

**New Funding Opportunities
April 26, 2011**

Aloha,

Here are some current funding opportunities that might be of interest to you. Please pass this information on to anyone else who could use it. If the deadline is too short for this year, it is still a good indication of the likely due date for next year. **Let me know if I can be of any assistance with developing and submitting a grant application.**

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For information on submitting grants electronically on grants.gov the following publication may be useful:

USDA, NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide – A guide for the preparation and submission of NIFA applications via grants.gov:

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppUSDA-NIFA-CGP-002644-cfda10.217-instructions.pdf>

NIFA Help Desk - Phone: 202-401-5048 (M-F 7:00 am -5:00 pm ET)

UH Office of Research Services (ORS) Grants.gov Cover Page Information:

http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/_library/documents/SF424_Instructions.pdf

UH ORS Institutional Profile Information:

<http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/institutional-profile.asp>

UH ORS Help Desk – Phone: 956-5198 (M-F 7:45-4:30 pm HST)

\$ - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) - New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, Junior Investigator Program

Deadlines: May 5, 2011 - Receipt of brief proposals (required)

August 4, 2011 - Receipt of full proposals

New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. The program invites Junior Investigator scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities to submit proposals that address programming priorities for one of the following RWJF program areas: **Childhood Obesity**; Coverage; Human Capital; Public Health; Pioneer; Quality/Equality; and **Vulnerable Populations**. Up to 13 Junior Investigator grants, including up to five grants for Public Health Law Research-New Connections (PHLR-NC) awards will be selected, of up to \$75,000 each for 24 months.

\$ - RWJF - New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, Midcareer Consultants

Deadlines:

May 5, 2011 - Receipt of brief proposals (required)

August 4, 2011 - Receipt of full proposals

New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that informs RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). In Round 6 New Connections invites Midcareer Consultants—scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities who have between 10 to 15 years of research and/or evaluation experience—to conduct research and evaluation projects for one of the following RWJF program areas: **Childhood Obesity**; Coverage; Human Capital; Public Health; Pioneer; Quality/Equality; and **Vulnerable Populations**. New Connections aims to enhance the research and evaluation capacity of researchers and consultants from underrepresented groups. Up to 5 Midcareer Consultant grants of up to \$75,000 each for 12 months will be awarded.

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Women and Minorities in Science (WAMS), Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Grant Program

This program supports research and extension projects that have robust collaborations to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are relevant to USDA priorities identified by the Secretary: (i) Promotion of a safe, sufficient, and nutritious food supply for all Americans and for people around the world; (ii) Sustainable agricultural policies that foster economic viability for small and mid-sized farms and rural businesses, protect natural resources, and promote value-added agriculture; (iii) national leadership in climate change mitigation and adaptation; (iv) Building a modern workplace with a modern workforce; and (v) Support for 21st century rural communities. See

<http://www.usda.gov/documents/VilsackLetter.pdf>. Legal authority for this program is contained in Section 7204 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (Pub. L. 110-246), which amends Section 1672 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925)

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| Solicitation Date (Opening) | March 10, 2011 |
| Letter of Intent Due Date | None |
| Due Date (Closing) | May 10, 2011 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding | \$364,000.00 |
| Range of Awards | \$75,000.00 to \$300,000.00 |
| Percent of Applications Funded Last Fiscal Year | 20% |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | A dollar-for-dollar match required |
| For More Information Contact | Jermelina Tupas |
| Funding Opportunity Number | USDA-NIFA-WAMS-003415 |
| Contact for Electronic Access Problems | webcomments@nifa.usda.gov |

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/wams.html>

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Childhood Obesity Prevention

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| Document Type: | Grants Notice |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003410 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary |
| Posted Date: | Jan 26, 2011 |
| Current Closing Date: | May 18, 2011 |
| Archive Date: | Jun 17, 2011 |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 7 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$8,600,000 |
| Award Ceiling: | \$2,500,000 |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | No |

This AFRI Challenge Area addresses the priority of childhood obesity prevention. Obesity is the number one nutritional problem in America. The U.S. food supply contains an abundant amount of foods that are high in energy with appealing taste, but which are low in nutrient content. Food is an integral part of the process that leads to obesity and USDA has a unique responsibility for the food system in the United States. The long-term outcome for this program is to reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 years. In order to achieve this outcome, this program will support multi-function Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension Projects and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants that address one of the Program Area Priorities (see Childhood Obesity Prevention RFA for details).

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/11_child_obese.doc

\$ - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations

Deadline: May 19, 2011

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until May 19, 2011 on the following topics:

- * Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children
- * Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges
- * The Poliovirus Endgame: Create Innovative Ways to Accelerate, Sustain, and Monitor Eradication
- * Create the Next Generation of Sanitation Technologies
- * Design New Approaches to Cure HIV Infection
- * Create Low-Cost Cell Phone-Based Solutions for Improved Uptake and Coverage of Childhood Vaccinations

Initial grants of \$100,000 are awarded two times a year. Successful projects have the opportunity to receive a follow-on grant of up to \$1 million. The initiative uses an agile, accelerated grant-making process with short two-page applications and no preliminary data required. Applications are submitted online, and winning grants are chosen approximately 4 months from the submission deadline. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: www.grandchallenges.org/gce/.

\$ - USDA, NRCS, Hawaii - Conservation Innovation Grants

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| Document Type: | Grants Notice |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | USDA-NRCS-HI-11-02 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary |
| Posted Date: | Mar 24, 2011 |
| Current Closing Date: | May 20, 2011 |
| Archive Date: | Jun 19, 2011 |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 5 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$300,000 |
| Award Ceiling: | \$75,000 |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | Yes |

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing availability of Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications are accepted from the **Pacific Islands Area (Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)**. NRCS anticipates that the funding amount available for support of this program in FY 2011 will be approximately \$300,000. Applications are requested from eligible governmental or non-governmental organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between 1 and 3 years in duration.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=2NcrNSQQ3qmhpN118vTfTh6k7XHxLb8CnQHv2QqrHFqTQS3nBnnY!-1042483861>

\$ - RWJF - Public Health Services and Systems Research**Deadline: May 24, 2011 (3:00 PM EDT)**April 27, 2011 - Web conference for interested applicants ([Registration required](#))

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks to expand the evidence base for effective public health policy and practice through investment in *Public Health Services and Systems Research* (PHSSR). PHSSR examines the organization, financing and delivery of public health services within a community and determines the links between the quality and performance of the public health system and population health outcomes.

URL: http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21142&cid=XEM_206615

\$ - The National Pork Board's Spring Call for Proposals for 2011**Deadline: May 24th, 2011**

The National Pork Board's Spring Call for Proposals for 2011 is now available on our website at www.pork.org. See following URLs for descriptions and format instructions.

<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/RFPs/2011SpringCall.doc>

<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/RFPs/2011SpringCallInstructions.doc>

\$ - USDA, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) – Western Region - Graduate Student

Deadline: May 27, 2011

The Graduate Student Grants provide a maximum of \$25,000 and may last for up to two years. Those eligible to apply are masters or Ph.D. students enrolled full time (as determined by the institution's requirements) at accredited colleges or universities in the Western region. An applicant is eligible for only one grant during his or her graduate program.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Biomass Research and Development Initiative

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for fiscal year (FY) 2011 Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI) which requires that funded projects integrate all three legislatively mandated technical areas. These areas include (A) Feedstocks development, (B) Biofuels and biobased products development, and (C) Biofuels and biobased products development analysis.

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| Solicitation Date (Opening) | April 15, 2011 |
| Due Date (Closing) <i>Pre-Application Due Date</i> | May 31, 2011 |
| Due Date (Closing) <i>Invited Full Application Date</i> | October 4, 2011 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding | \$30,000,000.00 |
| Range of Awards | \$3,000,000.00 to \$7,000,000.00 |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | 20% research and development projects, 50% for demonstration or commercial projects |
| For More Information Contact | Carmela Bailey |
| Funding Opportunity Number | DE-FOA-0000510 |
| CFDA Number | 81.087 |

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=B65INyXN24JtFTFfBJNLJY51sh2FnzwFYxnphW2CL2YTLLHPKT7Y!-241849593?oppId=87874&mode=VIEW>

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive Grants Program

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| Document Type: | Grants Notice |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | USDA-NIFA-OP-003439 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary |
| Posted Date: | Apr 25, 2011 |
| Current Closing Date: | May 31, 2011 |
| Archive Date: | Jun 30, 2011 |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 5 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$800,000 |
| Award Ceiling: | \$210,000 |
| CFDA Number(s): | 10.200 -- Grants for Agricultural Research, Special Research Grants |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | No |

The goal of the Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive Grants Program (SACC) is to significantly increase canola crop production and/or acreage by developing and testing of superior germplasm, methods of planting, cultivation, harvesting, and then transferring new knowledge to producers (via Extension) as soon as practicable. Priority will be given to applications that provide evidence of **multi-state cooperation with a minimum of three state cooperators** and that utilize existing expertise of land-grant colleges and universities and government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/alt_crops.html

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship Grants

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| Document Type: | Grants Notice |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | USDA-NIFA-HEP-003435 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary |
| Posted Date: | Mar 29, 2011 |
| Current Closing Date: | Jun 01, 2011 |
| Archive Date: | Jul 01, 2011 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$3,600,000 |
| Award Ceiling: | \$262,500 |
| Award Floor: | \$4,500 |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | No |

The fellowships supported through the Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program (NNF) are intended to encourage outstanding and committed students to pursue and complete graduate degrees in critical areas of national need, through graduate programs at eligible institutions. The support provided through this NNF program, is a student stipend for the Fellow and a cost-of-education allowance to the institution. The typical period of performance for an award is five years, although a few programs may specify shorter (maximum of five years) periods. For the FY 2011 award cycle, NIFA intends to support graduate Fellowship training grants for both Master's and doctoral levels of study. Also, Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) awards will provide support for eligible USDA Fellows to conduct thesis/dissertation research or to undertake studies at sites outside of the United States. IRTA awards for eligible USDA Fellows will only be available as provided for within this announcement. IRTA for current, eligible NNF Fellows must be requested as a stand-alone application. Applicants provide clarity about the philosophy of their graduate training, and relevance to USDA mission science, NIFA priorities and recommendations presented by the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, projected work force needs from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Science Foundation, Survey of Earned Doctorates. Each funded proposal is expected to increase the understanding, development of 21st Century skills, research-based knowledge, assessment, and utilization of technology and resources to advance a first class next-generation, diverse work force in USDA mission sciences. **Post-doctoral Fellowships will not be awarded, under this grant announcement.** Further, NIFA supports Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral fellowships in the Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (see, <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/afri/afri.html>).

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/national_needs.html

\$ - RWJF - Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities

Web Conference Call: May 4 & 19, 2011

Brief Proposal Deadline: June 1, 2011

Full Proposal Deadline: July 1, 2011 (must be invited)

The Health Impact Project is a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts advancing the use of health impact assessment (HIA), which provides sound, objective data that can help decision-makers identify the health ramifications of proposals in a range of sectors that do not traditionally focus on health outcomes, and make recommendations that enhance health benefits and minimize adverse effects and associated costs. A new call for proposals has been issued to help demonstrate the effectiveness of HIAs and promote their incorporation into local, state, tribal and federal decision-making. This call for proposals will support organizations that wish to undertake an HIA of a proposed policy, project or program currently or soon to be under active consideration by a decision-making body. Up to eight demonstration projects will be awarded in this round of funding. Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$125,000 each and must be completed within 18 months.

URL: http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/HIP_overview2011.pdf or

URL: http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21346&cid=XEM_1400198

**\$ RWJF - Assuring the Future of Public Health Systems & Services Research (PHSSR):
Dissertation Grant Program**

Application Deadline: June 1, 2011

In the fall of 2005, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded the University of Kentucky College of Public Health to develop a database for Public Health Systems & Services Research (PHSSR) in conjunction with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to strengthen the capacity to conduct research in the emerging field of public health systems. One of the project objectives was to disseminate information about the new NLM PHSSR database to the research community. The goal of our initial funding was to assure the future of PHSSR by encouraging young investigators to engage in research using datasets described in the public health systems research (PHSR) subset of NLM's Health Services Research Resources (HSRR). Since then, we have provided additional funding to continue to grow the field of PHSSR. This new round is intended to fund promising graduate students and junior faculty who will engage in research using data sets contained in the PHSR subset of HSRR, other relevant data sets that may be available, or data collected by the researcher. For additional information go to:

Graduate Students -

http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21364&cid=XEM_206615

Junior Faculty -

http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21365&cid=XEM_206615

\$ - NIH & CDC - Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures (R01) (PA-10-027)**Deadlines for R01: Feb. 5, June 5, Oct. 5****Deadlines for R21 & R03: Feb. 16, June 16, Oct. 16**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to: (1) conduct evaluation research on obesity-related “natural experiments” (defined here as community and other population-level public policy interventions that may affect diet and physical activity behavior), and/or (2) develop and/or validate relevant community-level measures (instruments and methodologies to assess the food and physical activity environments at the community level). The overarching goal of this FOA is to inform public policy and research relevant to (1) diet and physical activity behavior, and (2) weight and health outcomes of Americans. This FOA will utilize the research project (R01) grant mechanism, and runs in parallel with two other FOAs of identical scientific scope, PA-10-028 and PA-10-029 that encourage applications under the NIH Exploratory/Developmental (R21) and NIH Small Research (R03) grant mechanisms.

R01 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-027.html>

R21 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-028.html>

R03 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-029.html>

**\$ - NIH & CDC- School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes (R01) (PA-10-052)
Disease Control and Prevention**

Deadlines: Feb. 5, **June 5, Oct. 5**

Deadlines for R21 & R03: Feb. 16, **June 16, Oct. 16**

Grant applications are encouraged that propose to: (1) Foster multidisciplinary research that will evaluate how policies (federal, state and school district levels) can influence school physical activity and nutrition environments, youths' obesogenic behaviors (e.g., nutrition and physical activity behaviors), and weight outcomes; (2) Understand how schools are implementing these policies and examine multi-level influences on adoption and implementation at various levels (e.g. federal, state, school district, and school); and (3) understand the synergistic or counteractive effect of school nutrition and physical activity policies on the home and community environment and body weight.

The funding opportunities described here are related, but separate to other recently announced program announcements: *Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures* (R01: PA-10-027; R21: PA-10-028; R03: PA-10-029). As a general guide, if the focus of a grant proposal is on evaluation research of obesity-related policies outside the school environment, and/or development/validation of community-level measures, the *Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures* funding opportunities may be the most appropriate. If a grant proposal focuses on children in the context of home/family, schools and/or macro policy environments, the *School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes* may be the most appropriate funding opportunity to which researchers should apply.

R01 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-052.html>

R21 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-053.html>

R03 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-054.html>

\$ - NIH - Home- and Family-Based Approaches for the Prevention or Management of Overweight or Obesity in Early Childhood (R01) (PA-10-127)

Deadlines for R01: Feb. 5, June 5, Oct. 5

Deadlines for R21: Feb. 16, June 16, Oct. 16

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose randomized clinical trials testing novel home- or family-based interventions for the prevention or management of overweight in infancy and early childhood. Tested interventions can use behavioral (including dietary and physical activity), environmental, or other relevant approaches. Applications should focus on infants and young children (up to age 6) and emphasize the role of home environment and the influence of family/extended family members and parents (including guardians/substantial care-providers) within the child's home environment. The direct goal of this initiative is to fund research that will advance knowledge for innovative approaches to the prevention or management of overweight in children younger than 6 years of age, with potential for future translation to applications either in the home or linked to a community setting. Research should consider the familial mechanisms of behavior such as the role of families in the initiation, support, and reinforcement of fundamental food and beverage consumption, physical activity practices and sedentary behaviors. In addition, it is of interest to elucidate various underlying behavioral determinants that are crucial to initiate or sustain changes in behaviors that impact energy balance. Research designs may include linkages with other settings (e.g., daycare, pre-school, or other community venues) or other care providers (e.g., health-care providers or teachers) but must include infants or children younger than age 6 years as the primary study participant along with parents, and/or other family members residing with the child. The overarching goal is to identify interventions that influence parent and child behaviors that contribute to inappropriate weight gain, and thereby improve subsequent health status in childhood, adolescence, and adulthood for which overweight is a known risk factor. This FOA will utilize the research project (R01) grant mechanism and runs in parallel with a FOA of identical scientific scope, PA-10-128, that encourages applications under the R21 mechanism.

R01 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-127.html>

R29 FOA: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-128.html>

\$- NIH -Geographic and Contextual Influences on Energy Balance-Related Health Behaviors (R01) (PA-08-192)

Deadlines for R01: Feb. 5, June 5, Oct. 5

Deadlines for R21: Feb. 16, June 16, Oct. 16

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of grant applications that propose hypothesis-driven projects exploring associations between the built environment, other contextual features of where people of all ages live and work and health behaviors related to energy balance. These projects should use population level data from health surveys and other large health studies. It is expected that the proposed projects will be designed to add/include contextual variables at diverse levels of geographic aggregation to such studies on behaviors that affect individual energy balance and thereby health. Subsequent analyses should be aimed at understanding the relative importance of the contextual variables (including home, work, school, and/or other environments) as determinants of energy balance-related health behaviors. Grant applications will be expected to use population level data from diverse sources for: 1) generation and addition of new geographic information system (GIS) data layers for analysis of contextual variables such as measures of the built and natural environments, to existing studies; 2) analyses of existing confidential geographic-based data either on site, at survey data centers, or other protected sites; and/or 3) merging multiple health-related data resources to allow new analyses of associations between contextual variables and energy balance-related health behaviors. This FOA will utilize the NIH research project R01 grant mechanism and runs in parallel with an FOA of identical scientific scope, PA-08-193, that solicits applications for exploratory, pilot projects under the NIH R21 grant mechanism.

R01 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-192.html>

R21 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-193.html>

\$ - USDA, NIFA - Renewable Resources Extension Act - National Focus Fund Projects

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| Document Type: | Grants Notice |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | USDA-NIFA-OP-003436 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary |
| Posted Date: | Apr 06, 2011 |
| Current Closing Date: | Jun 06, 2011 |
| Archive Date: | Sep 30, 2011 |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 3 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$300,000 |
| Award Ceiling: | \$110,000 |
| Award Floor: | \$85,000 |
| CFDA Number(s): | 10.500 -- Cooperative Extension Service |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | No |

The purpose of the grant program for FY 2011 is to provide funds for projects that: (1) Have national or regional relevance; or (2) Build capacity in the Cooperative Extension System to better serve forest and rangeland owners; or (3) Develop new and innovative projects that can be replicated at other institutions. Applications may be submitted by 1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions. Project Directors are encouraged to have an **extension** appointment.

URL: http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/rrea_nff.html

\$ - NIH & CDC - Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control: Research to Inform Policy (R03) (PA-09-140)

Deadlines: Feb. 16, June 16, Oct. 16, 2011

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to enhance childhood obesity research by fostering the formation of local, state, or regional teams consisting of researchers, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., community representatives, public health practitioners or officials, educators) in order to identify research questions and hypotheses, design and implement the relevant research, and translate the research into evidence relevant to potential policy efforts in this area. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This FOA will utilize the NIH Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism and runs in parallel with an FOA of identical scientific scope, PA-09-141, that encourages applications under the NIH Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21).

R03 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-140.html>

R21 FOA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-141.html>

\$ - The Wildlife Society (TWS) and the Native Peoples Wildlife Management Working Group (NPWG) - Native American Professional Development Grants Program

Deadline: June 18, 2011

The Wildlife Society (TWS) and the Native Peoples Wildlife Management Working Group (NPWG) of The Wildlife Society is pleased to announce the 2011 Native American Professional Development Grants Program. This years grants program is a competitive program available to all Native American, Alaska Natives, First Nations, **native Hawaiian** or indigenous tribal students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program studying natural resources or natural resource management. Grant funds will enable students to attend the **18th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society, to be held in Waikoloa, Hawaii (the Big Island), November 5-10, 2011.**

For additional information contact: Nathan Svoboda, Chairman - Native Peoples Wildlife Management Working Group - The Wildlife Society, Mississippi State University, College of Forest Resources, Mississippi State, MS 39762
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URLs: <http://www.wildlifesociety.org/>
http://www.wildlifesociety.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=71

\$ - RWJF - Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity**Deadline: July 1, 2011 (Letters of intent)**

Rapid-Response Call for Proposals Released. *Active Living Research* is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youths ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key

URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121&cid=xem-emc-fapolicydecisions>

\$ - RWJF - Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity - Rapid-Response grants

Deadline: August 2, 2011 (concept papers)

These grants will support time-sensitive and opportunistic studies on emerging or anticipated changes in food-related policies or environments that can only be conducted during a short window of opportunity and are needed to inform policy debates for local, state or national action. Studies that are not urgent and time-sensitive are not eligible for funding as rapid-response grants. Approximately \$875,000 will be awarded for rapid-response grants of up to \$150,000 each, for a maximum funding period of 18 months. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. These grants require a two-stage proposal application process, including an initial one-page concept paper and subsequent full proposal (if invited).

<http://www.healthyeatingresearch.org/component/content/article/282>

\$ - USDA, SARE, Western Region - Professional Development Program**Deadline: November 04, 2011**

These grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. PDP grants are limited to \$60,000 for single-state applications, while applications with meaningful involvement from more than one state can apply for up to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

\$ - USDA, SARE, Western Region - Producer**Deadline: December 02, 2011**

These one to three year grants are conducted by agricultural producers with support and guidance from a technical advisor (e.g. Extension Agent, University Researcher, ARS Scientist or other Ag Professional). Individual producers may apply for up to \$15,000, and a group of three or more producers may apply for up to \$30,000. Producers typically use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can improve their operations and the environment and can be shared with other producers. Grant recipients may also focus on marketing and organic production.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

\$ - USDA, SARE, Western Region - Professional + Producer**Deadline: December 02, 2011**

These one to three year grants are similar in concept to the Farmer/Rancher grants with a few key differences. Instead of a producer serving as the project coordinator, an agricultural professional – Cooperative Extension educator or Natural Resources Conservation Service professional – coordinates the project. Applicants can seek up to \$50,000 and must have a minimum of five producers involved.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

\$ - USDA, NIFA – Western SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Tour Grants

Deadline: applications accepted year round

Sustainable Agricultural Tour Grants are funded for only one year. Any agriculture/natural resource professional in the Western region may apply. These professionals are cooperative extension educators/agents and specialists, USDA-NRCS field staff, agricultural consultants, nonprofit staff members or other agricultural professionals assisting producers at the local level. The grant applicant's institution and or organization are fiscally responsible for the project. These grants are offered as a cost reimbursable contract. Applicants are required to have at least one past or current Western SARE-funded project as part of the tour. Preference will be given for the more Western SARE-funded projects visited. The maximum amount per grant application is \$2,000. These grants are to provide opportunities for producers to:

- Interact and network with producers, and
- Assist producers in adoption of sustainable agricultural production.

URL: https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/RFA/TRG_2010.pdf

\$ - HMSA - Reducing Health Disparities between Native Hawaiians and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Hawaii.

Deadlines: Jan 1, April 1, July 1, Oct 1

The HMSA Foundation is extending this RFP to provide funding in an attempt to reduce health disparities between Native Hawaiians and other racial/ethnic groups in Hawai'i through school-based projects, community-based projects, and health care setting approaches.

URL: <http://www.hmsafoundation.org/res/doc/RFP%20for%20health%20disparities%20reduction.doc>

AFRI Foundational Program Area Deadlines for 2011

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) encompasses several different Request for Applications (RFA) that contain many Program Areas. These Program Areas cover a broad array of issues and topic important to US agriculture. Important deadlines are summarized in the table below. Refer to the following RFAs for related detailed information on Program Area Priorities for FY2011.

URL: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=63213> and <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html>

AFRI Foundational Program RFAs:

| Program Area | Program Area Code | Program Area Contacts | Letter of Intent Deadline | Application Deadline |
|---|-------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Plant Health and Production and Plant Products | | | | |
| Biology of Agricultural Plants | A1101 | Dr. Ed Kaleikau Dr. Liang-Shiou Lin Dr. Shing Kwok Dr. Ann Marie Thro | 03/16/2011 | 06/08/2011 |
| Insects and Nematodes | A1111 | Dr. Mary Purcell-Miramontes | 03/16/2011 | 06/08/2011 |
| Understanding Plant-Associated Microorganisms | A1121 | Dr. Ann Lichens-Park | 03/16/2011 | 06/08/2011 |
| Controlling Weedy and Invasive Plants | A1131 | Dr. Michael Bowers | 03/16/2011 | 06/08/2011 |
| Animal Health and Production and Animal Products | | | | |
| Animal Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics | A1201 | Dr. Mark Mirando Dr. Muquarrab Qureshi | 02/22/2011 | 04/06/2011 |
| Animal Reproduction | A1211 | Dr. Mark Mirando | 02/22/2011 | 04/06/2011 |
| Animal Health and Disease | A1221 | Dr. Margo Holland Dr. Peter Johnson | 02/22/2011 | 04/06/2011 |
| Improving Nutritional Performance, Growth, and Lactation of Animals | A1231 | Dr. Mark Mirando Dr. Steven Smith | 02/22/2011 | 04/06/2011 |
| Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health | | | | |
| Physical and Molecular Mechanisms of Food Contamination | A1331 | Dr. Jeanette Thurston | 02/28/2011 | 05/02/2011 |

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| Function and Efficacy of Nutrients | A1341 | Dr. Dionne Toombs | 02/28/2011 | 05/02/2011 |
| Improved Processing Technologies | A1351 | Dr. Ram Rao | 02/28/2011 | 05/02/2011 |

Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment

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| Processes and Transformation in Soil, Water, and Air | A1421 | Dr. Nancy Cavallaro | 03/03/2011 | 06/03/2011 |
| Thresholds in Agroecosystems | A1431 | Dr. Diana Jerkins | 03/03/2011 | 06/03/2011 |
| Management in Agroecosystems | A1441 | Dr. James Dobrowolski | 03/03/2011 | 06/03/2011 |

Agriculture Systems and Technology

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| Nanotechnology for Agricultural and Food Systems | A1511 | Dr. Hongda Chen | 02/22/2011 | 05/11/2011 |
| Engineering Products and Processes | A1521 | Dr. Peter Johnson Dr. Margo Holland Dr. Richard Hegg Dr. Daniel Schmoltd | 02/22/2011 | 05/11/2011 |

Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities

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| Small and Medium-sized Farms | A1601 | Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran | n/a | 03/23/2011 |
| Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development | A1621 | Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran | n/a | 03/23/2011 |
| Rural Development | A1631 | Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran | n/a | 03/23/2011 |
| Markets and Trade | A1641 | Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran Dr. Fen Hunt | n/a | 03/23/2011 |
| Environment | A1651 | Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran Dr. Fen Hunt | n/a | 03/23/2011 |

| Program Area | Program Area Code | Program Area Contacts | Letter of Intent Deadline | Application Deadline |
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| Integrated Research, Education, and Extension to Prevent Childhood Obesity | A2101 | Dr. Etta Saltos Dr. Susan Welsh Dr. Saleia Afele-Faamuli | n/a | 05/18/2011 |

The following AFRI RFAs for 2011 have not been released yet and are coming soon:

[AFRI Climate Change Challenge Area RFA](#)

[AFRI Food Safety Challenge Area RFA](#)

[AFRI Global Food Security Challenge Area RFA](#)

[AFRI Sustainable Bioenergy Challenge Area RFA](#)

URL: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html