China

FON:
EAPBJ-18-GR-001-EAP052518

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for conducting exchange programs that will provide Chinese audiences with the opportunity to experience and understand U.S. culture, society, government and art.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 31, 2018 to BeijingCulturalGrants@state.gov (mailto:BeijingCulturalGrants@state.gov). Multiple awards will be granted.

LINKS:

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

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States

FON:
USDA-TS-RMED-2018

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for cooperative agreements to deliver crop insurance education and information to U.S. agricultural producers in States where there is traditionally, and continues to be a low level of Federal crop insurance participation and availability, and producers are underserved by the Federal crop insurance program. These states, defined as Targeted States for the purposes of this RFA, are Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 30, 2018. Approximately $4.73 million is available to fund multiple awards. Award limits vary by state.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
USDA Grants and Greements Specialists, Email: RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OVC FY 2018 Enhancing Access to Services Program

FON:
OVC-2018-14302

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to increase the capacity of community-based organizations and programs to break down the barriers that victims face in accessing services.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 16, 2018. Approximately $2.6 million is available.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OVC FY 2018 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims

FON:
OVC-2018-14323

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support children and youth who are crime victims as a result of the opioid crisis. Purpose Area 1 applicants will achieve this goal by providing direct services and support to these young victims at a community or jurisdictional level. Purpose Area 2 applicants will achieve this goal by supporting Purpose Area 1 grantees as they develop new initiatives and enhance existing efforts.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 10, 2018. Approximately $26 million is available.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Refugee Technical Assistance Program

FON:
HHS-2018-ACF-ORR-RB-1361

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the creation of a national one-stop source or hub for refugee technical assistance (TA), under the Refugee Technical Assistance Program. This national hub will provide coordinated, innovative TA and training to ORR-funded state refugee programs and ORR-funded refugee service providers, filling gaps where no other such TA exists.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 30, 2018. Approximately $1.2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Faith Ray, 202-205-3982. Email: Faith.Ray@acf.hhs.gov (mailto:Faith.Ray@acf.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research Initiatives at The Naval Postgraduate School

FON:
N00244-18-S-NPS-F001

AGENCY:
Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense), Naval Supply Systems Command (NSSC)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for research initiatives that offer potential for advancement and improvement in the NPS core mission of graduate education and research.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 31, 2019.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rural Cooperative Development Grants

FON:
RDBCP-RCDG-2018

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide financial assistance to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Applications are encouraged to address the following strategies: Achieving e-Connectivity for rural America, Developing the Rural Economy, Harnessing Technological Innovation, Supporting a Rural Workforce, and Improving Quality of Life.

ACTION:
Electronic applications are due July 24, 2018. Approximately $5.8 million for awards of up to $200,000 each to support projects lasting up to one year. A 25 percent match is required.

Limited Submission:
one application per institution.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by state office.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grants

FON:
RDBCP-SDGG-2018

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas to improve their quality of life. Applications are encouraged in the following strategy areas: Achieving e-Connectivity for rural America, Developing the Rural Economy, Harnessing Technological Innovation, Supporting a Rural Workforce, and Improving Quality of Life.

ACTION:
Electronic applications are due July 24, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available for awards of up to $175,000 to support projects lasting up to one year. Eligibility is limited to individual Cooperatives,
Groups of Cooperatives, and Cooperative Development Centers that serve Socially-Disadvantaged Groups but opportunities may exist for collaboration with colleges and universities.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution per funding cycle.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by state office.

NOTICE:
Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection; eComments Requested; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Office of Justice Programs' Community Partnership Grants Management System (GMS)

AGENCY:
Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking comments on the OJP web-based grants applications and award management system.

ACTION:
Submit comments to the contact by July 30, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Maria Swineford, 202-616-0109. Email: maria.swineford@usdoj.gov (mailto:maria.swineford@usdoj.gov)

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families

FON:
HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PH-1378

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the establishment of a Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families, to lead and support investigation of the needs of Hispanic populations served by ACF and promising approaches to promote social and economic well-being among low-income Hispanic families. This research center (hereafter referred to as "Center") will ideally bring together a diverse,
interdisciplinary team of academic and organizational partners to provide leadership in culturally competent research that can inform policies concerning low-income Hispanic families and to foster significant scholarship regarding the needs and experiences of the diverse Hispanic populations throughout the nation.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due June 14, 2018. Applications are due July 11, 2018. Approximately $1.05 million is available to support one award. Cost Sharing is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ann Rivera, 877-350-5913. Email: HispanicResearch@icfi.com (mailto:HispanicResearch@icfi.com)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Hearing Restoration Focused Applied Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-HRRP-FARA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support applied research that will advance the diagnosis and treatment of auditory dysfunction where hearing sensitivity may be within normal limits but the individual’s capacity to listen and understand speech is substantially impaired.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due July 17, 2018. Applications are due November 8, 2018. Approximately $4.8 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Hearing Restoration Translational Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-18-HRRP-TRA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support translational research that will accelerate the movement of promising laboratory research relevant to hearing restoration into clinical applications.
**ACTION:** Required pre-applications are due July 17, 2018. Applications are due November 8, 2018. Approximately $4.8 million is available to support three awards.

**LINKS:**

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

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
DoD Spinal Cord Injury (Qualitative Research Award/Investigator-Initiated Award/Translational Research Award/Clinical Trial Award)

**FON:**
W81XWH-18-SCIRP-QRA; W81XWH-18-SCIRP-IIRA; W81XWH-18-SCIRP-TRA; W81XWH-18-SCIRP-CTA

**AGENCY:**
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking proposals to support research into regenerating/repairing damaged spinal cords and improving rehabilitation therapies. Funding mechanisms are available for Qualitative Research, Investigator-Initiated Research, Translational Research, and Clinical Trial proposals.

**ACTION:** Required pre-applications are due July 9, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Funding amounts vary by mechanism.

**LINKS:**
Agency Site (http://cdmrp.army.mil/scirp/default)

**CONTACT:**
CDMRP Help Desk, Email: help@ebrap.org (mailto:help@ebrap.org)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Living Well-Model Approaches for Enhancing the Quality, Effectiveness and Monitoring of Home and Community Based Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

**FON:**
HHS-2018-ACL-AOD-DNIQ-0301

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

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications to fund a consortium to develop and test a model for effectively monitoring quality in community settings that reduces and mitigates the incidence of abuse and neglect and supports empowerment, self-determination, and self-advocacy.

**ACTION:** Applications are due July 30, 2018. Approximately $2.175 million is available to support five awards.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Occupational Safety and Health Research (R01)

FON:
PAR-18-812

AGENCY:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications (1) to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, (2) to explore methods for reducing risks and preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and (3) to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 23, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to support 5 to 10 awards.

MEETING:
Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages to discuss preparing the current and future healthcare workforce to practice in age-friendly health systems within the context of the quadruple aim: Improving the patient experience, population health, provider well-being, and reducing health care costs. Phone and web conference options are available.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 6, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and June 7, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.
NOTICE:
Solicitation of Nominations for Membership to Serve on the Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations for the Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, which provides advice to the Secretary of HHS on Department activities and programs directed at reducing infant mortality and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants.

ACTION:
Nominations are due June 26, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
David de la Cruz, 301-443-0543. Email: dcruz@hrsa.gov (mailto:dcruz@hrsa.gov)

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science

FON:
USDA-NIFA-AFRI-006609

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to invest in agricultural production research, education, and extension projects for more sustainable, productive and economically viable plant and animal production systems.

ACTION:
Letters of intent and application deadlines vary by program area. Approximately $182 million is available.

LINKS:
applied-science-program)

CONTACT:
Louis Tupas, 202-401-6488. Email: AFRI@nifa.usda.gov (mailto:AFRI@nifa.usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY19 Director’s Innovation Initiative (BAA/GSSA)

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense), National Reconnaissance Office

ITEM:
Notice seeking research and development proposals focusing on the following areas: 1) Revolutionary Sensing 2) Revolutionary Apertures 3) Revolutionary Design 4) Sensemaking: The next Generation of Analysis and 5) Other Disruptive Concepts and Technology.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 11, 2018. Multiple awards of up to $450,000 each are available to support projects lasting up to nine months.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=467df51d658d4dd5fbe7e98ee69966ba&tab=core&_cview=0), Agency Site (http://www.nro.gov/)

CONTACT:
Stephanie Gusto, 703-808-2071.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
MSFC - NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) Early Career Initiative (ECI) Call for Proposals

FON:
NNM18ZST530L

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to develop and collaborate on providing opportunities to early career NASA technologists to develop innovative solutions for difficult aerospace challenges. Specific partner capabilities are sought in the areas of pulsed power systems, modeling and analysis of dense plasma physics and nuclear processes, advanced propulsion systems engineering, and innovative technology development project management methodologies.

ACTION:
Send an email response to the contact and to Melinda Swenson at melinda.e.swenson@nasa.gov by June 11, 2018, with "MSFC ECI Partnering Opportunity" in the subject line.
MEETING:
Electricity Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee to include panels or presentations on the development of the North American grid resilience model, frequency response and grid resilience, the Grid Modernization Initiative Multi-year Program Plan, and the advanced grid research and development portfolio. Additionally, the meeting is expected to include an update on the programs and initiatives of the DOE's Office of Electricity and an update on the plans and activities of the Energy Storage Subcommittee and the Smart Grid Subcommittee.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held July 9, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm and July 10, 2018 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Matthew Rosenbaum, 202-586-1060. Email: matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov (mailto:matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov)

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