ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Annual Program Statement - Grants for Sindh and Balochistan, PAS Karachi

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Pakistan

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to create or extend the communities engaged in specific topic areas for programs that take place in the provinces of Sindh and/or Balochistan, Pakistan. Focus areas include: Accessible Elections; Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship; Combating Gender-based Violence; Building Capacity for Non-formal Education; and Empowering Girls.

Applications are due by February 19, 2018. Approximately $50,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Grants for Khyber & Federally Administered Tribal Areas, U.S. Consulate General Peshawar

Department of State (State), Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to further contributions to economic growth and the development of human and government capacity in Pakistan, while developing people-to-people, institutional, and economic ties between the United States and Pakistan. Funds also aim to increase understanding of and support for U.S.-Pakistan relations and American values and policy among the Pakistani public. Projects must focus on one of the following areas: Increased Services and Governance; Critical Thinking in Education; Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship; Journalism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas; and Historical and Cultural Preservation as a Driver for Economic Development.

Applications are due by February 20, 2018. Approximately $30,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Lahore - Grants for Punjab Province

Department of State (State), Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA)

Notice seeking applications to support efforts increasing entrepreneurship, investment, and employment opportunities in Punjab province in Pakistan as well as the US. Funds also support efforts enabling Punjab province youth to obtain needed employment skills in order to succeed in the job market. Funds support two types of projects: City-to-City Entrepreneurship Exchange; and English Language in Lincoln Corners.

Applications are due by February 20, 2018. Approximately $75,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

Limited Submission: The applicant must choose one of the two opportunities. Statements of Interest containing proposals for both projects will not be considered.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Legal Aid Support

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Thailand USAID-Bangkok

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to provide legal aid services and support to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. Funds support efforts that ensure more fair, consistent and transparent delivery of justice according to the law, inclusive of women, the poor, and traditionally underserved populations. Focus areas include: Increased capacity of Ministry of Justice and its legal aid services; Increased capacity of the Lao Bar Association and Non-Profit Association legal aid services; and Increased sensitivity to women’s rights and empowerment in law-related professions.

Applications are due by March 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm (GMT+7). Approximately $195,000 is available to support up to one award. A minimum five-percent cost share is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. Embassy Seoul PAS Annual Program Statement

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to South Korea

Notice seeking applications to promote increased understanding of U.S. policy and perspectives using a diverse approach through multiple channels to include but not limited to capacity building of DPRK defectors, empowering women, promoting Universal Human Rights, strengthening security cooperation and US/Republic of Korea trade balances.

Applications are due on February 23, 2018 and June 1, 2018. Approximately $75,000 is available for multiple award to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Annual Program Statement - Public Diplomacy Programs with Chile

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to promote greater understanding of the United States and to foster academic, cultural, and other people-to-people exchanges between the United States and Chile.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Approximately $100,000 is available to support projects lasting up to one year. Cost sharing is encouraged.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Conservation and Restoration of Heritage Building Complex of Erbil Citadel and Heritage Building Complex of Erbil Citadel

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Iraq

Notice seeking applications to provide logistical support to the High Commission for Erbil Citadel Revitalization for the purpose of safeguarding a heritage building complex (DOS-BAGHDAD-PD-2018-002) and the historical and traditional Hammam (public bath) (DOS-BAGHDAD-PD-2018-003) at the World Heritage Site of the Erbil Citadel.

Applications are due March 25, 2018. Approximately $500,000 each is available for one award across two purpose areas.

Limited Submission: One application per institution across each category.

Increase Citizen Access to Objective Information in Jordan

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

Notice seeking applications to increase citizens' access to objective information in Jordan. The program will support independent journalists, citizen journalists, and media outlets to ensure the survival and security of independent media sources and increase their contributions to a rights-respecting society.

Applications are due March 12, 2018. Approximately $750,000 is available for one to two awards to support projects lasting up to one to three years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Media Training and Professional Journalism Development in Pakistan

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Pakistan

Notice seeking applications to provide training to media professionals by helping counter extremist narratives, about regional integration and gender equality, and by helping to create a stronger free press in Pakistan. The first program will also seek to support the improvement of the trade and investment climate in order to sustain and create jobs and economic growth. The second program will empower Pakistani women both professionally and personally, which will help promote economic growth and development and counter violent extremism.

Applications are due March 26, 2018. Approximately $750,000 is available for two awards ($600,000 for Program One and $150,000 for Program Two) to support projects lasting up to six to 12 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USASEAN Relations Think Tank Conference

Department of State (State), Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Notice seeking applications to organize a conference that examines current issues of interest to the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Conference organizers should create a partnership with an organization in Indonesia to design and implement a two-day conference to be held in Jakarta in summer 2018, involving 40 expert participants. Proposals should encourage participating organizations to engage in a comprehensive conversation examining and analyzing the current U.S.-ASEAN relationship, particularly on individual and joint responses to opportunities and challenges.

Applications are due March 1, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available for one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Public Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

African Development Foundation (ADF)

Notice announcing the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation to discuss the agency’s programs and administration.

The meeting will be held February 6, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at 1400 I St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register
**EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Structured Decision Making Framework (SDMF) Site Implementation Project

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

Notice seeking applications to coordinate and deliver a specialized technical assistance program to assist paroling authorities in implementation planning and integrating the structured decision making framework tool into their existing policies and practices.

Applications are due March 20, 2018. Approximately $200,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to one year.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Veterans Treatment Court Enhancement Initiative - Phase II

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

Notice seeking applications to create and add more Veterans treatment courts sites to respond to the unique circumstances of veterans entering the justice system with the addition of the first specialized risk-need assessment and case planning tools for veterans treatment courts.

Applications are due March 20, 2018. Approximately $150,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to three years (released in 12-month increments based on the availability of supplemental funding).

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice seeking applications to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development.

Applications are due March 16, 2018. Approximately $34 million is available for 150 awards across two purpose areas to support projects lasting up to one to three years. Cost share is required.

Limited Submission: One application per institution.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Institute of Education Sciences (IES): Lead of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Network: Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice Program CFDA Number 84.305N

Department of Education (Education), Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

Notice seeking applications to fund the lead organization that will establish a national network of Career and Technical (CTE) researchers operating through a research center. The goal of the CTE Network is to support and expand the causal research base on CTE at the secondary and/or postsecondary level specifically through research on whether and how CTE practices, programs, and policies affect student education outcomes.

Notices of intent to apply are due February 15, 2018. Applications are due April 5, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Federal Register
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Employment for People with Physical Disabilities

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications to conduct research, training, and related activities to contribute to improved employment outcomes of people with physical disabilities. These activities are designed to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, family members, policymakers and other research stakeholders.

Applications are due March 26, 2018. Approximately $875,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to 60 months.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting with introduction of newly appointed members, annual Ethics and Advisory Committee Management Office training, research priorities, service updates, communications update, and scientific presentations.

The meeting will be held March 7, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm ET in Suite 102, Conference Room C100, at 31 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Third-Party Inspection Programs Under the Animal Welfare Act; Public Meetings

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Notice announcing a meeting of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to solicit data and information from the public to aid in the development of criteria for recognizing the use of third-party inspection and certification programs as a positive factor when determining APHIS inspection frequencies at facilities licensed or registered under the Animal Welfare Act.

The meeting will held February 8, 2018 at 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD from 1 pm to 5 pm ET. Additional meetings will be held in various locations across the country and will include a virtual listening session that will be held on March 14, 2018, from 1 pm to 5 pm ET.

LINKS: Federal Register

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Medications Development for the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder - CT optional (U01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

Notice seeking applications supporting research that advances promising compounds thorough the drug development pipeline for the treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder. Funds support efforts to move candidate compounds through Investigational New Drug requirements, Phase 1 human safety, tolerability, and dosing studies, and Phase 2 human laboratory and proof-of-concept trials.

Optional letters of intent are due by February 20, 2018. Applications are due by March 20, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to four awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC) Program: RERC on Individual Mobility and Manipulation

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

Notice seeking applications to support research and development toward products, devices, or technological advances that allow people with disabilities to be more mobile, to manipulate objects in their environment more effectively, or both. Funds support efforts to conduct high quality research, development, technical assistance, capacity building, knowledge translation, and dissemination activities that address significant needs, promote independence, and improve the quality of life and community living outcomes of people with disabilities.

Optional letters of intent are due by February 22, 2018. Applications are due by March 19, 2018. Approximately $925,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention /Health Resources and Services Administration Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment to discuss workgroup reports and updates, information regarding the National Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Conference, and Committee business-related items.

The teleconference will be held February 22, 2018, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm ET. Call 888-989-6421 and enter conference code 9874492 at least 15-minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Human Genome Research Institute; Notice of Meetings

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research to discuss matters of program relevance.

The meetings will be held on February 12, 2018 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at the National Institutes of Health, T-Level 508-510, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Development of Cell and Tissue Platforms to Detect Adverse Biological Consequences of Somatic Cell Gene Editing (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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

Notice seeking applications to develop and validate tissue- and cell-based platforms for assessing potential adverse biological consequences of somatic cell genome editing.

Optional letters of intent are due March 3, 2018. Applications are due April 3, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available for eight awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Development of Large Animal Reporter Systems for Testing Somatic Cell Genome Editing Tools (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP)

Notice seeking applications to create novel large animal reporter models for testing in vivo genome editing technologies. These models will be used to test new delivery systems and genome editing tools developed by accompanying components in planned large animal testing centers.

Optional letters of intent are due March 3, 2018. Applications are due April 3, 2018. Approximately $2.1 million is available for three awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Expanding the Human Genome Editing Repertoire (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

Notice seeking applications to propose research on the development of novel and optimized alternatives to existing in vivo genome editing complexes. Expanding the repertoire of genome editing tools would accelerate the development of novel genome editing therapeutics to treat a broad array of rare and common diseases.

Optional letters of intent are due March 3, 2018. Applications are due April 3, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for three awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Innovative Technologies to Deliver Genome Editing Machinery to Disease-relevant Cells and Tissues (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)

Notice seeking applications to deliver genome editing machinery into somatic cells, with the ultimate goal of accelerating the development of genome editing therapeutics to treat human disease.

Optional letters of intent are due March 3, 2018. Applications are due April 3, 2018. Approximately $7.5 million is available for 10 awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Pragmatic Trials for Dementia Care in Long-term Services and Support (LTSS) Settings (R61/R33 - Clinical Trial Required)

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

Notice seeking applications to improve quality of care of persons with dementia, improve quality of life for persons with dementia and their informal caregivers, deliver more patient-focused, cost-effective care, and reduce disparities in long-term services and support care.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due March 27, 2018, February 20, 2019, and February 20, 2020. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Request for Nominations of Potential Reviewers To Serve on the Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)

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

Notice soliciting nominations for possible membership on the Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel, which advises HHS leadership on the concept review, scientific and technical merit of grant and cooperative agreement assistance applications, and contract proposals relating to the causes, prevention, and control of diseases, disabilities, injuries, and impairments of public health significance; exposure to hazardous substances in the environment; health promotion and education; and other related activities that promote health and well-being. Focus areas include child abuse and neglect, opioid overdose, intimate partner violence, motor vehicle injury, older adult falls, self-directed violence, sexual violence, traumatic brain injury, teen dating violence and youth violence, environmental pollutants (air/water), toxic substances most commonly found at facilities on the National Priorities List, chemical releases leases, natural disasters, economic evaluation, etiology of disease, implementation and translation science, intervention research, policy evaluation, program evaluation, qualitative research design, quantitative research design, statistics, and surveillance.

Nominations are due by June 30, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register

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

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Fogarty International Center (FIC); Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP); Office of Strategic Coordination (Common Fund)

Notice seeking applications from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research in order to improve the diversity of the research workforce.

Submission dates vary by awarding agencies through September 8, 2021. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Rodent Testing Centers for Development of Reporter Systems and Evaluation of Somatic Cell Genome Editing Tools (U42 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP)

Notice seeking applications to create rodent reporter models for testing in vivo genome editing technologies, and to use these animal models to test genome editing delivery technologies and new genome editors.

Optional letters of intent are due March 3, 2018. Applications are due April 3, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for three awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Somatic Cell Genome Editing Dissemination and Coordinating Center (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Notice seeking applications for a Somatic Cell Genome Editing Consortium to facilitate therapeutic genome editing development programs and regulatory submissions.

Optional letters of intent are due March 3, 2018. Applications are due April 3, 2018. Approximately $2 million for FY 2019, $5 million for FY 2020 to 2022, and $1.5 million for FY 2023 are available for one award to support a project lasting up to five years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children to discuss a final evidence-based review report on the spinal muscular atrophy condition nomination for possible inclusion on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel and on states’ activities to achieve newborn screening timeliness goals.

The meeting will be held on February 8, 2018 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and February 9, 2018 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, 5th Floor Pavilion, Rockville, MD. Attendees can also register to attend a webcast: http://www.achdncmeetings.org/. Registration is required by February 5, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes; Meeting Notice

NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

Notice announcing a pair of teleconferences of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI). The first will be held to discuss the revised draft report of the ACMUI Nursing Mother Guidelines for the Medical Administration of Radioactive Materials and the revised draft report of the ACMUI Physical Presence Requirements for the Leksell Gamma Knife Icon. The second will be held to discuss the draft report of the Standing ACMUI Training and Experience Subcommittee.

The teleconference to discuss Nursing Mother Guidelines (etc.) will be held on February 15, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am ET. The teleconference to discuss the draft report of the training subcommittee (etc.) will be held on March 1, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm ET.

LINKS: Federal Register

Announcement of Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing an online meeting of the Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. The Committee will discuss the nation's health promotion and disease prevention objectives and will provide recommendations to improve health status and reduce health risks for the nation by the year 2030.

The meeting will be held online on February 28, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. Agenda items include a presentation on vaccine innovation; a presentation on a report entitled "Incentivizing the Development of Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Diagnostics to Combat Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria"; discussion of disparities in adult immunizations; and an update on strategies to support improving coverage for HPV vaccine.

The meeting will be held February 7 and 8, 2018 at the US Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Great Hall, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Times will be posted on the NVAC website. Preregistration is required.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Meeting of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group with the goal of mapping out the work of the six established subcommittee working groups: Disease Vectors, Surveillance and Prevention (includes epidemiology of tick-borne diseases); Pathogenesis, Transmission, and Treatment; Testing and Diagnostics (including laboratory-based diagnoses and clinical-diagnoses); Access to Care Services and Support to Patients; Vaccine and Therapeutics; and Other Tick-Borne Diseases and Co-infections.

The meeting will be held via webcast on February 12, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm ET.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee to discuss NCI’s Clinical and Translational Research Programs.

The meeting will be held on March 7, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 11A01, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD (Virtual Meeting). The open session will be available on videocast and accessible on the website: http://videocast.nih.gov/

LINKS: Federal Register

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance (C&M) Committee Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Centers of Disease Control ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee to discuss proposed modifications to the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification and ICD-10 Procedure Coding System.

The meeting will be held on March 6, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET and March 7, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD. Attendees who wish to attend the March 6-7, 2018, ICD-10-CM C&M meeting must submit their name and organization by March 1, 2018, for inclusion on the visitor list. Attendees can also register to attend the meeting on-line at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/events/.

LINKS: Federal Register

Office of the Secretary; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women. Agenda items for the two-day meeting include resolution of old business, several panels, and discussions on proposed topics.

The meeting will be held February 26, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and February 27, 2018 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The meetings will be held at 6710B Rockledge Drive, Room 1425/1427 (1st Floor), Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Pediatric Advisory Committee and the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Pediatric Advisory Committee and the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory committee to discuss the major objectives of a phase 3 drug development program indicated for the treatment of children with achondroplasia. Public comments are sought.

The open section of the meeting will be held March 22, 2018 from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm at 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, Rm. 1503, Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Control Advisory Committee (BCCEDCAC)

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

Notice soliciting nominations for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Control Advisory Committee. Nominees will be selected based on expertise in the fields of breast cancer, cervical cancer, medicine, public health, behavioral science, epidemiology, radiology, pathology, clinical medical care, health education, and surveillance.

Nominations are due February 23, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM

Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), Directorate for Engineering (ENG), Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking applications to develop research projects that identify (1) factors that are effective in the formation of ethical STEM researchers and (2) approaches to developing those factors in all the fields of science and engineering that National Science Foundation supports.

Applications are due April 17, 2018 and February 22 annually thereafter. Approximately $3 million is available for up to eight awards to support projects lasting between three to five years.

Limited Submission: One application per institution.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

FY 2018 Joint Technology Transfer Initiative

Department of Commerce (Commerce), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Notice seeking applications to conduct research and development activities related to advancing data assimilation of new observations and data assimilation techniques for convective-scale weather prediction, improving water prediction capabilities through enhancements to National Water Model, improving daily to subseasonal scale prediction of Arctic sea ice, and communicating forecast uncertainty.

Optional letters of intent are due February 19, 2018. Applications are due April 9, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available for 10 awards for projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems

Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR), Directorate for Engineering (ENG), Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking applications to exercise innovative, convergent, boundary-crossing approaches to open new opportunities leading to understanding complex aspects of neural and cognitive systems through integrative multidisciplinary efforts. The program focuses on four areas: 1) Neuroengineering and Brain-Inspired Concepts and Designs; 2) Individuality and Variation; 3) Cognitive and Neural Processes in Realistic, Complex Environments; and 4) Data-Intensive Neuroscience and Cognitive Science.

Required letters of intent are due on February 20 and December 7, 2018 and January 08, 2019. Supplements are due April 17, 2018, February 26, 2019 and February 26, 2020. Full proposals are due on April 17, 2018, February 26, 2019 and February 26, 2020. Approximately $15 million is available annually for a combination 25 FRONTIERS and other class award awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Operator Selection for Two Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV 2 and RCRV 3)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking applications to operate additional Regional Class Research Vessels Class vessels to include: 1) providing representation on-site at the shipyard from the start of the design verification and transfer for their respective vessel; 2) offering one representative to a Transition Core Team formed at the start of the Transition to Operations Phase of RCRV; and 3) providing appropriate levels of phased personnel resources in support of the two-year Transition to Operations periods.

Proposals are due April 19, 2018. Approximately $8.6 million is available to support up to two awards. Institutions shall either have current membership in the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) or join UNOLS members prior to taking over responsibility for full vessel operations.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

PReventing EMerging Pathogenic Threats

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Biological Technologies Office

Notice seeking applications to develop new tools and models to quantify the likelihood of a virus to jump from an animal host into humans, and to develop and validate new scalable technologies to target potential human-capable viral pathogens in wild reservoirs and/or mosquito vectors to prevent transmission to humans.

Abstracts are due February 13, 2018. Full proposals are due March 27, 2018. The budget is contingent upon the quality of the proposals received and the availability of DARPA funds for multiple awards. DARPA will also host Prospers’ Day on January 30, 2018. Click here for more information.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

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

Notice seeking applications supporting small businesses conducting research that could lead to commercializable products. Research topics include: Advanced Communications, Networks, and Scientific Data Systems; Advanced Manufacturing and Material Measurements; Cybersecurity and Privacy; Exploratory Measurement Science; Health and Bioscience; Physical Infrastructure and Resilience; and Lab to Market. Colleges and universities may partner.

Applications are due by April 4, 2018. Approximately $100,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Driven and Nonequilibrium Quantum Systems (DRINQS) Proposers Day

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

Notice announcing a Proposers Day webcast for the Driven and Nonequilibrium Quantum Systems (DRINQS) program.

The Proposers Day webcast will be held February 1, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET. Registration is required by January 29, 2018 at http://www.cvent.com/d/3tq4sp

LINKS: FBO

Fourth RTCA SC-236 Wireless Airborne Intra Communications (WAIC) Joint Plenary With EUROCAE WG-96

Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Fourth RTCA SC-236 Wireless Airborne Intra Communications (WAIC) Joint Plenary With EUROCAE WG-96.

The meeting will be held February 17 - March 2, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at 1150 18th Street NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC)

Notice announcing a meeting of NARA.

The meeting will be held March 14, 2018 from 10:00 am to noon ET at 700 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of Information Collection

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice requesting comments on NASA Citizen Science.

Comments will be accepted through February 16, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register
Decentralized Classification and Coordination with Non-Permissive Communications

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking white papers for innovative solutions to research, develop, and evaluate technologies/techniques to enable multiple systems to coordinate and identify entities of interest when communications are constrained. Technical areas being explored include decentralized, on-device classification; multi-agent planning for self-orchestrating collectives; and dynamic network management. Required white papers are accepted any time until September 30, 2021, but submission is recommended by specific dates for each fiscal year to maximize chances of funding: FY 18 by February 23, 2018; FY 19 by June 29, 2018; FY 20 by June 28, 2019; and FY 21 by June 30, 2020. Multiple awards are anticipated with a normal ceiling of $2 million per award.

LINKS: FBO

Millimeter-Wave Digital Arrays (MIDAS)

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Microsystems Technology Office (MTO)

Notice seeking proposals for the development of element-level digital beamforming array technology at millimeter wave frequencies. The primary goal of the program is to develop and demonstrate a tile building block sub-array (>16 elements) that supports scaling to large arrays (100’s-10,000+) in the 18-50 GHz band. Funds support three technical areas: Wideband Millimeter Wave Digital Tiles; Wideband Millimeter Wave Apertures; and Millimeter Wave Array Fundamentals. Optional questions are due March 12, 2018. Applications are due March 26, 2018. Cost-sharing and collaboration are not required but are encouraged. Multiple awards are anticipated with a total funding ceiling of $64.5 million. Funding levels and award lengths vary by technical area.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program (FY 2018)

Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications to build resilience by conserving and restoring sustainable ecosystem processes and functions and reducing the vulnerability of coastal communities and infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions. This program supports activities that restore or create natural infrastructure and natural landscape features to provide valuable ecosystem functions and services, such as habitat for fish, improved water quality and quantity, flood reduction, and erosion protection. Pre-proposals are due March 7, 2018. Invited full proposals are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $9 million is available to support projects lasting up to two to three years. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Reconnaissance and Surveillance, Payloads, Sensors, Delivery Systems and Platforms

Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals for research and development support in technologies that are applicable to Communications Relay, Electro-Optical, Radio Frequency, Acoustic Sensors, Manned and Unmanned Airborne Payloads, Persistent Surveillance Technologies, Unattended Ground Sensors, and Special Sensor Systems for Navy Aircraft and Manned/Unmanned Air Vehicles. This research not only includes the sensors, sensor data processing and sensors systems, but mathematical modeling of the sensor, communication techniques between the sensors and/or platforms, interfaces, the fusion and exploitation of multi-sensor data, and any other technique to develop advanced capabilities and to reduce the cost of transitioning sensors technologies into the fleet. Cost sharing is not required, but encouraged.

Proposal abstracts are due any time before the closing date of January 22, 2019. Proposals may only be submitted by request from the offering agency. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: FBO
ROSES 2017: Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations Geodesy and Heat Tranheat sport Participating Scientist Program

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking applications to conduct research within all aspects of basic and applied supporting research and technology in space and Earth sciences, including, but not limited to: theory, modeling, and analysis of SMD science data; aircraft, scientific balloon, sounding rocket, International Space Station, CubeSat and suborbital reusable launch vehicle investigations, etc. in support of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate.

Applications are due February 22, 2018. The number of awards vary and budgets range from 100k to several million dollars to support projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

National Nanotechnology Initiative Meetings

Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

Notice announcing the intention of the National Nanotechnology Coordination Office to schedule multiple discussions of targeted nanotechnology topics through workshops, webinars, and Community of Interest meetings over the course of 2018. Workshop and webinar topics may include technical subjects; environmental, health, and safety issues related to nanomaterials; business case studies; or other areas of potential interest to the nanotechnology community.

Meeting dates have not yet been set. Updates can be found by regularly checking www.nano.gov.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Solicitation for Applications for Advisory Councils Established Pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and Executive Orders

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications to fill seats on its 13 national marine sanctuary advisory councils and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council.

See list of deadlines on each advisory council's website.

LINKS: Federal Register

Species Proposals for Consideration at the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Department of the Interior (Interior)

Notice soliciting recommendations on animal and plant species to be considered as candidates for US proposals to amend Appendices I and II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Such amendments may concern the addition of species to Appendix I or II, the transfer of species from one Appendix to another, or the removal of species from Appendices.

Comments must be received by March 26, 2018.

LINKS: Federal Register