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Campus wide

[Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: FY 2017 Community Solutions Program](#)

POSTED: March 15, 2017

DEADLINE: May 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The Community Solutions Program seeks to enhance the skills of approximately 100 civic and community leaders to more effectively address current economic, environmental, political, and social challenges in their communities. Through a four- to six-month fellowship, complemented by leadership coaching and development, Community Solutions will provide opportunities for eligible individuals to experience U.S. best practices and learn effective models of public and community engagement, while developing concrete strategies to better address complex issues in their home communities. As a global tool to address community-based challenges, the Community Solutions Program seeks to: facilitate and strengthen participants' ability to address complex challenges; provide new skills and resources to enable participants to assume greater leadership roles in their institutions and communities; provide concrete tools to facilitate leadership development, community engagement, public discourse, collaboration, effective communication, and project implementation and management; cultivate professional ties with U.S. citizens and American economic, environmental, political, and social institutions through collaborative efforts and follow-on projects; expand and strengthen the relationship between the people of the United States and other countries to work in partnership to identify solutions to common issues facing both local and global communities; and create a global network of diverse, multi-disciplinary professionals and civic leaders committed to problem solving and community engagement.

Limited Submission Note: Organizations may submit a maximum of one proposal. If interested in responding to this funding opportunity, please contact Chief Research Officer Ed Katz to discuss.

[Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grants](#)

POSTED: March 16, 2017

DEADLINE: May 19, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Best Buy Foundation will donate Community Grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. Examples of program activities include: Computer programming, Digital imaging (photography, graphic design, videography), Music production, Robotics, Gaming and mobile app development. Organizations must provide direct services to build technology skills in teens, ages 13-18.

Humanities

[National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\): 2017 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students](#)

POSTED: March 16, 2017

DEADLINE: May 3, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization ("Cooperator") to coordinate and administer the 2017-2018 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts. In brief, the Cooperator will: 1. Provide project management, including financial management, for the Songwriting Challenge. 2. Coordinate activities among project partners to promote the project, develop and disseminate online curricular materials, and recruit eligible high school students to apply. 3. Assist in the development and implementation of a communications plan for the project. 4. Coordinate the songwriting adjudication process from preliminary screening to regional winners competing at the national level. 5. Manage and produce a three-day Finalist Weekend to take place in New York City in Spring 2018. Working alone or in collaboration with one other student, contestants are challenged to create the lyrics and music for an original song that could appear in a musical theater show.

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Social Sciences

[Lawrence Foundation Accepting Proposals for Environmental, Education, Human Services Projects](#)

POSTED: March 11, 2017

DEADLINE: April 30, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Lawrence Foundation in Santa Monica, California, is a private family foundation that makes grants in the areas of the environment, education, human services, and other causes. To date we have funded organizations that address the following areas of interest: Environment (US headquartered organizations operating programs in the US or elsewhere in the world), Human Services, Disaster relief (US headquartered organizations responding to disasters in the US or elsewhere in the world on an occasional basis), Other (US headquartered organizations operating programs in the US or elsewhere in the world).

[Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\): OJJDP FY 17 Changing Minds: Professional Development and Public Education to Address Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma](#)

POSTED: March 17, 2017

DEADLINE: May 2, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

To extend and continue the important work done to date in educating the public and in professional development on children exposed to violence, OJJDP invites applications

to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to state, local, and tribal professionals who work with at-risk children and justice-involved youth in three discrete categories of funding, as described following: Category 1: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for educators and educational administrators in public school and correctional and alternative education settings based on the Changing Minds K-12 training institute; Category 2: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for law enforcement based on the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence curriculum and toolkit; and Category 3: Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign expansion and enhancement phase 2

[National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\): NIJ FY17 Evaluation of OVC's Vision 21: Law Enforcement and the Communities They Serve: Supporting Collective Healing in the Wake of Harm](#)

POSTED: March 15, 2017

DEADLINE: May 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The NIJ has a longstanding history of collaboration with and supporting the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) on research, evaluation, and programmatic projects. With this solicitation, in partnership OVC, NIJ seeks competitive proposals for a single award that will support evaluation research on the Vision 21: Law Enforcement and the Communities They Serve: Supporting Collective Healing in the Wake of Harm (Collective Healing). This purpose of this award will be to support an initial one-year planning phase to develop comprehensive evaluation options to assess the pilot sites of the Collective Healing initiative. Results from this evaluation planning phase may lay the groundwork for a possible targeted larger evaluation program of the Collective Healing program. The Collective Healing program will: (1) assist law enforcement agencies to develop and implement trauma-informed and evidence based response strategies that promote community engagement and health, and (2) provide comprehensive, expert technical assistance to law enforcement and the communities they serve to promote trauma-informed culture, capacity building, and evidence-based practices to address the impact of trauma and community harm.

[Department of State, Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration \(PRM\): FY 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Global Innovation Programs to Address Gender-based Violence \(GBV\) in Conflict-Affected Humanitarian Emergencies](#)

POSTED: March 17, 2017

DEADLINE: May 18, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Since 2010, PRM has allocated specific funding to complement ongoing efforts through our regional GBV responses and Safe from the Start initiative, which supports GBV accountability and institutionalization across agencies. Past support has led to the development of new evidence-based programming, guidelines and tools, as well as capacity building initiatives that contribute to quality programming and sustainability. This announcement is for submissions that advance GBV programming and practice at the field level, with a particular focus on initiatives and efforts that improve quality and

accessibility of services for women, girls, and survivors of GBV. In addition, PRM prioritizes submissions that contribute to a broader evidence-base and builds upon current standards to document good approaches or practice for the wider humanitarian community. This funding opportunity is only for proposals for globally-relevant projects that involve multiple locations and, when appropriate, multiple partners. Proposals for this funding opportunity must be in line with the following themes: (1) Improving Service Provision; (2) Global Capacity Development; and/or (3) Research, Evaluation, and Uptake.

[Department of State, U.S. Mission to Costa Rica: Strengthen Government through Civil Society Engagement](#)

POSTED: March 20, 2017

DEADLINE: May 19, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The U.S. Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica announces a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to strengthen government through civil society engagement. Within Central America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama), the United States works with partner nations to strengthen institutions to counter the effects of organized crime, uphold the rule of law, and protect human rights. Institution building is coupled with both prevention projects that dissuade at-risk youth from turning to crime and gangs and community policing projects that engage local communities on citizen security issues. The NOFO invites organizations to submit proposals that include an implementation strategy focused on: (a) Supporting the development of strong, capable and accountable Central American governments; and (b) Central American civil society demanding government accountability without reprisal of their rights and are able to influence policy outcomes. Proposals should be oriented toward activities by civil society organizations working to improve, expand or complement the delivery of government services, particularly to vulnerable and/or marginalized communities and in areas outside of the Central Valley in an effort to help create strong, capable, and accountable governments.

[Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\): BJA FY 17 Site Based Prison Rape Elimination Act \(PREA\)](#)

POSTED: March 15, 2017

DEADLINE: May 25, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The purpose of this solicitation is to support local agencies that oversee small- and medium sized jails (i.e., with 500 beds or less), lockups, community confinement facilities, and juvenile confinement facilities to initiate or expand efforts to implement the PREA standards and zero tolerance cultures related to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in these confinement facilities. The standards are grouped into 11 categories: prevention planning; responsive planning; training and education; screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness; reporting; official response following an inmate report; investigations; discipline; medical and mental care; data collection and review; and audits.

[Agency for Health Care Research and Quality \(AHRQ\): AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants \(R18\)](#)

UPDATED: March 20, 2017

DEADLINE: May 25, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grant (R18) is an award made by AHRQ to an institution/organization to support a discrete, specified health services research project. The R18 research plan proposed by the applicant institution/organization must be related to the mission and portfolio priority research interests of AHRQ. The AHRQ mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, and to work with HHS and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. Within the mission, AHRQ's specific priority areas of focus are: Improve health care quality by accelerating implementation of Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR); Make health care safer; Increase accessibility by evaluating expansions of insurance coverage; Improve health care affordability, efficiency and cost transparency.

[U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\): Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#)

POSTED: March 15, 2017

DEADLINE: June 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Reimbursement

The USDA's SFSP relies on innovative and collaborative efforts to reach children in need. USDA encourages collaborations with valued partners at the National, State, and local levels to raise awareness about the nutrition gap low-income children face when schools close for the summer and the availability of summer meals to close this gap. The SFSP was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet Federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. The SFSP operates during school vacations, primarily in the summer months – from May through September. It may also provide meals during vacation breaks in schools that are operated on a year-round basis or a continuous school calendar, or during emergency school closures from October through April. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the SFSP at the national and regional levels. Within each state, the Program is administered by the State department of education or an alternate state-designated agency. Sponsors receive Federal reimbursement from the State agency to cover the administrative and operating costs of preparing and serving meals to eligible children at one or more meal sites.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Advancing the Science of Geriatric Palliative Care \(R21\) \(PA-13-355\)](#)

UPDATED: March 20, 2017

DEADLINE: June 16, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant

applications focused on palliative care in geriatric populations. This FOA emphasizes studies in a variety of settings including ambulatory care, hospitals (and specific sites within hospitals including specialty wards, intensive care units and emergency departments), assisted living facilities, and short- and long-term care facilities; however, *hospice and end-of-life settings are not included within the scope of this FOA, as they are the subject of other NIH programs*. Rather, this FOA highlights research on palliative care in settings and at time points earlier in geriatric patients' disease or disability trajectories. Types of studies may include observational, quasi-experimental, or interventional studies using primary data collection and/or secondary analyses. Leveraging on-going cohorts, intervention studies, networks, data and specimen repositories, and other existing resources and infrastructure are encouraged.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Advancing the Science of Geriatric Palliative Care \(R21\) \(PA-17-226\)](#)

UPDATED: March 20, 2017

DEADLINE: June 16, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages exploratory or developmental research grant applications to develop new tools, methods, and models focused on palliative care in geriatric populations. This FOA covers studies in a variety of settings including hospitals (and specific sites within hospitals including specialty medical or surgical wards, intensive care units, and emergency departments), post-acute care settings, outpatient clinics and doctors' offices, patients homes and other residential settings, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospices, and other healthcare or community settings. This FOA encourages both prospective studies and analyses of existing datasets, health and medical records, claims data, or other sources. Leveraging ongoing cohorts, intervention studies, networks, data and specimen repositories, and other existing research resources and infrastructure are encouraged. Study designs may include observational approaches, quasi-experimental designs, and limited interventional studies where feasible for this R21 mechanism.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Hearing Health Care for Adults: Improving Access and Affordability \(R21\)](#)

POSTED: March 20, 2017

DEADLINE: June 16, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages exploratory and developmental research applications for research on hearing health care in adults in support of improving access and affordability. Further research is needed to strengthen the evidence base with a goal of delivering better hearing health care outcomes in adults. This FOA will utilize the Exploratory/Developmental (R21) mechanism. The R21 activity code is intended to encourage exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on studies of

hearing health care. Such investigations can include but are not limited to population-based studies, innovative models, technological advancement, and collaborative/interdisciplinary research.

[National Institutes of Health: Resource-Related Research Projects in the Epidemiology and Prevention of Pediatric Injury \(R24\)](#)

POSTED: March 21, 2017

DEADLINE: June 19, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to develop research resources, for use by the broader scientific community, for furthering research in the scientific area of epidemiology and/or prevention of childhood injuries. Consistent with the research priorities of the Pediatric Trauma and Critical Illness Branch (PTCIB) and the portfolio on Injury Prevention, Trauma and Emergency Care, the research resource should focus on areas most likely to cause death or disability, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle crashes, firearms, poisonings, drowning, self-injurious behavior, fires, burns, and suffocation. Projects supported through this FOA should: Address a critical resource gap and the strategic interests of the PTCIB, specifically focusing on the epidemiology and/or prevention of those injuries most likely to cause death or disability; Provide a valuable resource to the research community; Include plans to distribute, share or disseminate research resources; Where applicable, provide a plan for sustaining the resource beyond the life of the grant.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Human-Animal Interaction \(HAI\) Research \(R21\)](#)

POSTED: March 21, 2017

DEADLINE: June 27, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites grant applications for research to examine 1) the impact of HAI on typical and atypical child development and health; 2) the evaluation of animal-assisted intervention for children and adults with disabilities or in need of rehabilitative services; 3) the effects of animals on public health, including cost effectiveness of involving animals in reducing and preventing disease. The objective of this program of research is to encourage interdisciplinary studies to determine the impact of HAI in and outside the home environment on child and adolescent health and development, as well as therapeutically across the lifespan, through observational studies, experiments and clinical trials. For the adult population, the objective of this FOA is to build the empirical evidence base around animal-assisted interventions for those with intellectual, developmental or physical disabilities, and for those in need of therapeutic and/or rehabilitative services.

[Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\), Office of Procurement Operations - Grants Division: DHS S&T Center of Excellence for Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense – Lead](#)

POSTED: March 16, 2017

DEADLINE: August 4, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The DHS Centers of Excellence (COEs) are university consortia that work closely with DHS Components and their partners to conduct research, develop and transition mission-relevant science and technology, educate the next generation of homeland security technical experts, and train the current workforce in the latest scientific applications. Each COE is led by an accredited U.S. college or university and involves multiple partners for varying lengths of time. COE partners include other academic institutions, commercial industry, DHS Components, Department of Energy National Laboratories and other Federally-Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), other federal agencies that have homeland security-relevant missions, state/local/tribal governments, non-profits, and first responder organizations. DHS envisions the COEs as long-term trusted partners that provide an array of resources to help DHS achieve improve operations. The new Center will be a fully integrated component of the COE network and will take advantage of the network's resources to develop mission-critical research, education, and technology transition programs.

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[American Psychological Foundation Seeks Applications for Lizette Peterson-Homer Injury Prevention Award](#)

POSTED: March 14, 2017

DEADLINE: October 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The annual award program supports research into the psychological and behavioral aspects of the prevention of injuries in children and adolescents as reflected in the activities and interests within pediatric psychology of the late Lizette Peterson-Homer and her commitment to improving the status of children. Specifically, the grant supports research related to the prevention of injuries in children and adolescents through accidents, violence, abuse, or suicide. A single grant of up to \$5,000 will be awarded in 2017.

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Innovation Corps \(I-Corps TM\) - National Innovation Network Nodes Program \(I-Corps Nodes\)](#)

POSTED: March 16, 2017

DEADLINE: Letters of Intent due February 8, 2018; Full proposals due March 13, 2018

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Through this solicitation, NSF is seeking to expand and sustain the network of Innovation Corps (I-CorpsTM) (hereinafter I-Corps). Nodes that work cooperatively to support the development of innovations that will benefit society. NSF plans to build upon the established National Innovation Network (consisting of I-Corps Nodes and Sites) to further support the needs for innovation research, education and training. The interconnected nodes of the network are expected to be diverse in research areas, resources, tools, programs, capabilities, and geographic locations - providing the network with the flexibility to grow or reconfigure as needs arise. I-Corps Nodes will foster understanding on how to: 1) identify, develop and support promising ideas that can generate value, 2) create and implement tools, resources and training activities that enhance our nation's innovation capacity, 3) gather, analyze, evaluate and utilize the data and insight resulting from the experiences of those participating in regional programs and 4) share and leverage effective innovation practices on a national scale - to improve the quality of life for the U.S. citizenry. In addition, Nodes must identify and are expected to implement plans for sustainable scaling of their efforts beyond the duration of NSF support. Node proposals are to be submitted by a single Lead institution, with partnering institutions listed as sub-awardees.

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[Children's Heart Foundation Seeks Applications for Research Projects](#)

POSTED: March 17, 2017

DEADLINE: June 2, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Children's Heart Foundation has issued a call for research proposals focused on clinical pediatric cardiology, basic science, and the advancement of surgical techniques. Grants of up to \$100,000 per year for a maximum of two years will be awarded for new research in the areas of molecular genetics/biochemistry, devices/procedural research (catheterization and surgical), and long-term care of children with congenital heart defects as they become adults.

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[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Big Data Regional Innovation Hubs: Establishing Spokes to Advance Big Data Applications \(BD Spokes\)](#)

POSTED: March 16, 2017

DEADLINE: September 18, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This solicitation calls for new BD Spoke proposals to be awarded in FY 2018.

Collaborating with BD Hubs, each BD Spoke will focus on a particular topic that requires Big Data approaches and solutions. The set of activities managed by a BD Spoke will promote progress towards solutions in the chosen topic area. The regional BD Hub Steering Committee will provide general guidance to each BD Spoke and will assist the BD Spoke in coordinating with the national BD Hub network, with other BD Spokes, and with the broader innovation ecosystem. The Big Data activities of a BD Spoke will be guided by the following broad themes: Accelerating progress towards addressing societal grand challenges relevant to the regional and national priority areas defined by the BD Hubs; Helping automate the Big Data lifecycle; and Enabling access to and spurring the use of important and valuable available data assets, including international data sets where relevant. NSF's overall Big Data research and development (R&D) portfolio includes fundamental research, infrastructure development and provisioning, education and workforce development, and community engagement. This solicitation is not meant to fund proposals in which fundamental research is the primary activity. All BD Spoke proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must include a Letter of Collaboration from a regional BD Hub.

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[National Institutes of Health: Maximizing the Scientific Value of the National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute \(NHLBI\) Biorepository: Scientific Opportunities for Exploratory Research \(R21\)](#)

UPDATED: March 17, 2017

DEADLINE: October 17, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate exploratory research relevant to the NHLBI mission using the existing biospecimen collections that are stored in the NHLBI Biorepository, thereby maximizing the scientific value of the stored collections and providing researchers with an opportunity to generate preliminary data for subsequent research proposals. The NHLBI Biorepository has served as a valuable scientific resource for nearly four decades by acquiring unique

biospecimen collections from NHLBI-funded clinical studies and distributing samples to qualified investigators at no fee beyond the cost of shipping. The NHLBI Biorepository was initially established to support the need for archival collections to address emerging blood-safety concerns. The use of these collections made several seminal contributions to public health such as establishing the viral origin of the agent responsible for non-A, non-B hepatitis (HCV) and transfusion transmissibility of HIV. The NHLBI Biorepository mission was expanded to acquire quality biospecimens with potential scientific utility from NHLBI-funded clinical studies in heart, lung and blood diseases. As of August 2016, over 4 million richly phenotyped biospecimens from 46 NHLBI-funded clinical studies are stored in the NHLBI Biorepository and are open to the scientific community through the NHLBI BioLINCC web portal at www.biolincc.nhlbi.nih.gov.

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