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Federal Funding Opportunities and Regulatory Updates

A Weekly Wrap-Up of Federal Funding Opportunities and Regulatory Issues at the Intersection of Business and Government - November 2, 2021

Federal Grants:

Atlanta FY 2021 – FY 2023 EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance

Summary: Under the Planning program, EDA makes Partnership Planning, Short-Term Planning, and State Planning awards to designated planning organizations (i.e., District Organizations) serving EDA-designated Economic Development Districts and to Indian Tribes to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs). EDA also makes Short-Term and State Planning awards for economic development planning activities that guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.

Estimated Program Funding: TBD

Deadline: Rolling Submissions

Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Summary: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides funding under this program for projects with the goal of encouraging innovative health services research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings.

Estimated Program Funding: TBD

Deadline: March 27, 2023

FY 2021 - 2023 Economic Development RNTA

Summary: EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive merit basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in

economically distressed areas of the United States. Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in order to provide investments that support research and technical assistance projects under EDA's R&E and NTA programs.

Estimated Program Funding: TBD

Deadline: Rolling submissions

Making Health Care Safer in Ambulatory Care Settings and Long-Term Care Facilities

Summary: This program will fund large research demonstration and implementation projects that implement existing measures, metrics, tools and/or practices that have been shown to be efficacious in making healthcare safer in ambulatory care settings or long-term care facilities.

Estimated Program Funding: TBD

Deadline: TBD

Area Health Education Centers Program

Summary: The purpose of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program is to develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations. In turn, these networks develop the health care workforce, broaden the distribution of the health workforce, enhance health care quality, and improve health care delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations.

Estimated Program Funding: \$43,250,000

Deadline: April 11, 2022

Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention: Mobile Health Training Program

Summary: This grant program will fund projects that support the training and development of the future nursing workforce (e.g. mobile clinics, pipeline, clinical training sites, addressing health equity and social determinants of health).

Estimated Program Funding: \$30,000,000

Deadline: February 8, 2022

FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge

Summary: This ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO is designed to help get Americans back to work by developing and strengthening regional systems to develop and execute sectoral partnerships that will lead to well-paying jobs. The goal of regional workforce training systems is to create and implement effective employer-driven training programs that will connect the existing and emerging skills needs of employers with workers and will help workers find and keep quality jobs and advance along their chosen career path.

Estimated Program Funding: \$500,000,000

Deadline: January 26, 2022

FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Notice of Funding Opportunity

Summary: EDA's ARPA Tourism NOFO is designed to provide a wide range of financial assistance to communities and regions to rebuild and strengthen their travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation industry through various infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. EDA's travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation grants will be delivered through two components: (1) State Tourism Grants and (2) EDA Competitive Tourism Grants.

Estimated Program Funding: \$240,000,000

Deadline: January 31, 2022

FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity

Summary: Through this ARPA EAA NOFO, EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, including historically underserved communities. EDA's ARPA EAA NOFO is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters.

Estimated Program Funding: \$500,000,000

Deadline: March 31, 2022

National Leadership Grants for Museums

Summary: National Leadership Grants for Museums support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession to strengthen museum services for the American public.

Estimated Program Funding: \$5,800,000

Deadline: November 15, 2021

Museums for America

Summary: The Museums for America program awards funding to museums of all sizes and disciplines to undertake projects that strengthen their ability to serve their public. Project activities may include exhibitions, educational or interpretive programs, digital learning resources, professional development, community debate and dialogue, audience-focused studies, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation.

Estimated Program Funding: \$20,400,000

Deadline: November 15, 2021

Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

Summary: The Museum Grants for African American History and Culture program (AAHC program) is designed to build the capacity of African American museums and

support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums. The AAHC program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Estimated Program Funding: \$3,231,000

Deadline: November 15, 2021

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums

Summary: Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, professional development, community debate and dialogue, audience-focused studies, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation.

Estimated Program Funding: \$2,700,000

Deadline: November 15, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Summary: The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Estimated Program Funding: \$160,000,000

Deadline: January 28, 2022

Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Summary: The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities for hazard mitigation activities.

Estimated Program Funding: \$1,000,000,000

Deadline: January 28, 2022

Environmental Literacy Program: Increasing Community Resilience to Extreme Weather & Climate Change

Summary: This grant program provides funding to communities to ensure they have sufficient collective environmental literacy to take actions that build resilience to extreme weather and climate change in ways that contribute to community health, social cohesion, and socio-economic equity. Successful applications will demonstrate how they will engage children, youth, and/or adults to build these capabilities, particularly through active and social learning, during the award period.

Estimated Program Funding: \$5,000,000

Deadline: March 17, 2022

FY 2021 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Route Planning Restoration Program

Summary: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will provide funding under this program to support route planning designed to (i) increase ridership and reduce travel times, while maintaining or expanding the total level of vehicle revenue miles of service provided in the planning period; or (ii) make service adjustments to increase the quality or frequency of service provided to low-income riders and disadvantaged neighborhoods or communities.

Estimated Program Funding: \$25,000,000

Deadline: November 15, 2021

FY 2022 Marine Debris Prevention

Summary: NOAA's Marine Debris Program supports projects that facilitate the development and implementation of locally-driven, marine debris assessment, removal and prevention projects that benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and marine and Great Lake resources. Successful projects will actively engage and educate a target audience (such as students, teachers, recreational fisher communities, state or local governments, industries, elected officials, etc.) in hands-on programs designed to raise awareness, reduce barriers to marine debris prevention (e.g., lack of access to waste receptacles or alternatives to single-use items), and encourage and support changes in behaviors to ensure long-term prevention of marine debris.

Estimated Program Funding: \$5,000,000

Deadline: February 11, 2022

Rural Veterans Health Access Program

Summary: The Rural Veterans Health Access Program (RVHAP) provides funding to states to work with providers and other partners to improve access to needed health care services and to improve the coordination of care for veterans living in rural areas.

Estimated Program Funding: \$900,000

Deadline: December 10, 2021

Seafood Processors Pandemic Response and Safety Block Grant Program

Summary: Funding under this program will be provided for costs incurred between January 27, 2020, and December 31, 2021. Grants will cover activities associated with: workplace safety measures; market pivots; retrofitting facilities; transportation; worker housing; and medical.

Estimated Program Funding: \$50,000,000

Deadline: November 22, 2021

Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program

Summary: USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) will issue grants for COVID-19-related costs incurred between January 27, 2020, and December 31, 2021. Grants will cover the activities associated with: (1) Workplace Safety Measures; (2) Market Pivots; (3) Retrofitting Facilities; (4) Transportation; (5) Worker Housing; and (6) Medical activities (i.e. costs associated with providing or enabling vaccinations, testing, or healthcare treatment of infected employees, including any paid leave).

Estimated Program Funding: \$650,000,000

Deadline: November 22, 2021

National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP)

Summary: The Office of Naval Research's (ONR) National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) provides funding for projects that promote the national goals of assuring national security, advancing economic development, protecting quality of life, and strengthening science education and communication by improving knowledge of the ocean. ONR has identified two ocean research topics of mutual and emerging interest: (1) A Global Multi-Agency Experiment on Internal Wave Energy, Mixing and Interactions in the Ocean and their Representation in Global Ocean Models and Operational Forecasts; and (2) High Resolution Ocean Models for Coupled Earth System Prediction across Space and Time Scales.

Estimated Program Funding: \$23,000,000

Deadline: January 7, 2022

FY2021 Historic Preservation Fund- History of Equal Rights- Preservation Grants

Summary: The National Park Service's (NPS) History of Equal Rights Grant Program (HER) is designed to preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to achieve equal rights. HER grants will be awarded for a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures.

Estimated Program Funding: \$3,375,000

Deadline: December 1, 2021

FY2021 Historic Preservation Fund- African American Civil Rights- Preservation Grants

Summary: The National Park Service's (NPS) African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories of the full history of the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens. The NPS 2008 report, *Civil Rights in America, A Framework for Identifying Significant Sites*, will serve as a guide in determining the appropriateness of proposed projects and properties. AACR grants will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures.

Estimated Program Funding: \$16,750,000

Deadline: December 1, 2021

FY2021 Historic Preservation Fund- African American Civil Rights- History Grants

Summary: The National Park Service's (NPS) African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens as well as the transatlantic slave trade. The NPS 2008 report, *Civil Rights in America, A Framework for Identifying Significant Sites*, will serve as a guide in determining the appropriateness of proposed projects and properties. AACR Preservation Grants will fund a broad range of history projects for historic sites including: survey and inventory, National Register nominations, oral histories and more.

Estimated Program Funding: \$16,750,000

Deadline: December 1, 2021

USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Rural eConnectivity Program

Summary: Beginning on November 24th, USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will be accepting applications for the Rural eConnectivity Program (ReConnect) Program, which provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America. Successful projects will focus on the following key priorities: (1) assisting rural communities to recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly disadvantaged communities; (2) ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development programs and benefits from Rural Development funded projects; and (3) reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

Estimated Program Funding: \$1,150,000,000

Deadline: February 22, 2022

Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants

Summary: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is accepting applications for Training Project Grants (TPGs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training. The majority of TPGs are in academic institutions that provide high quality training in the core occupational safety and health disciplines of industrial hygiene (IH), occupational health nursing (OHN), occupational medicine residency (OMR), occupational safety (OS), as well as allied disciplines, but NIOSH also funds non-academic programs to meet specific training needs of targeted populations including firefighters, commercial fishermen, and occupational health and safety interns.

Estimated Program Funding: \$3,500,000

Deadline: December 17, 2021

Farm to School Grant

Summary: USDA's Farm to School Program provides funding to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods, including the following activities: training; supporting operations; planning; purchasing equipment; developing school gardens; developing partnerships; and implementing farm to school programs.

Estimated Program Funding: \$12,000,000

Deadline: January 10, 2022

Delta Region Rural Health Workforce Training Program

Summary: The Delta Regional Rural Health Workforce Training Program provides funding to educate and train future and current health professionals in the rural counties and parishes of the Mississippi River Delta Region and Alabama Black Belt (Delta Regional Authority (DRA) region) in the following critical administrative support occupations: medical coding and billing, claims processing, information management, and clinical documentation.

Estimated Program Funding: \$1,400,000

Deadline: January 25, 2022

Rural Residency Planning and Development Program

Summary: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) Program provides grant funding to improve health care in rural areas by supporting the development of new, accredited, and sustainable rural residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, preventive medicine psychiatry, general surgery, and obstetrics and gynecology, to address the physician workforce shortages and challenges faced by rural communities. This program provides start-up funding to RRPD award recipients to create new rural residency programs that will ultimately be sustainable long-term through viable and stable funding mechanisms.

Estimated Program Funding: \$10,500,000

Deadline: December 20, 2021

U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity

Summary: The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands. This year's funding notice focuses on the following priorities to: (1) reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forestlands; (2) reduce costs of forest management on all land types; and (3) promote economic and environmental health of communities. Projects can include, but are not limited to, developing manufacturing capacity; overcoming market barriers and stimulating

expansion of wood energy in the commercial sector; and showcasing quantifiable environmental and economic benefits of using wood as a sustainable material in actual commercial building and projected benefits if replicated across the U.S. based on commercial construction markets.

Estimated Program Funding: \$8,000,000

Deadline: January 19, 2022

First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grants

Summary: SAMHSA intends to fund projects that allow first responders and members of other key community sectors to administer a drug or device approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose. Recipients will train and provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors at the state, tribal, and local governmental levels on carrying and administering a drug or device approved or cleared under the FD&C Act for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose.

Estimated Program Funding: \$12,000,000

Deadline: TBD

U.S. Forest Service Community Wood Energy and Wood Innovation Funding Opportunity

Summary: The U.S. Forest Service is seeking proposals for projects to install a thermally led community wood energy system or build an innovative wood product facility. The grants awarded are intended to support forest health and stimulate local economies by expanding renewable wood energy use and innovative wood products manufacturing capacity. This funding opportunity is intended for shovel ready projects that will not require additional funding or time to complete after the award period. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: (1) install a thermally led community wood energy system for heating, cooling, and/or electricity that replaces fossil fuels such as coal, oil, propane, or natural gas; (2) purchase and install manufacturing equipment at a mass timber production facility; (3) expand a sawmill to add higher value production lines that incorporate innovative technologies and cost cutting measures; and (4) purchase and install equipment at a new facility to produce biofuels from forest residues.

Estimated Program Funding: \$5,000,000

Deadline: January 19, 2022

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program- Implementation

Summary: HRSA's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is a multi-year initiative aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high risk rural communities.

Estimated Program Funding: \$50,000,000

Deadline: January 13, 2022

Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Water Quality and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water

Summary: EPA intends to provide funding to support and provide training and technical assistance for small public water systems, small publicly owned wastewater systems, communities served by onsite/decentralized wastewater systems, and private drinking water well owners.

Estimated Program Funding: \$21,700,000

Deadline: December 14, 2021

Source: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

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