Notices from April 16, 2018 to April 18, 2018

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Alumni Mentoring: The Journey Continues

FON:
ND-NOFO-18-108

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to organize a mentoring program for US government exchange program alumni from the five posts that comprise Mission India. The program will comprise of 3 stages: targeted workshops on mentoring for mentees and mentors; six months of regular mentoring interactions with a two- to four-week internship; and implementation of social impact projects by selected mentees in their career fields.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $145,000 is available to fund one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Grant Applications Manager, US Embassy, New Delhi. Email: ND_GrantApplications@state.gov (mailto:ND_GrantApplications@state.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Cultural Preservation of Historic Sites and Monuments (Built Heritage)

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-010-SCA-04162018

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote tolerance, diversity, and national pride by building community and national awareness of Afghanistan's rich heritage. Selected projects will also build capacity and develop skills of university students and/or youth through well-defined internship programs and/or educational outreach programs, including curriculum enhancement.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 18, 2018. Up to $400,000 per award is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, 301/490-1042 x3812. Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov (mailto:KabulPASProposals@state.gov) (preferred method of communication)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Cultural Preservation of Traditional Forms of Expression

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-011-SCA-04162018

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote tolerance, diversity, and national pride by building community and national awareness of Afghanistan's rich heritage. Selected projects will preserve an endangered or threatened aspect of traditional forms of cultural expression as listed above by increasing human capacity within those disciplines.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 19, 2018. Up to $100,000 per award is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, 301/490-1042 x3812. Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov (mailto:KabulPASProposals@state.gov) (preferred method of communication)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Digital Humanities Advancement Grants

FON:
20180605-HAA

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Office of Digital Humanities (ODH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for digital humanities projects featuring experimentation, reuse, and extensibility principles, leading to innovative work that can scale to enhance scholarly research, teaching, and public programming in the field. Various funding levels are available.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 5, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Funding varies by award level.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
ODH, Email: odh@neh.gov (mailto:odh@neh.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Digital Projects for the Public
FON:
20180606-MD

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications 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. The projects must be designed to attract broad public audiences.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 6, 2018. Awards are one to three years and may be up to $30,000 for Discovery grants, up to $100,000 for Prototyping grants, and up to $400,000 for Production grants.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Myanmar and Thailand Law Enforcement Forensic Capacity Assessment and Training

FON:
SFOP0004951

AGENCY:
Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to fund a project to bolster the capacity of law enforcement forensic laboratories in Myanmar and Thailand to analyze evidence from crime scenes to strengthen related investigations and prosecutions.

ACTION:
Questions are due April 30, 2018. Applications are due May 16, 2018. Up to $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sun Cho, Email: Chosk@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NEH Research and Development

FON:
20180607-PR
AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources, including finding better ways to preserve materials of critical importance, and developing advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. Two funding mechanisms are available: Tier I for planning and basic research; and Tier II for projects at a more advanced stage of implementation for the development of standards, practices, methodologies, or workflows for preserving and creating access to humanities collections; and/or applied research addressing preservation and access issues concerning humanities collections.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 7, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Tier I awards have a ceiling of $75,000. Tier II awards have a ceiling of $350,000.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Operation and Management of the Kabul Educational Advising Center (KEAC) locations in Kabul, Herat, and Mazar-e Sharif

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-012-SCA-04172018

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to carry out the operation and management of the Kabul Educational Advising Center locations in Kabul, Herat, and Mazar-e Sharif. The three educational advising centers provide advising and training to Afghan high school and college students who wish to study in the United States and offer career mentoring and job search assistance. The recipient of this award will offer standardized test preparation courses and administer standardized exams. The centers will provide advisors certified by EducationUSA, the State Department network of international student advising centers.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 20, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to fund one award for two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov (mailto:KabulPASProposals@state.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Supporting Her Empowerment – Girls' Resilience, Enterprise, and Technology (SHE's GREAT) Initiative

FON:
SFOP0004942

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Office of Global Women's Issues

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to ensure that young women and girls are economically and socially empowered, free from violence and discrimination, and have access to skills training, information and technology thereby promoting global development, security, and prosperity.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 15, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award. Cost sharing is encouraged.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mark Murray, Email: SGWIProjectProposals@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Television Content Fund program

FON:
PAS-CHISINAU-FY18-08

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to increase the quality and quantity of locally produced content on Moldovan television through co-productions that expand investment and employment in the media space. Awardees will be responsible for overall logistical coordination, management of funds, and coordination with the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs Section.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 15, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to fund one award. Cost sharing is not required but encouraged.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tatiana Sanina, +373-22-851-709. Email: MoldovaGrants@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Youth for Peace: Follow On Programming
FON:  
K-NOFO-18-105

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

ITEM:  
Notice seeking proposals for a project titled “Youth for Peace: Follow-on Programming.” The project will bring together young leaders from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, to understand the complex variables that affect peace and violence in their communities, identify best practices of conflict resolution and see themselves as key catalysts in the peace building process. Proposals should be based on the framework of an inaugural two-day workshop with a follow on two-day workshop after a span of two-three months, and a final Youth for Peace Summit.

ACTION:  
Proposals are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $50,000 is available for one award.

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Grant Applications Manager, Email: KolkataPASG@State.Gov (mailto:KolkataPASG@State.Gov)

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MEETING:  
Board for International Food and Agricultural Development - RMA; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:  
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:  
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development with the theme of "Resilience Measurement and Analysis." At this meeting, the Board will address old and new business, including the presentation of the BIFAD Award for Scientific Excellence in an Innovation Lab. The purpose of this meeting is to share knowledge about theoretical and applied frameworks for resilience measurement and analysis and to identify opportunities to leverage U.S. university research capabilities to support resilience measurement and analysis.

ACTION:  
The meeting will be held May 9, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Clara Cohen, 202/712-0119.

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MEETING:  
Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting
AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development with the theme of "Building an Evidence Base on Rural Youth Employment and Livelihoods." The purpose of the meeting is to develop a shared understanding of rural labor markets and youth-specific constraints, discuss the evidence base on programs that aim to improve rural youth employment and livelihoods, outline cross-sectoral opportunities to support and empower youth to take advantage of agricultural system market opportunities, and identify knowledge gaps on which U.S. university research partners can generate evidence to address.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 8, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Clara Cohen, 202/712-0119.

NOTICE:
2019-2021 IMLS Inspire! Grants for Small Museums Notice of Funding Opportunity

AGENCY:
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking comments concerning a plan to offer a new grant initiative targeted to the needs of small museums nationwide, aligned to the updated IMLS Strategic Framework for 2018-2022. Inspire! Grants for Small Museums (IGSM) is a special initiative of the Museums for America Program. The goal of IMLS Inspire! Grants for Small Museums (IGSM) is to support projects that strengthen the ability of small museums to serve their community.

ACTION:
Written comments are due by June 11, 2018 to Dr. Sandra Webb, Director, Office of Grant Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sandra Webb, 202/653-4718. Email: swebb@imls.gov (mailto:swebb@imls.gov)

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative
FON: 693JJ318NF00010

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHA)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications that develop model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment.

ACTION: Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $60 million is available for multiple awards. Colleges and universities may partner.


CONTACT: Jeffrey Martin, 202/366-1323. Email: ATCMTD@dot.gov (mailto:ATCMTD@dot.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Applications for New Awards; Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program

FON: ED-GRANTS-041818-001

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to support innovative literacy programs in low income areas for children and students from birth to 12th grade that 1) develop and enhance effective school library programs (including professional development for school librarians); 2) provide early literacy services, including pediatric literacy programs; and 3) provide high-quality books on a regular basis to children and adolescents from low-income communities. The Absolute Priority, which must be addressed, is High-Quality Plan for Innovative Approaches to Literacy That Includes Book Distribution, Childhood Literacy Activities, or Both, and That, at a Minimum, Demonstrates a Rationale. There are also two Competitive Preference Priorities, which provide additional points to an application: 1) Promoting STEM Education with a Particular Focus on Computer Science, and 2) Serving Rural Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

ACTION: Applications are due May 18, 2018. Approximately $26.73 million is available for up to 36 awards ranging from $175,000 to $5 million depending on the scope of the project and applicant type. Eligibility is limited high-need LEAs, national not-for-profit organizations (NNPs) that have multiple high-need LEAs in their service areas, consortia of LEAs or NNPs or both, and Bureau of Indian Education. Opportunities may exist for collaboration with colleges and universities (though subgrantees may not directly carry out project activities).

awards-innovative-approaches-to-literacy-program), Agency Site
(https://www2.ed.gov/programs/innovapproaches-literacy/contacts.html)

CONTACT:
Beth Yeh, 202/205-5798. Email: beth.yeh@ed.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Food Safety Outreach Competitive Grant Program 2018

FON:
USDA-NIFA-FSMA-006549

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop and implement food safety training, education, extension, outreach and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners and operators of small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers. Three project types are being solicited: Pilot Projects will support the development of food safety education and outreach programs in local communities that address the needs of small, specialized audiences whose education needs have not previously been adequately addressed. Community Outreach Projects will support the growth and expansion of already existing food safety education and outreach programs currently offered in local communities; to include previously funded, successful Pilot Projects. Regional Center Projects will support the infrastructure of the program by coordinating information within and among the four regions to ensure that best practices for FSMA-related training, education, and technical assistance within local communities are translated to a national audience.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 7, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. Funding varies by project type.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jodi Williams, 202/720-6145. Email: jwilliams@nifa.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Request for Applications: The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) , Forest Service

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish community forests by acquiring private forest land from a willing seller. The community forests are intended to provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management; clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; forest-based educational programs; and recreational benefits from public access.

ACTION:
Applications must be submitted by June 29, 2018 to the regional contact with a confirmation email to communityforest@fs.fed.us. Awards of up to $600,000 are available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Scott Stewart, 202/205-1618. Email: sstewart@fs.fed.us (mailto:ssstewart@fs.fed.us)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Training Support Workshop Activities for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs

FON:
EPA-OW-OWM-18-01

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide training workshop support activities for states and other practitioners implementing the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs, the Clean Water SRF program and the Drinking Water SRF programs. The training workshop support will include planning, preparing, and providing technical support for four annual National SRF Infrastructure Financing and Training Workshops.

ACTION:
Questions are due May 18, 2018 to Joseph.Frances@epa.gov (mailto:Joseph.Frances@epa.gov). Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $380,000 is available to support one awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Frances Josephs, Email: Josephs.Frances@epa.gov (mailto:Josephs.Frances@epa.gov)

MEETING:
Board of Visitors (BoV) of the U.S. Air Force Academy Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, athletics, diversity, curriculum and other matters relating to the Academy; these topics will fall under a Superintendent's update, a Commandant's update and a Dean's update.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the United States Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Course, Building 3162, Colorado Springs, CO. The open portion of the meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Natalie Campos, 703/697-7058. Email: natalie.m.campos.mil@mail.mil

MEETING:
Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY:
Census Bureau (CB)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 8, 2018 at 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Friday, June 1, 2018. You may access the online registration form with the following link: https://www.regonline.com/fesac_june2018_meeting.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
James Spletzer, 301/763-4069. Email: james.r.spletzer@census.gov

MEETING:
Notice of a Public Meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing the final meeting of the task force, scheduled to include final deliberations on strategies and next steps to promote and expand apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm, ET at DOL, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. To attend in person, register at the Agency Site link before 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting and arrive 30 minutes early.
MEETING:
Notice of National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Meeting

AGENCY:
Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The purpose is to focus on transformational policies and programs that aim to accelerate innovation and increase the rate at which research is translated into companies and jobs, including through entrepreneurship and the development of an increasingly skilled, globally competitive workforce. The final agenda for the meeting will be posted on the NACIE website at http://www.eda.gov/oie/nacie/ prior to the meeting.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm ET at the Herbert Clark Hoover Building (HCHB), 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, Room 58026.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Craig Buerstatte, 202/482-8001. Email: nacie@doc.gov (mailto:nacie@doc.gov)

MEETING:
Open Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 2018

AGENCY:
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Federal Communications Commission with several agenda items, including taking up proposed rules and rule changes from the Wireline Competition, International, and Media Bureaus, and a public notice from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 17, 2018 beginning at 10:30 am ET in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Office of Media Relations, 202/418-0500.

NOTICE:
FOIA Advisory Committee; Solicitation for Committee Member Nominations

AGENCY:
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking member nominations for the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee (Committee).

ACTION:
We must receive nominations for Committee membership before 5:00 pm ET on Friday, June 1, 2018. Nominations can be sent to OGIS at foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov, fax them to Amy Bennett's attention at 202-741-5769, or mail them to Amy Bennett; National Archives and Records Administration; Office of Government Information Services; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, MD 20740-6001.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Amy Bennett, 202/741-5782. Email: foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Administrative Supplements to NIGMS Predoctoral Training Grants for the Development of Activities to Prepare Trainees for Careers in the Biomedical Research Workforce (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PA-18-757

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from recipients of NIGMS-funded predoctoral T32 training grants for additional funds designated to provide support for the development and implementation of activities aimed at broadening the training experience to better prepare individuals for careers in the biomedical research workforce.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 18, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $80,000.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alison Gammie, 301/594-3900. Email: alison.gammie@mail.nih.gov
(mailto:alison.gammie@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BARDA Division of Research, Innovation and Ventures (DRIVE) Accelerator Network

FON:
EP-IDS-18-001

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice soliciting applicants interested in working with BARDA DRIVE to stimulate the public good by creating or leveraging a network of accelerators across America to promote national health security innovation. In order to address the serious 21st century health threats facing our nation, BARDA DRIVE invests in innovative, transformative tools and technologies to disrupt the current paradigm of how we approach health security threats, enabling us to increase our capability and capacity to prepare for and respond to such threats.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 17, 2018. Approximately $7.5 million is available for up to 20 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Virginia Simmons, 202/260-0400. Email: asprgrants@hhs.gov (mailto:asprgrants@hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Development of Curricular or Training Activities in Skills Development/Rigor and Transparency/Laboratory Safety (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PA-18-759; PA-18-756; PA-18-758

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from NIGMS-funded predoctoral T32 training grant recipients for additional funds designed to provide support for the development and implementation of curricular or training activities aimed at various graduate-level biomedical research and education projects. Funding mechanisms exist for developing the technical, operational, or professional skills to become a
biomedical scientist; providing graduate trainees with a strong foundation in areas related to conducting rigorous and transparent research to enhance reproducibility in the biomedical sciences; and providing trainees with the knowledge and skills to enhance laboratory safety.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 18, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $80,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alison Gammie, 301/594-3900. Email: alison.gammie@mail.nih.gov (mailto:alison.gammie@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
In Vivo Synaptic Function in Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PAR-18-760

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to study in vivo synaptic structure and function in Alzheimer’s and related dementia; and to advance development of methods to study synapses in animal models and humans.

ACTION:
Applications are due annually on February 16, June 16 and October 16 through January 8, 2021. Approximately $1.5 million is available for up to five awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
John K. Hsiao, 301/496-9350. Email: jhsiao@nia.nih.gov (mailto:jhsiao@nia.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Loan Repayment Program for Repayment of Health Professions Educational Loans Announcement
Type: Initial

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Indian Health Service (IHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from individuals for health professional educational loans (undergraduate and graduate) in return for full-time clinical service at an Indian health program site.

ACTION:
Applications are due the Friday of the second full week of each month until August 15, 2018. Approximately 384 two-year contract awards averaging $46,210 each are available. Approximately 390 one-year contract extension awards averaging $25,000 each are available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jacqueline Santiago, 301/443-3396.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Novel Nucleic Acid Sequencing Technology Development

FON:
RFA-HG-18-001 (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed); RFA-HG-18-002 (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed); RFA-HG-18-003 (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking R01, R21 and R43/R44 grant applications to develop novel technologies that will enable no less than one order of magnitude improvement in DNA sequencing, and practical methods for direct RNA sequencing. The goal now is to improve the quality and efficiency of DNA sequencing and enable direct RNA sequencing (e.g., longer read lengths, faster turn-around time, greater accuracy, and higher-throughput etc.) at reasonable costs with the anticipation that significant advances in any of these and related areas would make significant contributions to the mission of NHGRI and the field of genomics.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 27 annually through September 11, 2020. Number of awards and award amounts vary.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michael W. Smith, 301/480-3413. Email: smithmw@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
PPHF2018-National Organization for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion-financed in part by 2018
FON: CDC-RFA-DP18-1814

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications supporting the development of effective state chronic disease programs through implementation of practice-based learning and leadership development activities for chronic disease leadership and staff, and outreach and networking with local health departments.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due May 8, 2018. Applications are due June 25, 2018. Approximately $15 million is available for one award.


CONTACT: Branalyn Williams, Email: bkwilliams@cdc.gov (mailto:bkwilliams@cdc.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Summer Institute for Research Education in Biostatistics (R25 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON: RFA-HL-19-019

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

ITEM: Notice seeking educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due May 28, 2018. Applications are due June 28, 2018. Approximately $1.6 million is available for six awards.

Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.


CONTACT: LOI: Director, Office of Scientific Review, 301/435-0270. Email: NHLBICliefReviewBranch@nhlbi.nih.gov (mailto:NHLBICliefReviewBranch@nhlbi.nih.gov)
Scientific/Research: Song Yang, 301/435-0431. Email: yangso@nhlbi.nih.gov (mailto:yangso@nhlbi.nih.gov)
MEETING:
Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry to review the impact of the Title VII, Section 747 and oral health training programs, and make recommendations on funding and appropriation levels. In addition, the Committee will identify its strategic priorities for the coming year, and discuss issues related to pending Committee reports on the integration of behavioral health into primary care and oral health training, and clinical trainee and faculty well-being and resilience. Webinar and teleconference options are available.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 3, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and May 4, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kennita Carter, 301/945-3505. Email: KCarter@hrsa.gov (mailto:KCarter@hrsa.gov)

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MEETING:
Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-Health Disparities Subcommittee (HDS)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Disparities Subcommittee. The purpose is to provide counsel to the CDC Director through the ACD on strategic and other health disparities and health equity issues and provide guidance on opportunities for CDC.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 23, 2018, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm ET via teleconference. Please dial (866) 918-8397 and enter code 9346283.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Leandris Liburd, 404/498-6482. Email: ACDirector@cdc.gov (mailto:ACDirector@cdc.gov)
MEETING:
Announcement of Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss the development of national health promotion and disease prevention objectives for 2030.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 14, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, ET online at http://www.healthypeople.gov/ (http://www.healthypeople.gov/).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Emmeline Ochiai, 240/453-8280.

MEETING:
Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee. The meeting will focus on mining safety and health research projects and outcomes, including end-of-shift silica monitor; iLOTO iFund project; miner health program; research & practice to protect miners' hearing health; stone, sand, & gravel sector research priorities; mining program collaborations; and mining innovations research initiative update.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 22, 2018, 8:30 am.-4:00 pm, EDT and May 23, 2018, 8:00 am-12:00 pm ET. at the Patriots Plaza 1, 395 E Street SW, Room 9000, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jeffrey Welsh, 412/386-4040.

MEETING:
National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council to deliver a report to the director of NIDCR.

ACTION:
The open portion of the meeting will be held on May 25, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. ET at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alicia Dombroski, 301/594-4805. Email: adombroski@nidcr.nih.gov

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MEETING:
National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the NCI Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee scheduled to discuss NCI clinical and translational research programs and strategy.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held July 11, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, ET at NCI Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room TE406, Rockville, MD. It will be videocast at http://videocast.nih.gov/.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sheila Prindiville, 240/276-6173. Email: prindivs@mail.nih.gov

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MEETING:
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics to hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics and work on activities outlined in the NCVHS 2018 work plan. Anticipated action items during this meeting include a letter to the Secretary and a summary report of the hearing held September 2017 on the topic of the national vital
records and vital statistics systems. In addition, a letter to the Secretary regarding the Committee’s recommendations resulting from the March Standards Subcommittee Hearing on NCPDP Updates will be considered for approval.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held May 15, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and May 16, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm ET at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 705A, Washington, DC.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Rebecca Hines, 301/458-4715.

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**MEETING:**
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Standards Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:**
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the Standards Subcommittee of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics to convene a group of Chief Information Officers and health care leaders from various fields to develop a roadmap to improve the predictability of the update and adoption process of standards and operating rules in support of the exchange of electronic health information between entities covered under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held May 17, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm ET at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Janet Norwood Conference and Training Center, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Room G440, Washington, DC.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Rebecca Hines, 301/458-4715.

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**MEETING:**
National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

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

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council scheduled to discuss the NIMH Director’s report and NIMH programs.

**ACTION:**
The open portion of the meeting will be held May 17, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, ET at NIH Neuroscience Center 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jean Noronha, 301/443-3367. Email: jnoronha@mail.nih.gov

MEETING:
National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse scheduled to discuss announcements and reports of administrative, legislative, and program developments in the drug abuse field.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 15, 2018, from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, ET at NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Susan Weiss, 301/443-6487. Email: sweiss@nida.nih.gov

MEETING:
NIH Office of the Secretary; Notice of Meetings

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women to report on gaps in knowledge and research on safe and effective therapies for pregnant women and lactating women.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 14, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and May 15, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at 6710B Rockledge Drive, Room 1425/1427, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Lisa Kaeser, 301/496-0536. Email: kaeserl@mail.nih.gov

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Automated Celestial Navigation System (ACNS)

FON:
N00014-18-S-B004

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for a science and technology development effort to design, build and test a celestial navigation system aimed at providing a positioning source for surface ships.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 5, 2018. Up to two awards between $4 million and $8 million each are anticipated to support projects lasting up to 18 months.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=8de35b84ec61b07c09e44102ab9c7d9a&tab=core&_cview=0), Agency Site (https://www.onr.navy.mil/)

CONTACT:
Julie Helm, 703/696-2942. Email: julie.helm@navy.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Broad Other Transaction Authority Announcement for NSRDEC

FON:
NSRDEC-BOTAA_17-01

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking preproposals for the availability or developmental status of a variety of mission command platform (MCP) concepts that may be considered for prototype development. MCP concepts should support decentralized mission command and develop MCPs that are more agile, mobile, and survivable against adversaries, empowering commanders to increase their situational understanding and enabling small units to regain overmatch capabilities against emerging global threats.

ACTION:
Preproposals must be submitted by May 4, 2018 to usarmy.natick.rdecom.mbx.ota-nsrdec@mail.mil

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=ec37ef04099e673c89a95c05564422c6&_cview=0)
CONTACT:
Richard Totten, 301/619-2446. Email: richard.w.totten2.civ@mail.mil
(mailto:richard.w.totten2.civ@mail.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Centers for Chemical Innovation

FON:
18-555

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for major, long-term fundamental chemical research programs to receive the label, "Center for Chemical Innovation." The CCI Program is a two-phase program. Both phases are described in this solicitation. Phase I CCIs receive significant resources to develop the science, management and broader impacts of a major research center before requesting Phase II funding.

ACTION:
Required preliminary proposals are due August 14, 2018. Approximately $9.4 million is available to fund four awards with a per-award ceiling of $1.8 million for three years.

Limited Submission:
Cost sharing is prohibited.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Katharine Covert, 703-292-4950. Email: kcovert@nsf.gov (mailto:kcovert@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Citrus Disease Research and Extension Pre-App

FON:
USDA-NIFA-SCRI-006550

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking pre-applications to conduct research and extension activities, technical assistance and development activities to: combat citrus diseases and pests, both domestic and invasive and including huanglongbing and the Asian citrus psyllid, which pose imminent harm to United States citrus production and threaten the future viability of the citrus industry; and provide support for the dissemination and commercialization of relevant information, techniques, and technologies discovered pursuant to research and extension activities.

ACTION:
Required pre-applications are due June 29, 2018. Approximately $21.7 million is available to fund multiple awards, with per-award ceilings varying by project type. Cost sharing of 50% is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tom Bewick, 202-401-3356. Email: tbewick@nifa.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Computers and Humans Exploring Software Security (CHESS)

FON:
HR001118S0040

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking research proposals to develop techniques and systems that will substantially accelerate software vulnerability research.

ACTION:
Optional abstracts are due May 3, 2018. Proposals are due June 15, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Dustin Fraze, Email: CHESS@darpa.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DARPA Launch Challenge Competitors Day

FON:
DARPA-SN-18-42

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a Competitors Day to provide information to potential participants on the objectives of the DARPA Launch Challenge. The goal of the DARPA Launch Challenge is to incentivize the emerging industry of small launch providers who will be able to launch payloads to low earth orbit (LEO) to demonstrate capabilities that are both flexible (launch from anywhere) and responsive (launch at any time). DARPA envisions the culmination of the DARPA Launch Challenge will be two separate launch competitions within weeks of each other at different locations in the United States.

ACTION:
The Competitors Day will be held May 23, 2018 at the L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown, Los Angeles, CA. Register to attend in person by May 11, 2018 or via webinar by May 18, 2018 at http://events.sammeetings.com/DARPALaunchChallengeCompetitorsDay

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=487c82e8d21c1348da359a4a559da5b9&tab=core&_cview=0), Agency Site (http://www.darpalaunchchallenge.org/)

CONTACT:
Todd Master, Email: launchchallenge@darpa.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Industry Partnerships for Cybersecurity of Energy Delivery Systems (CEDS) Research, Development and Demonstration

FON:
DE-FOA-0001755

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support multi-year research, development and demonstration of tools and technologies to enhance the cybersecurity of energy delivery systems. Proposed solutions should be interoperable, scalable, readily manageable advanced tools and technologies and are compatible with common methods and best practices.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 18, 2018. Approximately $25 million is available to support 5 to 10 awards for up to three years. Cost share must be at least 20 percent of the total allowable cost for R&D and 50 percent of the total allowable cost for demonstration and commercial application projects.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Maureen Davison, 412/386-5163. Email: Maureen.Davison@netl.doe.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) FY 2018

FON:
DE-FOA-0001840

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for early-stage research that spans the Solar Energy Technologies Office portfolio, seeking to advance both solar photovoltaic and concentrating solar thermal power technologies and to facilitate the swift integration of those technologies into the nation's electricity grid. It also is designed to support efforts that prepare the workforce for the solar industry's future needs.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due May 4, 2018. Required concept papers are due May 9th, 2018. Applications are due June 26, 2018. Cost sharing of 20% is required for most projects. Multiple awards are anticipated. Budget and number of awards determined by topic.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Clay Pfrangle, Email: SETO.FOA@ee.doe.gov (mailto:SETO.FOA@ee.doe.gov)

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MEETING:
Notification of a Public Meeting of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) , Science Advisory Board (SAB)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss a draft SAB report on screening methodologies to support risk and technology reviews for air pollution, planned EPA actions and their supporting science, and briefings from the EPA Offices of Research and Development, Water, and Air.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 31, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and June 1, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, ET at the Washington Plaza Hotel 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Thomas Carpenter, 202/564-4885. Email: carpenter.thomas@epa.gov (mailto:carpenter.thomas@epa.gov)

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MEETING:
Urban Reconnaissance through Supervised Autonomy (URSA) Proposers Day

FON:
DARPA-SN-18-48

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)
ITEM:
Notice announcing a Proposers Day to provide information to potential proposers on the objectives of the Urban Reconnaissance through Supervised Autonomy (URSA) program. The URSA vision is to develop technology to enable autonomous systems operated and supervised by U.S. ground forces to detect hostile forces and establish Positive Identification (PID) before any U.S. troops come in contact with them.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at the CENTRA Technology Incorporated Conference Center located at 4121 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203. Advance registration is required. Participants must register for the Proposers Day and Networking Day events through the registration website: https://www.client-meeting.net/Proposers-Day-May-2018. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 25 at 4:00 pm ET.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index.php? s=opportunity&mode=form&id=627091ec2a11b77f6734577cd8ea80c&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Philip Root, Email: DARPA-SN-18-48@darpa.mil (mailto:DARPA-SN-18-48@darpa.mil)

NOTICE:
NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC) Ohio Bio Challenge

FON:
GRC2018OhioBioChallenge

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Glenn Research Center

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to incentivize entrepreneurs to form teams around federally-owned intellectual property to start up new companies. The technical focus of the Ohio Bio Challenge will be on biomedical and health related federally-owned intellectual property.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 18, 2018 to amy.hiltabidel@nasa.gov (mailto:amy.hiltabidel@nasa.gov). Each party funds their own participation in the effort, and there is no exchange of funds.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index.php? s=opportunity&mode=form&id=40fe253d061a23d148f60e34671b2c41&tab=core&_cview=1)

CONTACT:
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