VRHA News

Rural Health Voice Conference
Final Week!

The last week of the Rural Health Voice Conference is upon us and we're going out with a bang! Featuring speakers from the CDC, Commonwealth of Virginia, and State Office of Rural Health, as well as our headline speaker Caroline Cochran-McClain - Chief Policy Officer of the National Rural Health Association.

Registration is still open!
Includes unlimited access to presentation recordings AND one-year VRHA membership!
Advocacy Alert

**Urge Congress to Not Cut Medicare Reimbursements**

Urge Congress to protect rural health care providers by addressing PAYGO and sequestration cuts! Rural providers continue to face significant challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Congress should be supplying them with the resources they need to serve patients in their communities, not reducing their Medicare reimbursement.

In 2011, Congress passed legislation that instituted a two percent sequestration reduction for all Medicare fee-for-service payments. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, NRHA has successfully advocated Congress to suspend the mandatory Medicare sequester until Dec. 31, 2021. Unless Congress acts to extend Medicare sequestration relief, it is estimated that the two percent Medicare sequester will result in more than $430 million in lost annual revenue for rural hospitals in 2022.

**Calendar**

[Eliminating Hepatitis C Among People Who Use Drugs in Appalachia Summit](#)

**November 17, 2021  12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**
The goal of the summit is to describe the syndemic of Hepatitis C infection and opioid misuse among people who inject drugs in Appalachia and to identify strategies and best practices to successfully reduce disease burden and eliminate viral hepatitis.

**Telling the Rural Star Stories**
**November 18, 2021   2:00 pm**

Beyond the headlines of rural health in 2021 are extraordinary people making rural life better with their never-ending endurance, masterful collaboration, and everyday commitment to the communities they serve. This National Rural Health Day virtual live event introduces you to the real power of rural with moving stories and tributes to 50 Community Stars from 50 States!

**3rd Annual Rural Oral Health Virtual Conference**
**November 19, 2021   9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

This year's topic - Diversity and Inclusion: Addressing the Needs of Marginalized Populations in Rural Communities.

**3rd Annual Rural Health Clinical Congress**
**November 20, 2021**

Free multi-topic CME/CE event held in conjunction with National Rural Health Day. Led by a rural health expert moderator. Designed specifically for primary care clinicians serving patients from rural & underserved areas.

**Grant Writing USA 2-Day Workshop**
**December 1-2, 2021   Portsmouth, VA**

How to write grant proposals start to finish and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities. Program also offered online.

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**Resources**

**ETSU Quillen College of Medicine: Online CME Courses**

**Opioid Safe Prescribing:**

Part 1: Controlled Substance Safe Prescribing: Hospice and pain Management Provider, Dr. Steven Baumrucker, provides learners with education and information regarding the Tennessee Department of Health Chronic Pain Guidelines.

Part 2: Risk Management: Public Health Professional in the clinical and classroom setting, Dr. Bill Brooks, provides an in-depth look at harm reduction and how it might be used to prevent overdoses

**Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy: Evidence-Based Treatment:**

1. Diagnosis of opioid use disorder in pregnant women
2. Treatment of opioid use disorder in pregnancy
Rural Hospital Patient and Family Engagement - 2021 Toolkit

Toolkit provides guidance for rural hospitals to foster effective communication between patients, staff, and leadership. Discusses communication strategies in a number of domains, such as data collection, community engagement, and workforce development, among others.

A Community Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation

The Surgeon General’s Community Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation provides specific guidance and resources for health care providers, educators, librarians, faith leaders, and trusted community members to understand, identify, and stop the spread of health misinformation in their communities.

Virginia P3 Opioid Response Outreach Toolkits

Virginia Partners in Prayer & Prevention (Virginia P3) program fosters collaborations between underrepresented groups, religion & interfaith organizations, and the state public health department. Virginia P3 recognizes that faith-based & community partners eagerly & actively step in to fulfill the needs of their community, especially during a crisis. As a result, Virginia P3 aims to equip partners to respond to the present opioid health crisis with Opioid Response Toolkits.

Funding Opportunities

The Vaccine Equity Project *NEW*

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) seeks to fund vaccine equity focused projects that address the systemic disadvantages experienced by communities of color, rural communities, and communities that face a disproportionate burden of adverse outcomes from public health threats. NNPHI seeks to support multilevel targeted outreach to vaccine hesitant or underserved populations across five geographic areas, in order to enable communities to respond more effectively to the needs of constituents with lower vaccine uptake.

Application Deadline: November 22, 2021

Expanding Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) Capacity to Respond to COVID-19 *NEW*

As part of the COVID-19 response under the American Rescue Plan Act and in partnership with collaborative Centers within the CDC, resources to support SSPs and expand their overall capacity to provide COVID-19 vaccination, education, testing, and expanded services for additional adult vaccination were awarded to NASTAD and partner AIDS United. This one-year demonstration project, with expanded authority to extend its impact beyond the first year, aims to strengthen the capacity of SSPs to serve as critically essential
access points for COVID-19 vaccination services, general COVID-19 response interventions, and expanded adult vaccination services for people who use drugs.

**Application Deadline: November 29, 2021**

**Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy** *NEW*

A one-year fellowship designed to prepare physician-leaders who will work to improve the capacity of the healthcare system to promote policies and practices that improve access to high quality care for minority, disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. The program provides academic training and coursework, including an MPH or MPA.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2021**

**Healthy Food Financing Initiative Targeted Small Grants Program** *NEW*

Financial assistance to support projects that improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas, create and preserve quality jobs, and revitalize low income communities.

**Application Deadline: December 7, 2021**

**Community-Based Workforce to Build COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence** *NEW*

Funding to mobilize community outreach workers, including community health workers, patient navigators, and social support specialists to the most vulnerable and medically underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minority groups and rural communities.

**Application Deadline: December 10, 2021**

**WITH Foundation** *NEW*

WITH Foundation provides financial support to organizations that promote comprehensive healthcare for adults with developmental disabilities. The focus is on programs that improve delivery of healthcare to adults with developmental disabilities & address at least one of the following issues: improve health practitioner competency through education or training programs, address the current inadequate reimbursement system, advance innovation in formal care coordination, enhance public awareness regarding the inadequacies of developmentally-disabled care in order to advance systemic change, perform social policy research, promote national efforts in digital health that support developers to include the perspectives of individuals with developmental disabilities in the design process, increase understanding of supported decision making in healthcare settings, & identify & overcome barriers to high-quality healthcare access.

**Letter of Interest Due: December 13, 2021**
**Application Deadline: February 4, 2022**

**Food Safety Outreach Program** *NEW*

Awardees will develop and implement food safety training, education, extension, outreach and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners and operators of small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers. Grant applications will be solicited directly from those in local communities to include those from community-based
organizations, non-governmental organizations, food hubs, farm cooperatives, extension, and other local groups.

**Application Deadline: December 16, 2021**

**Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)** *NEW*

Grants for fire departments, EMS organizations, and fire academies for equipment, training, personnel wellness programs, capital funding, and collaboration/regional communication efforts.

**Application Deadline: December 17, 2021**

**Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program** *NEW*

Grants to plan or implement food projects designed to meet the needs of low-income individuals and increase community self-reliance concerning food and nutrition.

**Application Deadline: December 20, 2021**

**Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth** *NEW*

Grants to develop new researchers in the field of violence prevention by providing intensive, supervised, research experiences related to violence/injury prevention for children and youth, especially those at higher risk for violence, including racial/ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, tribal populations, and sexual and gender minorities.

**Application Deadline: January 4, 2022**

**End-of-Life and Palliative Care Approaches to Advanced Signs and Symptoms (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)** *NEW*

Grants for research to examine the multi-dimensional foundations, experiences, and management of complex, advanced signs and symptoms at the end of life. Projects that include under-studied populations including NIH-designated health disparity, socioeconomically disadvantaged, rural and/or remote, and sexual and gender minority populations with advanced, serious illness at the end of life are specifically encouraged.

**Application Deadline: January 8, 2022**

**Title X Family Planning Services Grants** *NEW*

Supports comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services. The program seeks to ensure access to services for low-income or uninsured clients, including adolescent clients. Family planning services include a broad range of medically approved services, such as FDA-approved contraceptive products and natural family planning methods for clients who want to prevent pregnancy and space births, pregnancy testing and counseling, assistance to achieve pregnancy, basic infertility services, sexually transmitted infection services (such as HIV prevention education, counseling, testing, and referral), and other preconception health services.

**Application Deadline: January 11, 2022**
New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program *NEW*

Tax incentives for investments in business and economic development projects in distressed rural and urban counties, including capital investments in healthcare facilities. Investors give to Community Development Entities who then offer low-interest financing to businesses; in return for their investment, investors receive a tax credit against their federal income tax.

**Application Deadline: January 13, 2022**

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Resident Grants Program *NEW*

Grants to support pediatric residents in the planning of community-based child health initiatives that increase children’s access to optimal health and well-being and address unmet child health needs.

**Application Deadline: January 24, 2022**

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Planning and Implementation Grants *NEW*

Funding to support pediatricians and fellowship trainees in the initial planning and/or pilot stage of implementing innovative, community-based projects to increase children’s access to optimal health and well-being and address unmet child health needs.

**Application Deadline: January 24, 2022**

Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries (R01) *NEW*

Grants for research to understand and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime, including firearm suicide and self-harm in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: February 4, 2022**

American Board of Telehealth Self-Paced Certificate Programs *NEW*

Self-paced online certificate programs for healthcare students and professionals in the areas of CORE (Clinical, Operational, Regulatory, and Ethics) concepts of telehealth; telebehavioral health, and teleprimary care.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.**

Changemaker Birth Center Accreditation Grants *NEW*

Grants to assist birth center applicants with fees that are due to the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers, including accreditation fees and annual fees. Priority is given to programs that serve rural and low-income areas.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.**

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program
Loan repayment assistance for eligible primary healthcare professionals who agree to serve in Health Professional Shortage Areas.

**Application Deadline: December 16, 2021**

**NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program**

Loan repayment assistance for medical, nursing, and behavioral/mental health clinicians with specific training and credentials to provide evidence-based substance use disorder treatment in rural communities designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas.

**Application Deadline: December 16, 2021**

**NHSC Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program**

Loan repayment assistance for eligible clinicians who agree to serve in an approved SUD treatment facility.

**Application Deadline: December 16, 2021**

**Circle for Justice Innovations: Strategic Opportunities Support Fund**

Rapid response funding mechanism that issues micro-grants of up to $5K to organizations addressing crises with strategic organizing & advocacy to meet emergency needs in their community. Enables organizations to take advantage of unexpected opportunities for organizing & advocacy that may be prohibitive due to a small funding gap. Must have budgets under $750K and be led by & serve formerly incarcerated people & families of those impacted by excessive policing, the criminal legal system, and/or the immigration system.

**Application Deadline: December 17, 2021**

**Rural Residency Planning and Development Program**

Grants to develop newly accredited, sustainable rural residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, public health, general preventive medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, and obstetrics/gynecology. The overall goal of the program is to support expansion of the physician workforce in rural communities.

**Application Deadline: December 20, 2021**

**Agricultural Safety and Health Achievement Awards**

Award program that honors individuals, organizations, and collaborations that have made significant contributions to agricultural safety and health.

**Application Deadline: December 30, 2021**

**NACCHO's Model Practices Award**

Recognizes and honors outstanding local health officials and practices in the United States.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2021**
The Home Depot Foundation: Community Impact Grants Program

The Home Depot Foundation's Community Impact Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve their communities. The Program focuses on support for organizations that serve veterans in local communities, as well as organizations that serve vulnerable and underserved communities. Grants of up to $5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2021**

**Health Center Controlled Networks**

Grants to support Health Center Controlled Networks to advance the adoption and meaningful use of health information technology strategies and to leverage technology to deliver high-quality, culturally competent, equitable, and comprehensive primary healthcare.

**Application Deadline: January 4, 2022**

**Family-to-Family Health Information Centers**

Funding for new and existing Family-to-Family Health Information Centers that provide information, education, technical assistance, and peer support to families of children and youth with special healthcare needs and the professionals who serve them. A focus of the program is to advance health equity by reaching territories, tribal regions, and other diverse, underserved communities, including rural areas.

**Application Deadline: January 5, 2022**

**AmeriCorps State and National Grants**

Funding for programs that are designed to strengthen communities and solve local problems, including those found in rural and underserved areas. Funding priorities include COVID-19 response and recovery, education, environmental health, and rural intermediary organizations.

**Application Deadline: January 5, 2022**

**Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Implementation**

Grants to strengthen and expand substance use disorder/opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery service delivery in high-risk rural communities.

**Application Deadline: January 13, 2022**

**Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)**

Funding for accredited schools of nursing to establish and/or operate a student loan fund. Grantees will loan money to students, and up to 85% of each loan may be forgiven upon completion of up to 4 years of full-time employment as a faculty member in an accredited school of nursing.

**Application Deadline: January 13, 2022**
CDC Public Health Associate Program (PHAP)

Announces an experiential learning opportunity for early-career public health professionals through the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). Provides information on the academic and work requirements for the associate program and application information. **The 2022 application cycle will be open January 17-24.**

**Social and Behavioral Intervention Research to Address Modifiable Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Required)**

Funding to develop, adapt, and test interventions to address risk factors for cancer in rural populations. Applications should focus on primary prevention and assess and address one or more of the social and behavioral risk factors that contribute to cancer disparities in rural populations: tobacco use; diet, physical activity and weight; alcohol use; UV exposure; and HPV vaccination.

**Application Deadline: January 18, 2022**

**Truth Initiative Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program**

Grants and technical assistance for minority-serving institutions and community colleges to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco/vape-free college-wide policy by December, 2023. Colleges that were early adopters of 100% smoke or tobacco-free policies may also apply to include e-cigarettes.

**Application Deadline: January 20, 2022**

**Virginia Health Access Grants**

Funding for projects to increase access to healthcare for uninsured Virginians and those who live in areas with limited access to care.

**Concept Paper Due (Required) January 24, 2022**

**Emerging Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes for People Aging with HIV: Capacity-Building Provider, Demonstration Sites, & Evaluation Provider**

This initiative will fund 3 components: a capacity-building provider, demonstration sites, & evaluation provider. All will work together using HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) implementation science framework to: Implement emerging strategies that comprehensively screen & manage comorbidities, geriatric conditions, behavioral health, & psychosocial needs of people 50 years & older with HIV; Assess the uptake & integration of emerging strategies; Understand implementation processes including assessing specific implementation strategies; Understand & document broader contextual factors affecting implementation; Evaluate impact of the emerging strategies; document & disseminate the emerging strategies.

**Application Deadline: January 25, 2022**

**Clinical and Translational Science Award (UM1 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for Clinical and Translational Program Hubs that are expected to develop, demonstrate, and then disseminate solutions to barriers that limit the efficiency and
effectiveness of clinical and translational science research. A major interest of the program is improving rural health outcomes and eliminating health disparities.

**Application Deadline: January 26, 2022**

**Rural Health Network Development Planning Program**

Grants to promote the planning and development of integrated rural healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole.

**Application Deadline: January 28, 2022**

**REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Program**

Grants for intermediary organizations to assist rural small businesses (including healthcare facilities) and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing renewable energy development assistance.

**Application Deadline: January 31, 2022**

**Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)**

Funding for public and nonprofit institutions of higher education to provide training to health professionals at the graduate and postgraduate levels in adolescent and young adult core health disciplines, including medicine, nursing, nutrition, psychology, and social work.

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2022**

**AmeriCorps Seniors - American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program**

Funding for new AmeriCorps Seniors projects that engage adults age 55 and over to support communities as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Rural communities are a priority.

**Application Deadline: February 3, 2022**

**AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program & Senior Companion Program Replacement Opportunity**

Program that engages adults age 55 and over to provide mentorship for children and youth with special or exceptional needs, or who would benefit from the one-one-one attention. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve an average of 20 hours per week in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, and childcare centers. Rural communities are a priority. The current funding cycle is for replacement programs in specific geographic areas.

**Application Deadline: February 3, 2022**

**Summer Health Professions Education Program**

A free summer enrichment program designed to improve access to information and resources for college students interested in the health professions. Eligible students
include, but are not limited to, individuals who identify as African American/Black, American Indian and Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino, and those who are from communities of socioeconomic and educational disadvantage.

**Application Deadline: February 5, 2021**

**State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**

Grants to states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories to assist them in operating their own state educational loan repayment programs for primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) within their state.

**Application Deadline: April 8, 2022**

**Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, and R21)**

Funding for research that seeks to identify, develop, test, evaluate, and/or refine strategies to disseminate and implement evidence-based practices into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. This program is featured in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences Selected List of Funding Opportunities Relevant to Rural Cancer Control.

**Application Deadline: May 7, 2022**

**Pilot Practice-based Research for Primary Care Suicide Prevention (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support evaluations of factors that impact or account for the effectiveness of existing suicide prevention practices and/or pilot clinical trials that develop, optimize, and pilot test interventions and service delivery approaches at key intercepts in the chain of care. Research that seeks to reduce disparities for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)**

Grants for research projects that examine how social isolation and social connectedness affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall well being.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03)**

Supports different types of health services research 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. Rural and frontier areas are considered a priority population.

**Application Deadline: July 6, 2022**

**Virginia Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program**
Offers a J-1 Visa waiver to foreign physicians who commit to serving for 3 years in an underserved area of Virginia, allowing them to remain in the United States.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 and R21)**

Funding for intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients, with the goals of optimized patient healthcare utilization, improved caregiver well-being, and improved patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. Special consideration is given to studies targeting medically underserved and underrepresented populations, including **patients-caregivers in rural areas**.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2022**

**Palliative Care in Home and Community Settings Research (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support research aimed at determining needs and best practices for the integration of palliative care into home and community settings. Applications should consider approaches that may be implemented in **rural/remote areas**, as well as urban areas, and that are sensitive to ethnicities and cultures.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**Getting To Zero: Understanding HIV Viral Suppression and Transmission in the United States (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for projects designed to improve understanding of viral suppression and HIV transmission in the U.S. using population-level epidemiology, tools from data science approaches, and implementation science research.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18)**

Supports the dissemination and implementation of research projects related to AHRQ's mission to produce evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable. AHRQ's priorities include an interest in **rural and frontier healthcare** delivery.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2022**

**Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Health Care Systems Serving Health Disparity Populations (R01- Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for research focused on understanding the long-term effects of natural and/or human-made disasters on healthcare systems serving health disparity populations. Health disparity populations include, but are not limited to, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and underserved **rural** populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2023**
**Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for observational or intervention research focused on reducing disparities in tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. Populations of focus include older individuals, black Americans, Hispanics, people with low socioeconomic status, and people living outside metropolitan areas.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2023**

**Co-infection and Cancer (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

Grants for research on the roles of co-infection and cancer to inform prevention and treatment strategies for infection-related cancers. Applicants are encouraged to investigate co-infection and its relation to causes of risk among racially/ethnically diverse populations and those from urban and rural areas who are poor and medically underserved, and populations who may have a disproportionate burden of infection-related cancers.

**Application Deadline: January 7, 2023**

**Comprehensive Care for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from Populations with Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for research focused on developing and testing strategies that adapt/implement recommended guidelines of comprehensive clinical care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes from health disparity populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders**

Notice of Special Interest for research to explore and develop telehealth methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and population analysis in individuals living with HIV and substance use disorder.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01)**

Grants for research to develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings. Under-resourced settings and populations include members of minority groups, other individuals experiencing disparities in mental health outcomes, and people living in a geographic area with a shortage of healthcare services.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials**
Funding for innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. Research on innovative service delivery models that seek to reduce disparities in service access, quality, and outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, **individuals living in rural areas**, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Underserved and Vulnerable Populations**

Notice of Special Interest for research in understanding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help prepare more effectively for future public health emergencies. Populations that experience health disparities are a particular focus.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2024**

**The Role of Work in Health Disparities in the U.S. (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)**

Grants for innovative population-based research in how work or occupation influences health outcomes and health status among health care disparity populations and how work functions as a social determinant of health.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2024**

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