Department of Agriculture - Utilities Programs - Community Connect Grant Program

Proposal Due Date: May 14, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 15
Estimated Total Program Funding: $30,000,000
Award Ceiling: $3,000,000
Award Floor: $100,000
Funding Opportunity Number: RDRUS-CC-2018

Purpose: The Community Connect Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect Grant Program) is designed to provide financial assistance to provide service at the Broadband Grant Speed in rural, economically-challenged communities where broadband service does not currently exist. Grant funds may be used to: (1) deploy service at the Broadband Grant Speed to critical community facilities, rural residents, and rural businesses, (2) construct, acquire, or expand a community center, and (3) equip a community center that provides free access to service at the Broadband Grant Speed to community residents for at least two years. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for entities to serve all premises in eligible rural areas at the Broadband Grant Speed to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of broadband services as are available in urban and suburban communities.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301700

Department of Defense

Department of Defense - Grants to Military-Connected Local Educational Agencies for Academic and Support Programs (MCASP)

Proposal Due Date: May 2, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 30
Estimated Total Program Funding: $30,000,000
Award Ceiling: $1,250,000
Award Floor: $250,000
Funding Opportunity Number: HE1254-18-R-9999

Purpose: The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 provided DoDEA the authority to share resources with public schools that educate military-connected students. One aspect of resources is the authority to administer a grant program that supports research-based strategies that enhance student achievement and ease the challenges that military children face due their parents military service. DoDEA will host a webinar on March 28, 2018 to guide the 2018 DoDEA grant applicants as they write their applications. DoDEA’s Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center (ETAC) will provide an overview of the 2018 Grant Program and discussed application goals, strategies, and student outcomes, evaluation and reporting requirements. A PowerPoint presentation will be delivered during the webinar, along with a recording, and a transcript of the question and answer session will be available on the DoDEA ETAC website.

http://dodk12grants.org/

Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA - Research Grants for the Primary or Secondary Prevention of Opioid Overdose (R01)
Proposal Due Date: May 15, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 7
Estimated Total Program Funding: $15,750,000
Award Ceiling: $750,000
Award Floor: $350,000
Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-CE-18-006

Purpose: The awards pursuant to this Notice of Funding Opportunity are contingent upon the availability of funds. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent overdose from prescription and illicit opioids by developing and piloting, or rigorously evaluating novel primary or secondary prevention interventions. The intent of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to: (1) build the scientific base for the primary or secondary prevention of opioid overdose, and (2) encourage collaboration of scientists from a spectrum of disciplines including public health, epidemiology, law enforcement, social work, economics, and criminal justice to perform research that can identify ways to prevent opioid overdose more effectively. Interventions can be strategies, programs, or policies. Ultimately, this research is intended to improve state and local health departments’ ability to implement and improve
interventions focused on preventing opioid-related deaths. Researchers are expected to develop and pilot, or rigorously evaluate novel primary or secondary prevention interventions that address prescription or illicit opioid overdose. Primary prevention approaches are expected to aim to prevent opioid misuse, abuse, and overdose before it occurs. Secondary prevention approaches are expected to focus on the more immediate responses to opioid overdose, such as emergency department services and linkage to treatment immediately following a nonfatal overdose. Clinical examinations of the treatment effectiveness for opioid use disorder are outside the scope of the objectives and will not be considered (e.g., studies that solely test the effectiveness of buprenorphine, methadone, or naltrexone).

It is anticipated that funded applicants will collaborate and partner with community and/or governmental organizations from multiple sectors (e.g., health, social services, law enforcement, criminal justice) that can provide access to populations at highest risk for opioid misuse and overdose and provide access to critical data systems. Investigators must provide information in the application demonstrating that they have an established relationship with each partner and a written agreement describing each partner’s role in the proposed research.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=299896

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Academic Research Enhancement Award for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions (R15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Proposal Due Date: June 25, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 
Estimated Total Program Funding: 
Award Ceiling: $300,000
Award Floor: 
Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-18-714

Purpose: The purpose of this Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions is to support small scale research grants at institutions that do not receive substantial funding from the NIH, with an emphasis on providing biomedical research experiences primarily for undergraduate students, and enhancing the research environment at these applicant institutions. Eligible institutions must award baccalaureate science degrees, and have received less than 6 million dollars per year of NIH support (total costs) in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years.


Department of Justice

Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance - BJA FY 18 Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Addressing Precipitous Increases in Crime
Proposal Due Date: May 1, 2018  
Expected Number of Awards: 7  
Estimated Total Program Funding: $4,000,000  
Award Ceiling: $500,000  
Funding Opportunity Number: BJA-2018-13568

Purpose: The focus of this program is to identify, implement, and evaluate new and innovative technology and applicant projects that specifically address precipitous increases in crime(s) on a state, local, county, or regional basis. This is not an equipment purchasing program, but is designed to use a combination of new methodologies to address specific crime(s) identified by the applicant. To be eligible for this program the applicant must identify the crime(s) where there was a precipitous increase over a 2 year period and clearly articulate how the proposed project will hopefully reduce the identified crime(s). Applicants are urged to take a multijurisdictional approach that is designed to share information and services to reduce crime in ways that result in significant cost and time savings, and enhances criminal justice policies and practices that promote public safety.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301687

Department of Justice - National Institute of Justice - NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation of Technologies to Improve School Safety  
Proposal Due Date: May 10, 2018  
Expected Number of Awards: 1  
Estimated Total Program Funding: $4,000,000  
Award Ceiling: $4,000,000  
Funding Opportunity Number: NIJ-2018-14054

Purpose: NIJ is interested to fund a single evaluator that will have the capabilities to assess the effectiveness of a few promising technologies that can enhance safety within K-12 schools. Evaluations should consider the school environment and use cases as well as the kinds of data that might be collected or used as a result of the technology intervention. Applicants are encouraged to explore technologies that have worked for use cases in other ecosystems that may translate well to the K-12 school environment.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301556

Department of Justice - National Institute of Justice - NIJ FY18 Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence  
Proposal Due Date: May 14, 2018

Expected Number of Awards: 4
Estimated Total Program Funding: $3,000,000
Award Ceiling: $3,000,000
Award Floor:
Funding Opportunity Number: NIJ-2018-13960

Purpose: With this solicitation, NIJ seeks applications for investigator-initiated research and evaluation projects to improve understanding, prevention and deterrence of firearms violence in general and public mass shooting incidents in particular. This solicitation aims to strengthen the knowledge base and improve public safety by producing findings with practical implications. This solicitation is focused specifically on producing research related to intentional, interpersonal firearms violence.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301600

Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Statistics - FY 2018 NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP)
Proposal Due Date: May 14, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 28
Estimated Total Program Funding: $12,450,000
Award Ceiling: $5,000,000
Award Floor:
Funding Opportunity Number: BJS-2018-13843

Purpose: The NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-180 (NIAA or the Act), was signed into law on January 8, 2008, in the wake of the April 2007 shooting tragedy at Virginia Tech. The Virginia Tech shooter was able to purchase firearms from a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) because information about his prohibiting mental health history was not available to the NICS, and the system was therefore unable to deny the transfer of the firearms used in the shootings. The NIAA seeks to address the gap in information available to NICS about such prohibiting mental health adjudications and commitments, and other prohibiting factors. Filling these information gaps will better enable the system to operate as intended to keep guns out of the hands of persons

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301524

Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Statistics - FY 2018 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)
Proposal Due Date: May 14, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 40
Estimated Total Program Funding: $43,990,000
Award Ceiling: $5,000,000
Award Floor:
**Funding Opportunity Number:** BJS-2018-13842

**Purpose:** This program is intended to improve the nation’s safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information and by ensuring the nationwide implementation of criminal justice and noncriminal justice background check systems. Achieving this goal is contingent on accomplishing four objectives: Providing direct financial and technical assistance to states and tribes to improve their criminal records systems and other related systems in an effort to support background checks. Ensuring the infrastructure is developed to connect criminal history records systems to the state record repository or appropriate federal agency record system and ensuring records are accessible through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) records systems. Providing the training and technical assistance needed to ensure that records systems are developed and managed to conform to FBI standards, and appropriate technologies, while ensuring that contributing agencies adhere to the highest standards of practice with respect to privacy and confidentiality. Using systematic evaluation and standardized performance measurement and statistics to assess progress made in improving national records holdings and background check systems. The NCHIP program serves as an umbrella for various record improvement activities and funding streams, each of which has unique goals and objectives. As a basic principle of this program, BJS strongly encourages states and tribes to ensure the integrated functioning of record improvement initiatives, regardless of the funding source. Also, BJS strongly encourages applicants to match or leverage the federal funds provided with other resources to the maximum extent possible.


**Department of Justice - National Institute of Justice - NIJ FY18 Understanding the Impacts of Policing Strategies and Practices**

- **Proposal Due Date:** May 14, 2018
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 4
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** $3,000,000
- **Award Ceiling:** $3,000,000
- **Award Floor:**
- **Funding Opportunity Number:** NIJ-2018-14064

**Purpose:** With this solicitation, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for research and/or evaluation projects to examine the impact of police crime-reduction practices and strategies on four variables. Those are: (1) crime, (2) officer safety, (3) criminal investigations, and (4) criminal prosecutions. NIJ will accept proposals for research examining person- or place-based practices and strategies. NIJ is particularly interested in examining the practice of proactive policing and its related strategies, especially focused deterrence. NIJ will not accept proposals for projects that do not include crime as a variable, nor will NIJ accept proposals that only address crime without consideration of at least one other of the three remaining variables. NIJ is particularly interested in proposals for research that address all four variables. Additionally, applicants should consider the role of intervening variables such as department and neighborhood characteristics. Practices and strategies can impact police...
officers and their leadership in unanticipated ways, such as affecting morale, stress and fear, and the actual praxis of the officers in the street. Neighborhood characteristics (e.g., social capital, collective efficacy, and perceptions of procedural justice), also, may be intervening variables. Researchers may consider if these relationships are intervening variables between the effects of the practices and strategies on crime, officer safety, criminal investigations and criminal prosecutions.


Department of Justice - National Institute of Justice - NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice

Proposal Due Date: May 14, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 10
Estimated Total Program Funding: $3,000,000
Award Ceiling: $3,000,000
Award Floor:
Funding Opportunity Number: NIJ-2018-14001

Purpose: NIJ seeks applications for funding investigator-initiated, interdisciplinary research and evaluation projects related to the administration of justice in three priority areas: (1) eyewitness evidence; (2) front-end intervention strategies (diversion and deflection, pretrial notification protocols and court appearance compliance, and justice system-led strategies aimed at young-adult offenders); and (3) enhancing investigation and prosecution (body worn cameras, and jury nullification). Strong applications that address the administration of justice in the U.S. but fall outside these areas may also be considered.


Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention - OJJDP FY 2018 Specialized Services and Mentoring for Child and Youth Victims of Sex Trafficking

Proposal Due Date: May 15, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 3
Estimated Total Program Funding: $1,350,000
Award Ceiling: $450,000
Award Floor:
Funding Opportunity Number: OJJDP-2018-13704

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to enhance the capacity of applicant organizations to respond to the needs of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE)/domestic sex trafficking (DST). Under this initiative, OJJDP expects successful applicants to develop or enhance mentoring service models and mentor training based on best practices to focus on the needs of youth who are at risk or are victims of CSE/DST; develop or update strategies to recruit and maintain mentors to serve under
identified and underserved populations; begin or enhance efforts to identify and enroll youth who are in need of services; and provide needed services to these youth.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301775

National Science Foundation

National Science Foundation - CubeSat-based Science Missions for Geospace and Atmospheric Research

Proposal Due Date: June 13, 2018
Expected Number of Awards: 2
Estimated Total Program Funding: $1,200,000
Award Ceiling: $1,200,000
Award Floor: 
Funding Opportunity Number: 18-553

Purpose: Lack of essential observations from space is currently a major limiting factor in many areas of geospace and atmospheric research. Recent advances in sensor and spacecraft technologies make it feasible to obtain key measurements from low-cost, small satellite missions. A particularly promising aspect of this development is the prospect for obtaining multi-point observations in space that are critical for addressing many outstanding problems in space and atmospheric sciences. Space-based measurements from small satellites also have great potential to advance discovery and understanding in geospace and atmospheric sciences in many other ways. To take full advantage of these developments, NSF is soliciting research proposals centered on small satellite missions. The overarching goal of the program is to support the development, construction, launch, operation, and data analysis of small satellite science missions to advance geospace and atmospheric research. Equally important, it will provide essential opportunities to train the next generation of experimental space scientists and aerospace engineers. To facilitate launch of the satellites as secondary payloads on existing missions, the focus of the program is on CubeSat-based satellites. Launch of the satellites will mainly be through the standardized CubeSat deployment system, the Poly Picosatellite Orbital Deployer (P-POD). Launch of the P-PODS will be as auxiliary payloads on DOD, NASA, or commercial launches. This will be arranged after selection and is not part of this solicitation. This solicitation covers proposals for science missions to include satellite development, construction, testing and operation as well as data distribution and scientific analysis.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301800