Notices from April 05, 2018 to April 06, 2018

This publication synopsizes funding opportunities, rules and regulations, comment requests, and meetings information from Grants.gov, Federal Register, and Federal Business Opportunities for colleges and universities that are eligible to be lead applicants or serve as partners.

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**ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Combat Trafficking in High Value Wildlife Products from Big Cats

**FON:**
SFOP0004272

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

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to improve source, transit, and destination countries’ will and capacity to investigate, arrest, prosecute, convict, and sentence to the fullest extent of the law the criminal organizations that perpetrate wildlife trafficking, especially the leaders and mid-level members of those organizations. Proposals must include details on how the applicant proposes to provide technical assistance to source, transit, and destination countries for big cats in one or more of the following areas: strengthen legislative frameworks, enhance law enforcement and investigative capabilities, develop prosecutorial and judicial capacity, and/or support cross border law enforcement cooperation at the provincial, national, regional, and international levels. Cost sharing is strongly encouraged.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due by June 5, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Leslie Catherwood, Email: CatherwoodLH@state.gov (mailto:CatherwoodLH@state.gov)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Mothers Against Terrorist Radicalization

**FON:**
SFOP0004309

**AGENCY:**
Department of State (State), Bureau of Counterterrorism
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting for a global project that focuses on mothers and their roles as change-makers in terrorism-affected countries. Funds support efforts to develop new or refine existing practices or models, and then implement these models that aim to provide mothers with the structures, tools, and skills to prevent terrorist radicalization and counter the influence of terrorist ideologies. Targeted countries include India, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia.

ACTION:
Applications are due by May 15, 2018. Approximately $790,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
Only one application per applicant organization is allowed

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Nadia Sheikh, Email: SheikhN@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Strengthening Civil Society and Civil Servant Capacity through Partnership
FON:
BH200-17-GR-200-WHA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to strengthen democratic governance through capacity building for civil society organizations and civil servants through partnership in Belize with a focus on principles of accountability in all substantive areas, processes, and procedures oriented toward civil society organizations working with national and/or local government, particularly in vulnerable and/or marginalized communities.

ACTION:
Questions are due May 10, 2018. Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $1.26 million is available for up to five awards to support projects lasting up two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Grants Coordinator, Email: BelmopanCARSIESF@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Undergraduate Scholarships Outside Afghanistan for Afghan Students

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-007-SCA-04052018
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support Afghan students to obtain undergraduate degrees at an American-style, liberal arts, co-educational or women-only, English language-based institution of higher learning outside Afghanistan. Program supports female Afghan high school graduates and female and/or male high school graduates who are alumni of U.S. Embassy programs. Eligibility is open to institutions of higher education that offer American-style, co-educational or women-only, English language-based undergraduate education in the Middle East, Central Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the East Asia-Pacific region.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 7, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to support one to three awards.

LINKS:

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

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

FON:
RUS-18-01-DLT

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Utilities Programs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies that students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents can use. Funds support telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, transmission facilities, and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural areas.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $46 million is available to support 100 awards. A 15 percent match is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program Staff, 202/720-0800. Email: dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov (mailto:dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Female Veterans’ and Homeless Veterans’ with Families Program (HFVWF) (referred to collectively as HVRP)

FON:
FOA-VETS-18-01

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor), Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately up to $500,000 per award is available for 75 awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ashley Hoek, Email: Hoek.Ashley.A@dol.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to conduct rigorous research to examine reentry initiatives for adult or juvenile offenders that incorporate promising practices, strategies, or programs applicable to institutional or community corrections, or both. Preference will be given to applications that propose to use a randomized controlled trial and recidivism reduction.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 6, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

MEETING:
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Native American Employment and Training Council
AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor), Employment and Training Administration

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the U.S. Department of Labor Native American Employment and Training Council to discuss (1) WIOA Implementation, (2) Administrative and Financial Reporting; (3) Four-Year Strategic Planning; (4) Update on Public Law 102-477; (5) Council Expirations and Nominations Updates; (5) Census Updates; (6) Council and Workgroup Updates; (7) New Business; and (8) Public Comment.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 24-25, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at Members of the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-5437 A, B, & C, Washington, DC. Members of the public can submit a written statement by April 20, 2018 to: Athena R. Brown, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S-4209, Washington, DC 20210.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Athena R. Brown, 202/693-3737.

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Impact of Initial Influenza Exposure on Immunity in Infants (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-AI-18-010

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 supporting efforts to establish, follow, and characterize longitudinal cohorts of infants to determine how initial and repeated natural influenza infections and/or influenza vaccinations shape infant and childhood immunity to future influenza exposures in order to provide key information to facilitate design of durable, broadly protective influenza vaccines.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due by June 2, 2018. Applications are due by July 2, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Maryam Feili-Hariri, 240/669-5026. Email: haririmf@niaid.nih.gov
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIDA Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Program Award in Substance Use and Substance Use Disorder Research (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-746

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to facilitate supervised research training and career development (K12) experiences for clinician scientists (Scholars) leading to research independence in the area of substance use disorder research.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 11, 2018 through June 11, 2020 and expires August 29, 2020. The budget and number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations (Direct costs are limited to $500,000 per year).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
LOI contact: NIDALetterofIntent@mail.nih.gov
Scientific/Research: Multiple contacts.

MEETING:
Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. Agenda items include updates from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and Staff Offices, as well as updates on recommendations from the 2016 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm ET on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9 and from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET on Thursday, May 10th at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 930, Washington, DC

LINKS:

CONTACT:
MEETING:
Agency For Healthcare Research And Quality; Notice Of Meeting

AGENCY:
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to discuss the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Learning Health Systems Mentored Career Development Program (K12) program.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 25, 2018 from 7:30 am to 8:30 am ET (and will close to the public thereafter) at the Cambria Hotel & Suites, 1 Helen Heneghan Way, Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bonnie Campbell, 301/427-1554.

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MEETING:
Notice of Meeting for the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC)

AGENCY:
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee to discuss federal efforts related to serious mental illness (SMI) and serious emotional disturbance (SED), including data evaluation, and recommendations for action. Agenda items include member relationship to implementation workgroups, establishing the prevalence of SMI and SED, communication with non-federal organizations to engage non-federal support for the committee, and future meetings.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held June 8, 2018 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm ET at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 800, Washington, DC

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Pamela Foote, 240/276-1279. Email: pamela.foote@samhsa.hhs.gov (mailto:pamela.foote@samhsa.hhs.gov)
MEETING:
Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) public advisory committee (Science Board) to discuss the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Program Review Subcommittee; hear about FDA’s Patient Affairs Initiative; and discuss how the Agency can leverage its existing tools and authorities, and work with stakeholders, to better address the complex scientific, public health, and technology challenges it faces today.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 23, 2018 from 9 am to 4:30 pm ET at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503, Section A), Silver Spring, MD. Members of the public can access the meeting via webcast: https://collaboration.fda.gov/scienceboard2018/.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Rakesh Raghuwanshi, 301/796-4769.
Email: rakesh.raghuwanshi@fda.hhs.gov

NOTICE:
Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00)

FON:
NOT-NS-18-041

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke intends to publish "BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00)." The program will seek applications to increase the biomedical research workforce diversity and foster a strong cohort of new, highly skilled and well trained, NIH-supported, independent investigators from diverse backgrounds.

ACTION:
The FOA is expected to be publish in April 2018 with an expected application due date in June 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: jonesmiche@ninds.nih.gov (mailto:jonesmiche@ninds.nih.gov)

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NOTICE:
Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Cardiothoracic Surgical Trials Network Renewal (UM1)

FON:
NOT-HL-18-606

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute intends to promote a new initiative (UM1) through the Cardiothoracic Surgical Trials Network as Linked Clinical Research Centers.

ACTION:
The FOA is expected to be published in May 2018 with an expected application due date in July 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Marissa A. Miller, 301/594-1542. Email: Millerma2@nhlbi.nih.gov (mailto:Millerma2@nhlbi.nih.gov)

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NOTICE:
Solicitation of Nominations for Membership To Serve on the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children which provides advice, recommendations, and technical information about aspects of heritable disorders and newborn and childhood screening to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

ACTION:
Nomination packages must be submitted electronically as email attachments to Alaina Harris, Genetic Services Branch, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), HRSA, AHarris@hrsa.gov. Written nominations for membership on the Committee must be received on or before April 30, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alaina Harris, 301/443-0721. Email: AHarris@hrsa.gov (mailto:AHarris@hrsa.gov)
SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Full Spectrum Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Cyber Operations Technology

FON:
FA8750-17-S-7003

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Materiel Command

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers supporting research, development, integration, test and evaluation of technologies/techniques to expand cyber operations technologies within the Department of Defense. Funds support projects at the intersection of the areas of Signals Intelligence, Electronics Warfare and Cyber Operations. Research areas of interest include methods of integration, improving coordination, and advancing the capability to conduct cyberspace operations in a multitude of environments. Approaches should take into consideration operational and contingency planning, as well as technology and approaches to better equip the warfighter.

ACTION:
Required white papers are due December 2, 2018, December 3, 2019, December 1, 2020, and December 1, 2021. Approximately $1-5 million per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=af2264144d9f7287fba9cd0b1c8f984d&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Donna Toole, 315/330-3972. Email: afrl.rigb.baa17-03@us.af.mil (mailto:afrl.rigb.baa17-03@us.af.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
SIGMA+ Sensors

FON:
HR001118S0035

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting innovative research proposals in the area of advanced chemical and biological detector technologies to support a networked system of sensors for the detection, interdiction, and deterrence of clandestine weapons of mass destruction. Specifically excluded is research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.

ACTION:
Optional abstracts are due by April 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm ET. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Vincent Tang, Email: SigmaPlus@darpa.mil (mailto:SigmaPlus@darpa.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
STEM + Computing K-12 Education
FON:
PD-18-005Y
AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop new approaches to pre-K-12 STEM teaching and learning related to Harnessing the Data Revolution, Convergence Research and the Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier with particular focus on research and development of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to promote the integration of computing within STEM teaching and learning for pre K-12 students in both formal and informal settings.
ACTION:
Applications are due July 2, 2018. Proposals received after that date will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Chia Shen, 703/292-8447. Email: cshen@nsf.gov (mailto:cshen@nsf.gov)
Arlene M. de Strulle, 703/292-8620. Email: adestrul@nsf.gov (mailto:adestrul@nsf.gov)

MEETING:
Human Studies Review Board; Notification of Public Meetings
AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
ITEM:
Notice announcing public meetings of the Human Studies Review Board to advise the Agency on the ethical and scientific review of research involving human subjects. A separate, subsequent teleconference meeting is planned for the board to finalize its Final Report of the earlier meeting and review other possible topics.
ACTION:
Meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, Wednesday, April 25, 2018, and Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 1:00 pm to approximately 5:30 pm ET on all dates. The teleconference meeting will be held on, June 14, 2018, from 2:00 pm to approximately 3:30 pm ET
LINKS:
CONTACT:  
Thomas O'Farrell, 202/564-8451. Email: ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov (mailto:ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov)

MEETING:  
Meeting of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee

AGENCY:  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

ITEM:  
Notice announcing a meeting of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee to consider reports and recommendations from its working groups, including the Model Code for Municipalities working group and the Model Code for States working group as well as continue discussions on how to accelerate the deployment of broadband by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment.

ACTION:  
The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am ET at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Brian Hurley, 202/418-2220. Email: brian.hurley@fcc.gov (mailto:brian.hurley@fcc.gov)

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MEETING:  
Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel

AGENCY:  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:  
Notice announcing a public teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel to discuss the CASAC draft reviews of the EPA's Risk and Exposure Assessment for the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (External Review Draft) and Policy Assessment for the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (External Review Draft).

ACTION:  
The call will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Aaron Yeow, 202/564-2050. Email: yeow.aaron@epa.gov (mailto:yeow.aaron@epa.gov)
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