Notices from April 20, 2020 to April 22, 2020

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:
Combatting COVID-19 Pandemic and Proliferation Threats

FON:
SFOP0006851

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of International Security-Nonproliferation (ISN)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to build EXBS partner capacity to continue to safely prevent, contain, and mitigate threats and impacts posed by the rapid spread of destabilizing biological and chemical threats at national borders and points of entry, including infectious diseases such as COVID-19.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 29, 2020. Approximately $15 million is available for up to 20 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to address weaknesses in partner nations export control, investment screening, critical infrastructure protection, customs and border security institutions to prevent malign state actors from exploiting those weaknesses for their advantage.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 20, 2020. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support up to five awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Digital Projects for the Public

FON:
20200610-MD-MN-MT

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Public Programs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support projects that interpret and analyze humanities content in primarily digital platforms and formats, such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks, games, and virtual environments.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 10, 2020. Optional draft applications are due May 6, 2020. Approximately 16 awards of up to $30,000 (Discovery grants), $100,000 (Prototyping grants), and $400,000 (Production grants) are available to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Public Programs, 202-606-8269. Email: publicpgms@neh.gov (mailto:publicpgms@neh.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DRL Supporting Democracy, Human Rights, and Rule of Law in Syria

FON:
SFOP0006838
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for projects that support democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Syria. Funding will support programs to prevent intercommunal conflict; protect civic space; and promote justice and accountability efforts through targeted engagement with Syrian civil society.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 9, 2020. Up to seven awards of up to $1.5 million are available to support projects lasting up to 24 months.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: DRL-GP-NEA@state.gov (mailto:DRL-GP-NEA@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations

FON:
20200511-AH-GA-HC-RJ-PB

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support for at-risk humanities positions and projects that have been impacted by the coronavirus. Through this funding opportunity, NEH will award grants to museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, independent research institutions, professional organizations, colleges and universities, and other cultural organizations across the country to help these entities continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2020. The maximum award amount is $300,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Education Programs Team, Email: questions@neh.gov (mailto:questions@neh.gov)

MEETING:
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee; Meeting

FON:
2020-08357
AGENCY:
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss FOIA vision, time/volume, and records management.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., ET. Register to attend with the contact by April 28, 2020.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kirsten Mitchell, 202.741.5770. Email: foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Entrepreneurship Education Program for Formerly Incarcerated Persons

FON:
MBDA-OBD-2020-2006457

AGENCY:
Department of Commerce (Commerce), Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to fund innovative projects to support formerly incarcerated individuals with entrepreneurship assistance including (but not limited to): (1) educational programs and workshops; (2) entrepreneurial training; and (3) coaching assistance.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 22, 2020. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support three awards for two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Nakita Chambers, 202-482-0065. Email: nchambers@mbda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

FON:
DHS-19-GPD-044-000-98
AGENCY:

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support fire prevention programs and firefighter health and safety research and development.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 29, 2020. Approximately $35 million is available for up to 150 awards to support projects generally lasting 12 months.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
AFG/FP&S Help Desk, 866-274-0960. Email: FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov (mailto:FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Food for Education Standing Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Amendments

FON:
USDA-FAS-0700-10608-S

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to feed school children and improve literacy (especially for girls) in low-income, food-deficit countries around the world through donated U.S. agricultural commodities, financial and technical assistance.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 1, 2020. Approximately $5 million, per award, is available for 10 awards to support projects.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
IFAD Senior Director, 202-720-1230. Email: MGDAmendments@usda.gov (mailto:MGDAmendments@usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Food for Progress: Standing Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Amendments

FON:
USDA-FAS-0700-10606-S

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to introduce and expand free agricultural enterprise in developing countries and emerging democracies.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 1, 2020. Approximately $5 million, per award, is available for up to 10 awards. This FOA is only available for current FFPr award recipients with active cooperative agreements.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
IFAD Senior Director, 202-720-1230. Email: FFPrAmendments@usda.gov (mailto:FFPrAmendments@usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-IHE Institution

FON:
ED-GRANTS-042120-004

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the second (institutions portion) part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEER) program. Campuses must apply for part 1 (students portion) of HEER before they apply for part 2.

ACTION:
Applications are due September 30, 2020. See allocation chart linked on the Grants.gov notice for award amounts. Your campus must complete and submit the CARES HEERF Certification and Agreement Student's Portion before submitting the CARES HEERF Certification and Agreement for the Institution's Allocation of HEER Funds.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Help Desk, 202-377-3711. Email: HEERF@ed.gov (mailto:HEERF@ed.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Parent Information and Training Program CFDA Number 84.235F

FON:
ED-GRANTS-042120-002;, ED-GRANTS-042120-003; ED-GRANTS-042120-001

AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education) , Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)
ITEM:
Notices seeking applications to support parent information centers that ensure parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children: ED-GRANTS-042120-001 supports parent information centers; ED-GRANTS-042120-002 supports eight regional centers; and ED-GRANTS-042120-003 supports a national parent information center to provide technical assistance to other centers.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 22, 2020. A pre-application informational webinar will be held May 4, 2020. Approximately $21 million is available for up to 65 Parent Information Center awards (ED-GRANTS-042120-001). Eight regional awards of up to $300,000 each (ED-GRANTS-042120-002) and one national technical assistance award of up to $300,000 (ED-GRANTS-042120-003) are available. Eligibility is limited to parent organizations but opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Carmen Sanchez, 202-245–6595. Email: Carmen.Sanchez@ed.gov

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DoD Melanoma Awards

FON:

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

ITEM:
Notices announcing research awards of varying types for the study of melanoma, including the following: Idea Awards (IA, W81XWH-20-MRP-IA); Translational Research Awards (TRA, W81XWH-20-MRP-TRA); Mid-Career Accelerator Awards (MCAA, W81XWH-20-MRP-MCAA); Team Science Awards (TSA, W81XWH-20-MRP-TSA); and Technology Development Partnership Awards (TDPA, W81XWH-20-MRP-TDPA). Search Grants.gov by FON for more details on each opportunity.

ACTION:
IA applications are due June 15, 2020. TRA, MCAA, TSA, and TDPA applications are due September 24, 2020. See individual funding opportunities for more information on amount and size of awards and eligibility.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
See individual notices for contacts

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Health Care Systems Serving Health Disparity Populations (R01-Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PA-20-172

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding the long-term effects of natural and/or human-made disasters on health care systems serving health disparity populations in communities in the U.S., including the U.S. territories.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due September 4, 2020. Applications are due October 5 and then February 5, June 5, and October 5 annually.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Larissa Avilés-Santa, 301-827-6924. Email: avilessantal@nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PA-20-166

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for administrative supplements to enhance the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from underrepresented backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be nationally underrepresented in health-related research.

ACTION:
Application due date vary by awarding IC.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by institute.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response Program

FON:
HRSA-20-135

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to assist tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and health service providers to tribes to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the evolving needs in rural communities. Specifically, this program will provide funding to assist tribes to engage in activities that may include, but are not limited to: establishing testing sites, purchasing test kits, implementing telehealth strategies/activities, purchasing personal protective equipment and other supplies, and hiring and/or training health care providers and other health care personnel to provide care for COVID-19 patients.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 6, 2020. Approximately $15 million is available for awards of up to $300,000 each. Eligibility is limited to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and health service providers to tribes serving rural communities at risk for COVID-19 but opportunities may exist for colleges and universities to collaborate.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Erin Towner, Email: RuralCOVIDNOFO@hrsa.gov (mailto:RuralCOVIDNOFO@hrsa.gov)

MEETING:
Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Health Statistics (BSC, NCHS)

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 Health Statistics.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 5, 2020, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., ET. This meeting is available via teleconference. The teleconference access is https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/bsc/bsc_meetings.htm.
NOTICE:
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Amended Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council to discuss and review the Division scientific and planning activities.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 12-13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. Any member of the public may submit written comments no later than 15 days after the meeting.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karl F. Malik, 301-594-4757. Email: malikk@niddk.nih.gov (mailto:malikk@niddk.nih.gov)

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2020 Healthy Communities Grant Program

FON:
EPA-R1-HC-2020

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support projects that reduce environmental risks, protect and improve human health and improve the quality of life in New England.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 5, 2020. Approximately 10 awards of up to $35,000 each are available. Projects must take place in states or tribal lands of New England. A five percent match is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Katie Marrese, 617-918-1658. Email: Marrese.Katie@epa.gov (mailto:Marrese.Katie@epa.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2020 Office of Naval Research (ONR) Global Research Opportunity: Global-X Challenge

FON:
N00014-20-S-SN14

AGENCY:
Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense), Office of Naval Research (ONR)

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers from interdisciplinary teams proposing transformative and innovative technology research in three areas: 1) Tailored Material and Manufacturing; 2) Multifunctional Maritime Films for Persistent and Survivable Platforms and Warfighters; and 3) Object Detection and Identification in any Medium (Air, Water, Sand/Earth).

ACTION:
White papers are due May 25, 2020. Invited proposals are due July 13, 2020. Multiple awards of up to $750,000 each are available to support projects lasting up to nine months (with an additional nine-month period possible after proof-of-concept demonstration).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
See the solicitation for a list of contact by topic area.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BAA for Advancement of Technologies for Use by Special Operations Forces

FON:
USSOCOM-BAAST-2020

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Special Operations Command

ITEM:
Notice seeking white paper proposals to research and develop innovative and disruptive capabilities for use by special forces. See the solicitation for a list of topic areas drawing from a range of disciplines.

ACTION:
White paper proposals are due May 21 for consideration for FY 20 and FY 21 funding, but may be submitted at any time for future funding until December 31, 2025.

LINKS:
Contract Opportunities (https://tinyurl.com/yboxtjmk)

CONTACT:
Peter Greany, 813-826-7423. Email: Peter.Greany@socom.mil (mailto:Peter.Greany@socom.mil)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Coastlines and People Hubs for Research and Broadening Participation

FON:
20-567

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to apply a earth system research approach that integrates improved understanding predictions about natural, social, and technological processes with efforts to increase the resilience of coastal systems.

ACTION:

LINKS:

CONTACT:
CoPe Working Group, 703-292-4708. Email: nsfcope@nsf.gov (mailto:nsfcope@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
HIGH REDUCTION-RATIO TRANSMISSION (HRT)

FON:
W911W6-20-R-0004

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to develop the technologies required to design, build, and test a more reliable, high reduction-ratio transmission, in a lightweight, compact package for future and current fleet of manned and unmanned vehicles.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 6, 2020. Approximately $12.7 million is available for multiple awards.

LINKS:
Contract Opportunities (http://https://tinyurl.com/y8kghg79)

CONTACT:
Thomas Helms, 757-878-2900. Email: thomas.m.helms6.civ@mail.mil (mailto:thomas.m.helms6.civ@mail.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Quantum Information Science Research for Fusion Energy Sciences
FON: DE-FOA-0002225

AGENCY: Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science (SC)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to expand the fundamental understanding of matter at very high temperatures and densities and to build the scientific foundation needed to develop a fusion energy source.

ACTION: Required letters of intent are due May 15, 2020. Applications are due June 12, 2020. Approximately $12 million is available.


CONTACT: John Mandrekas, 301-903-4095. Email: John.Mandrekas@science.doe.gov (mailto:John.Mandrekas@science.doe.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
ROSES 2020: Advanced Component Technology

FON: NNH20ZDA001N-ACT

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals for technology development leading to new component- as well as subsystem-level spaceborne and/or airborne measurement techniques to be developed in support of the Science Mission Directorate's Earth Science Division.

ACTION: Optional notices of intent are strongly encouraged and due May 22, 2020. Proposals are due July 21, 2020. A pre-bidders conference call will be held May 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., ET. To join, call 1-844-467-6272 and enter passcode 831772.


CONTACT: Amber Emory, Email: amber.emory@nasa.gov (mailto:amber.emory@nasa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Ultrahigh Temperature Impervious Materials Advancing Turbine Efficiency
FON:
DE-FOA-0002337

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop and demonstrate ultrahigh temperature materials that can operate continuously at 1300 °C in a standalone material test environment (or with coatings, enabling gas turbine inlet temperatures of 1800 °C) or higher, targeting gas turbine applications in the power generation and aviation industries.

ACTION:

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mary Barnes, Email: ARPRA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov

MEETING:
Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources

FON:
2020-08428

AGENCY:
Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss NSF's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), STEM education, and other matters related to EHR programs and activities.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 21, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, ET via webinar. To attend, register at least 48 hours in advance with Dr. Nafeesa Owens at ehr_ac@nsf.gov. A Zoom link will be provided.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Keaven Stevenson, 703-292-8600. Email: kstevens@nsf.gov

MEETING:
Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology
AGENCY:
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. The purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, June 10, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET via webinar.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Stephanie Shaw, 301-975-2667. Email: stephanie.shaw@nist.gov (mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov)

NOTICE:
Solicitation of Stakeholder Input for Urban, Indoor, and Other Emerging Agricultural Production Research, Education, and Extension Initiative

FON:
2020-08402

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking comments on the most urgent and highest priorities for research, education and extension to assist the development of NIFA's FY 20 request for applications for the Urban, Indoor and other Emerging Agricultural Production Research, Education and Extension Initiative.

ACTION:

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bradley Rein, 202-445-5442. Email: brein@usda.gov (mailto:brein@usda.gov)

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