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ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2021 YSEALI Seeds for the Future Program

FON:
USMAS-21-YSEALI-001

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to allow Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) youth to implement public service projects that improve their communities by addressing one or more of the four core YSEALI themes: Civic Engagement, Economic Growth, Education, and Sustainable Development.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 30, 2020. Approximately $300,000 is available.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Assistance to Ethnic Tibetans in People's Republic of China

FON:
72048620RFA00001

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that bolstering ethnic Tibetans’ resilience to the effects of rapid urbanization and economic development holds the potential to help Tibetans live better lives in modern People's Republic of China (PRC).

ACTION:
Applications are due June 17, 2020. Approximately $32 million is available to support two awards in five years. Cost share of at least $500,000 is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
William Sedlak, Email: wsedlak@usaid.gov (mailto:wsedlak@usaid.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DRL Promoting Transparent and Accountable Governance in the Indo-Pacific Region

FON:
SFOP0006954

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to care for its people and effective mitigation of a public health crisis like COVID-19 requires government transparency and accountability, the full participation of civil society, and access to information. Respect for freedom of expression, including that of members of the press, is especially vital during times of emergency because it allows individuals and communities to access and share timely information to protect their health.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 2, 2020. Approximately $3 million per award is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Embassy Belgrade - Annual Program Statement (Public Diplomacy Small Grants)

FON:
SRB10020FO004

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a call for proposals in support of projects and activities funded through Public Diplomacy Small Grants. Grant projects can take any number of forms, including conferences, workshops, courses, public debates, role-playing exercises or simulations, TED Talks, summer camps, festivals, master classes, hackathons, online projects, etc. Projects should include an American element and/or connection with an American expert, organization, or institution. Activities might also highlight shared Serbian-American values, national interests, etc.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 30, 2020. Approximately $350,000 is available for 35 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tatjana Bakraclic, Email: bakraclict@state.gov (mailto:bakraclict@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Embassy Belgrade - Media Training & Development (MT&D) Small Grants Program

FON:
SRB10020FO005

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to fund individual projects that support the strengthening of the Serbian press and ensure the free flow of accurate information to keep Serbia's citizens informed. Grant projects take any number of forms, including workshops, courses, public debates, conferences, role-playing sessions, TED Talks, hackathons, online projects, summer camps, online projects, or other activities.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 30, 2020. Approximately $220,000 is available to support 17 awards.

Limited Submission:
One proposal per institution
LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2021 International Visitor Leadership Program

FON:
SFOP0006959

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to implement the International Visitor Leadership Program, a professional exchange program that seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed short-term visits to the U.S. for current and emerging leaders.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 17, 2020. Approximately eight awards ranging from $650,000 to $6.6 million are available.

Limited Submission:
One application per applicant.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Patricia Johnson, 202-632-3288. Email: JohnsonPA2@state.gov (mailto:JohnsonPA2@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Public Engagement with Historical Records

FON:
ENGAGEMENT-202010

AGENCY:
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that encourage public engagement with historical records, including the development of new tools that enable people to engage online. The NHPRC is looking for projects that create models and technologies that other institutions can freely adopt.

ACTION:
Optional draft applications are due August 10, 2020. Applications are due October 8, 2020. Approximately $400,000 is available to support up to five awards. Cost sharing is required.
MEETING:
Fogarty International Center; Notice of Meeting

FON:
2020-10717

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Fogarty International Center (FIC)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss current and planned FIC activities. FIC supports and facilitates global health research conducted by U.S. and international investigators, building partnerships between health research institutions in the U.S. and abroad, and training the next generation of scientists to address global health needs.

ACTION:
The open portion of the meeting will be held virtually June 9, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET. To join the meeting, visit https://nih.webex.com/nih/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebfbff5d71163ae0e818854c6fe4c125e, and enter password 2020fogarty and event number (access code) 295 784 429.

LINKS:
Federal Register, Agency Site

CONTACT:
Kristen Weymouth, 301-496-1415.
Email: kristen.weymouth@nih.gov

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Rural Community Development Program (RCD) Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems Training and Technical Assistance Project

FON:
HHS-2020-ACF-OCS-EF-1831

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to enhance the overall health of small, low-income, rural communities and the well-being of their residents through training and technical assistance in support of the development and/or maintenance of water and wastewater systems.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 30, 2020. Approximately eight awards averaging $750,000 per year are available for projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Harold Taylor, 855-792-6551. Email: ocstech@reviewops.org

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY20 Region 3 Wetland Program Development Grants
FON:
EPA-R3-WPDG-20-02

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to assist state, tribal, local government agencies and interstate/intertribal entities in developing or refining programs that protect, manage, and restore wetlands. Projects must be performed within one or more of the states or federally recognized tribes of EPA Region 3 - specifically Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and/or tribal lands in one of those states. In the case of inter-jurisdictional watershed projects, they must be primarily implemented in EPA Region 3.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 30, 2020. Approximately 12 awards of up to $200,000 are available. Eligibility is limited to states, tribes, local government agencies, universities that are agencies of a state, interstate agencies, and intertribal consortia. Opportunities may also exist for collaboration with other colleges and universities.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Danielle Algazi, 215-814-2722. Email: DivisionAlgazi.danielle@epa.gov
AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to develop or refine state/tribal/local government wetland programs.

ACTION: Applications are due August 19, 2020. Approximately $4 million is available for 22 awards. Universities that are agencies of a state government are eligible but must include documentation demonstrating that they are chartered as part of a state government in the application submission. EPA is providing flexibilities to applicants experiencing challenges related to COVID-19 (Read the Flexibilities Available to Organizations Impacted by COVID-19 clause in Section IV).


CONTACT: Cynthia Gonzales, 303-312-6569. Email: gonzales.cynthia@epa.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Healthy Fluid Milk Incentives (HFMI) Cooperative Agreement Project

FON: USDA-FNS-SNAP-HFMI-20

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to develop and test methods to increase the purchase and consumption of qualifying fluid milk by SNAP households by providing them an incentive at the point of purchase at authorized retailer locations.

ACTION: Applications are due June 17, 2020. Approximately $930,000 is available.


CONTACT: Carla Garcia, Email: carla.garcia@usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP)

FON: USDA-NIFA-HEMS-007333

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from colleges and universities for funding to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 29, 2020. Approximately $945,000 is available for awards ranging from $20,000 to $200,000. Eligibility is limited to Land-Grant Institutions, Colleges and universities having significant minority enrollments, other colleges and universities, and Institutes or research foundations maintained by an eligible college or university.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ray Ali, 816-926-1453. Email: ray.ali@usda.gov (mailto:ray.ali@usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education (HTYPE) Demonstration Grants

FON:
HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1816

AGENCY:
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary - Office on Trafficking in Persons (IOAS-OTIP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to fund local educational agencies (LEA) to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 31, 2020. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support six awards. Partnership opportunities may exist for colleges and universities.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kimberly Casey, 202-795-7569. Email: Kimberly.Casey@acf.hhs.gov (mailto:Kimberly.Casey@acf.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Minnesota Fiscal Year (FY20) Contribution Agreement Notice of Funding Opportunity

FON:
USDA-NRCS-MN-MULTI-20-NOFO0001010
AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the purpose of leveraging NRCS resources, addressing local natural resource issues, encouraging collaboration and developing state- and community-level conservation leadership.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 17, 2020. Questions are due June 1, 2020. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support three awards for up to three years. This opportunity requires applicants to cost share 50% of total project costs.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michele Devaney, 801-524-4587. Email: Michele.Devaney@usda.gov
(mailto:Michele.Devaney@usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, FY 2020

FON:
SHTG-FY-20-01

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to provide training and education for workers and employers on workplace safety and health hazards, responsibilities and rights. Target audiences include underserved, low-literacy, and high-hazard industry workers and employers. There are three competitions: Targeted Topic Training (SHTG-FY-20-01); Training and Educational Materials Development (SHTG-FY-20-02); and Capacity Building Developmental and Capacity Building Pilot (SHTG-FY-20-03).
Additional information is available on the program webpage: https://www.osha.gov/harwoodgrants.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 20, 2020. The competition offers approximately 80 Targeted Topic Training Awards of up to $160,000 each, approximately 75 Training and Educational Materials Development Awards of up to $75,000 each, and approximately 80 Capacity Building Developmental and Capacity Building Pilot awards of up to $180,000 each.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Donna Robertson, 847-725-7805. Email: HarwoodGrants@dol.gov (mailto:HarwoodGrants@dol.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) Grant Program CFDA Number 84.336S

FON:
ED-GRANTS-051820-001

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to improve student achievement; improve the quality of prospective and new teachers by improving the preparation of prospective teachers and enhancing professional development activities for new teachers; hold teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education (IHEs) accountable for preparing teachers who meet applicable State certification and licensure requirements; and recruit highly qualified individuals, including minorities and individuals from other occupations, into the teaching force.

ACTION:
Notices of intent are encouraged by June 17, 2020. Applications are due July 2, 2020. Approximately $9 million is available to support 10 to 15 awards for five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mia Howerton, 202-205–0147. Email: Mia.Howerton@ed.gov or TQPartnership@ed.gov

NOTICE:
Extension of the Application Deadline Date; Applications for New Awards; American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice announcing the FY 20 American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services competition application deadline is now extended to June 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 26, 2020.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
August Martin, 202-245-7410. Email: August.Martin@ed.gov
NOTICE:
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

FON:
2020-10512

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice announcing the amendment of regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). The final regulations specify how recipients of federal financial assistance covered by Title IX, including elementary and secondary schools as well as postsecondary institutions, must respond to allegations of sexual harassment consistent with Title IX's prohibition against sex discrimination.

ACTION:
The amended regulations take effect August 14, 2020.

LINKS:
Federal Register
https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/19/2020-10512/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal

CONTACT:
Alejandro Reyes, 202-453-6639. Email: Alejandro.Reyes@ed.gov

NOTICE:
Strengthening Private Sector Engagement to Counter Synthetic Drug Trafficking

FON:
INL20SOI0040-DRUGTRAFF-05202020

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to secure private sector supply chains, digital platforms, and business practices from criminal exploitation, in a manner that is sufficiently cost-effective and time-efficient to attract private sector participation, including by strengthening information sharing and fostering innovative approaches to detecting criminal activity globally, or in a specified region.

ACTION:
Statements of interests are due June 22, 2020.

LINKS:
Grants.gov
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=327244

CONTACT:
Najar Washington, 202-736-9147. Email: washingtonnd@state.gov

HEALTH
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Epilepsy, Idea Development Award and Quality of Life Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-20-ERP-QOL, W81XWH-20-ERP-IDA

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

ITEM:
Notices seeking applications to fund research into epilepsy through two competitions: DoD Epilepsy, Quality of Life Research Award (W81XWH-20-ERP-QOL); and Idea Development Awards (W81XWH-20-ERP-IDA).

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 22, 2020. Full applications are due July 21, 2020. Approximately four Quality of Life Research Awards and five Idea Development Awards of up to $300,000 (Level I) each or up to $500,000 (Level II) each are available.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Elucidating the Role of Nutrition in Care and Development of Preterm Infants (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
RFA-HD-21-006

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that address priority gaps in understanding the role of nutrition in the care and development of preterm infants.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due October 30, 2020. Applications are due November 30, 2020. Approximately $2 million is available to support up to eight awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Daniel J. Raiten, 301-435-7586. Email: raitend@mail.nih.gov
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NCCIH Natural Product Early Phase Clinical Trial Award (R33 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
PAR-20-217

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research the impact of the natural product on the biological signature(s) when used by humans and assess whether there is an association between the degree of the impact on the biological signature and functional or clinical outcomes in a patient population. Applications are encouraged to design studies to determine how to optimize the impact of the natural product on the biological signature by optimizing the delivery of the natural product by examining different doses or formulations.

ACTION:
Requested LOI's are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due July 20, 2020; February 1, 2021; October 1, 2021; June 1, 2022; and February 1, 2023. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Wendy Weber, 301-402-1272. Email: weberwj@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIAID Physician-Scientist Pathway to Independence Award

FON:
PAR-20-209 (K99/R00 Clinical Trial Required), PAR-20-210 (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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 increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented independent physician-scientists. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIAID research support during this transition to help awardees launch competitive, independent research careers in biomedical fields and thereby help to address the national physician-scientist workforce shortage.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 12, June 12, and October 12 annually through January 8, 2023.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Deborah Philip, 301-761-7776. Email: AITrainingHelpDesk@niaid.nih.gov (mailto:AITrainingHelpDesk@niaid.nih.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIH Directors Pioneer Award Program (DP1 and DP2 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
RFA-RM-20-011, RFA-RM-20-012

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Strategic Coordination (Common Fund)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose highly innovative research projects with the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important areas relevant to the mission of NIH, including, but not limited to, topics in the behavioral, social, biomedical, applied, and formal sciences and topics that may involve basic, translational, or clinical research.

ACTION:
D1 applications are due September 11, 2020. D2 applications are due August 21, 2020. Approximately seven awards of up to $700,000 per year are available to support projects lasting up to five years. Approximately 33 awards of up to $1.5 million each are available to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ravi Basavappa, 301-435-7204. Email: PioneerAwards@mail.nih.gov (mailto:PioneerAwards@mail.nih.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Novel, High-Impact Studies Evaluating Health System and Healthcare Professional Responsiveness to COVID-19 (R01)

FON:
RFA-HS-20-003

AGENCY:
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice inviting R01 grant applications for funding to support novel, high-impact studies evaluating the responsiveness of healthcare delivery systems, healthcare professionals, and the overall U.S. healthcare system to the COVID-19 pandemic. AHRQ is interested in funding critical research focused on evaluating topics such as effects on quality, safety, and value of health system response to COVID-19; the role of primary care practices and professionals during the COVID-19 epidemic; understanding how the response to COVID-19 affected socially vulnerable populations and people with multiple chronic conditions; and digital healthcare including innovations and challenges encountered in the rapid expansion of telehealth response to COVID-19.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due June 1, 2020. Applications are due June 15, 2020. Multiple awards expected.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
William Freeman, 301-427-1320. Email: william.freeman@ahrq.hhs.gov (mailto:william.freeman@ahrq.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Peer Reviewed Alzheimers Research Awards

FON:

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

ITEM:
Notices seeking applications to fund peer reviewed research related to Alzheimer's disease and care, through five competitions: Convergence Science Research Award (W81XWH-20-PRARP-CSRA); Research Partnership Award (W81XWH-20-PRARP-RPA); Innovations in Care and Support Award (W81XWH-20-PRARP-INCAS); Quality of Life Research Award (W81XWH-20-PRARP-ADTBI); Leveraging Approaches for Innovation in Care and Support Award (W81XWH-20-PRARP-LEAPINCASA). See Grants.gov for details on each competition by FON.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 22, 2020. Full applications are due July 21, 2020. Five Innovations in Care and Support Awards of up to $225,000 (Level I) or up to $500,000 (Level II) each are available. The other competitions provide one award each. See individual announcements in Grants.gov for more details.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
CDMRP Help Desk, 301-682-5507. Email: help@eBRAP.org (mailto:help@eBRAP.org)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Vision Research Program, Investigator-Initiated Research Award

FON:
W81XWH-20-VRP-IIRA; W81XWH-20-VRP-TRA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research patient care of eye injury and/or visual dysfunction as related to military-relevant trauma. Examples of military-relevant trauma may include, but are not limited to: Blast, penetrating, blunt, thermal, or chemical traumas; eye injury caused by directed energy weapons such as laser, high-power microwaves, etc.; Diagnosis, stabilization, and treatment of eye injuries, etc.

ACTION:
Pre-applications are due July 28, 2020. Full applications are due November 18, 2020. Approximately $7 million is available for 11 awards to support projects lasting up to two years for Funding Level 1 or three years for Funding Level 2. Preliminary data are not required. However, applicants must provide solid rationale for the research idea, supported by literature. Also see the Vision Research Program, Translational Research Award: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=327258

LINKS:

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

MEETING:
Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

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, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control to discuss the formation of the BSC, NCIPC Opioid Workgroup; a presentation for stakeholder engagement on management of acute and chronic pain; and an update on the CDC Opioid Prescribing Estimates Project.

ACTION:
The virtual meeting will be held on July 22, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET. Dial: 800-369-3110; Participant Code 7563795.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gwendolyn H. Cattledge, 770-488-3953, Email: NCIPCBSC@cdc.gov

MEETING:
Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board to discuss the overall policies and process for scientific review as well as disseminate information among the Board members regarding the VA research priorities.

ACTION:
The virtual meeting will be held on June 24, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. ET. Dial: 800-767-1750. Password: 50064#.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Holly Krull, 202-632-8522. Email: holly.krull@va.gov

MEETING:
Meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

FON:
2020-10656

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Vaccine Program

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting with sessions scheduled to discuss coronavirus vaccine development, reimbursement and changes in billing and coverage with updates from members.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 9, 2020 and, if needed, June 10. Meeting times and logistics will be posted on the Agency Site.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ann Aikin, 202-795-7611. Email: nvac@hhs.gov (mailto:nvac@hhs.gov).
MEETING:
Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV AIDS

FON:
2020-10639

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact on people living with, or at risk of, HIV and implementing the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative post COVID-19.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held virtually, June 1 and 2, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., ET. Register to attend by sending an email to the contact. More details will be posted on the Agency Site.

LINKS:

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SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Design Development and System Integration Design Studies for Coal FIRST Concepts

FON:
DE-FOA-0002180

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that will support the development of the coal power plant of the future to provide secure, stable, and reliable power. Coal FIRST power plant concepts will be capable of flexible operation to meet the needs of the grid; use innovative and cutting-edge components that improve efficiency and achieve zero or near-zero emissions, including net-negative carbon dioxide emissions; provide resilient power to Americans; be small compared to today's conventional utility-scale coal power plants; and transform how coal power plant technologies are designed and manufactured.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 18, 2020. Approximately $81 million is available to support up to three awards. Cost share of 20 percent is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Division of Integrative Organismal Systems Core Programs

FON:
20-536

AGENCY:
Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice supporting research aimed at understanding why organisms are structured the way they are and function as they do. Proposals are welcomed in all of the core scientific program areas supported by the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS). Areas of inquiry include, but are not limited to, developmental biology and the evolution of developmental processes, nervous system development, structure, modification, function, and evolution; biomechanics and functional morphology, physiological processes, symbioses and microbial interactions, interactions of organisms with biotic and abiotic environments, plant and animal genomics, and animal behavior.

ACTION:
Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately $60 million is available for 250 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Multiple contacts

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fiscal Year 21 DoD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions Equipment- Instrumentation

FON:
W911NF-20-S-0010

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense), Department of the Army Materiel Command

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to acquire equipment/instrumentation to augment existing capabilities to 1) develop new capabilities in research areas of interest to DoD; and 2) attract students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers at HBCUs and MIs.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 28, 2020. Approximately $25 million is available for up to 1000 awards to support projects lasting up to 12 months.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Joint DMS-NIGMS Initiative to Support Research at the Interface of the Biological and Mathematical Sciences

FON:
20-575

AGENCY:
Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

ITEM:
Notice supporting fundamental research in mathematics and statistics necessary to answer questions in the biological and biomedical sciences. This program is designed to encourage new collaborations, as well as to support innovative activities by existing teams.

ACTION:
Proposal window is September 1 - September 18, annually. Approximately $5 million is available for up to 25 awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIST Public Safety Innovation Accelerator Program (PSIAP) – Follow-on Funding for Technical and Business Assistance and Demonstration Projects with Public Safety Agencies

FON:
2020-NIST-PSIAP-TABA-01

AGENCY:
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for a public-safety focused communication technology innovation - to propose activities that will either: (1) more rapidly advance their prototypes through needed technical and business assistance or (2) a demonstration project with a partnering public safety agency, to provide additional testing and research.

ACTION:
Applications will be accepted and considered on a rolling basis as they are received. Eligible applicants are those entities that previously were awarded a grant, cooperative agreement, prize challenge, including a Small Business Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer award originally made in the form of a procurement contract, or subaward by a federal entity.

Limited Submission:
One application will be considered at a time.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NSF-DFG Lead Agency Activity in Electrosynthesis and Electrocatalysis

FON:
20-578

AGENCY:
Directorate for Engineering (ENG), Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals interested in novel and fundamental electrochemical reactions and studies addressing transformations in organic and polymer synthesis, water splitting (hydrogen/oxygen evolution), and nitrogen reduction (ammonia production). Relevant activities include, but are not limited to, mechanistic studies; catalyst design, synthesis, and characterization; computational modeling, theory, and simulation; and experimental tool development.

ACTION:
Expressions of interest are required and due by July 1, 2020. Proposals are due September 30, 2020. Up to $5 million is available to support 4 to 10 awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Plant Biotic Interactions

FON:
20-576

AGENCY:
Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), National Science Foundation (NSF), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice supporting research on the processes that mediate beneficial and antagonistic interactions between plants and their viral, bacterial, oomycete, fungal, plant, and invertebrate symbionts, pathogens and pests. This joint NSF/NIFA program supports projects focused on current and emerging model and non-model systems, and agriculturally relevant plants. The program's scope extends from fundamental mechanisms to translational efforts, with the latter seeking to put into agricultural practice insights gained from basic research on the mechanisms that govern plant biotic interactions.
ACTION:
Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately $18.5 million is available for 25 to 30 awards.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

FON:
2020-10745

AGENCY:
Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; and to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held September 21, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., ET. Information for attending the meeting online via Zoom will be posted on the Agency Site.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Christopher Davis, 703-292-4910.

MEETING:
Open Meeting of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board

AGENCY:
Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board to discuss the United States Methods of Product Testing and Standards Conformance; Government Testing Programs; International Testing requirements and conformance regimes; and other business matters.

ACTION:
The virtual meeting will be held on June 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. ET and June 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. ET. Participants must register at: https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2020/

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Technological Advisory Council

AGENCY:
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Technological Advisory Council.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 4, 2020 via conference call and available to the public via the internet at http://www.fcc.gov/live, from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LINKS:

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NOTICE:
Request for Nominations for the 2020 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program

FON:
2020-10640

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations for awards that recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. There are five general award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Action; (3) Education/Outreach; (4) State/Tribal/Local Air Quality Policy Innovations; and (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations. There are also two special awards categories: (1) Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award; and (2) Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award. Entries are limited to efforts related to air quality in the United States.

ACTION:
Nominations are due July 31, 2020.

LINKS:
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