November 22nd, 2021

A Warm Welcome to our Four New Board Members!
Applications for the Virginia Rural Center Inaugural Virginia Rural Leadership Institute (VRLI) are now OPEN!

The Rural Leadership Institute (RLI) is a rural leadership program that develops and supports highly-skilled, highly-motivated leaders who are committed revitalizing their communities across the Commonwealth. RLI addresses the need for high-quality, professional leadership and economic development training that equips community leaders with the skills they need to lead long-term economic advancement in their community and region. The program also seeks to increase cooperation, collaboration, and coordination across a broad array of organizations and sectors. Each training session will accept up to 30 applicants. Applications due March 15, 2022.

USDA Invests $86 Million to Improve Equitable Access to Jobs, Business
Opportunities, Education, Health Care and Housing for Rural People

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, Tribal and high-poverty areas. USDA Rural Development is prioritizing projects that will support key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help rural America build back better and stronger. Key priorities include combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; addressing the impacts of climate change; and advancing equity in rural America.

Calendar

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.

State Legislative Actions to Support the Behavioral Health Workforce in Rural Communities - Webinar
December 7, 2021   2:00 pm

This webinar will highlight state policy options to increase access to rural behavioral health providers, including leveraging telebehavioral health, considering licensing policies and compacts, utilizing emerging health professionals to address workforce gaps, and examining scope of practice policies for behavioral health professionals.

Resources

Supporting Telehealth and Technology-Assisted Services for People Who Use Drugs: A Resource Guide

Offers policy, training, and planning resources for Substance Use Disorder treatment providers, harm reduction organizations, and others looking to implement telehealth and technology-assisted services to improve the health and wellness of people who use drugs. Discusses participant barriers to accessing technology, including rural-specific challenges, and describes rural initiatives among other case studies.

Reaching Rural and Remote Workers with COVID-19 Vaccinations

A guide to help state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments provide COVID-19 vaccinations to rural and remote essential workers. Identifies vaccination and communication strategies to reach this audience.

Rural America at a Glance: 2021 Edition
Provides an overview of social and economic factors affecting rural America, with a focus on the resiliency and recovery of rural communities following the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes data on population and employment changes, infection rates, and broadband internet access and adoption, as well as persistent poverty.

**Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in U.S. Health Care: A Scorecard of State Performance**

Evaluates state health systems on a state-by-state basis, with a focus on health equity across race and ethnicity. Enables comparison between state health systems for racial and ethnic groups across three dimensions: health outcomes, healthcare access, and quality and use of healthcare services. Offers federal and state policy recommendations for addressing unequal access to care and unequal treatment within healthcare facilities.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Supporting Community-Based Organizations Implementing Strategies to Increase Equitable Vaccine Access for People with Disabilities** *NEW*

The CDC Foundation will fund 3 disability-led, community-based organizations (CBOs) to:
1. increase vaccination opportunities for people with disabilities;
2. establish partnerships with state and local health departments to ensure inclusion and focus of people with disabilities;
3. ensure prioritization of the unique needs of people with disabilities in state and local emergency preparedness and response planning.

**Application Deadline: December 7, 2021**

**Empowering Communities to Address Behavioral Health and Chronic Pain through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs** *NEW*

Funding to help communities develop or expand capacity for, deliver, and sustain evidence-based chronic disease self-management education and support programs for older adults and adults with disabilities, particularly those in underserved geographic areas and/or populations.

**Application Deadline: January 25, 2022**

**Empowering Communities to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs** *NEW*

Funding to help communities reduce falls and/or falls risk among older adults and adults with disabilities through the implementation of evidence-based falls prevention programs. An emphasis is on projects that will target specific populations, such as rural communities, underserved areas, veterans, caregivers, and/or tribal elders.

**Application Deadline: January 25, 2022**

**Racial Equity in Postpartum Care Challenge: Innovative Methods to Improve Postpartum Care for Black or African American and American Indian/Alaska Native Women** *NEW*

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A prize competition to identify effective programs that can address equity of postpartum care for Black or African American and American Indian/Alaska Native beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. An emphasis is on follow-up care for conditions associated with morbidity and mortality in the later postpartum period, including diabetes, postpartum depression, postpartum anxiety, hypertension, and substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: January 31, 2022**

**Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene** *NEW*

Awards funding to plan, develop, and operate predoctoral training programs in dentistry and dental hygiene for dental and dental hygiene students that address enhancing pediatric training to support improved access to oral health care for vulnerable, underserved, or rural communities.

**Application Deadline: February 7, 2022**

**NIH HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)** *NEW*

Funding for research that will help to build an evidence base for multi-level interventions that affect social conditions and opioid misuse. Projects should seek to reduce health inequities in a population or population subgroup affected by the opioid crisis.

**Application Deadline: March 2, 2022**

**Economic Impact Initiative Grants** *NEW*

Funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities that have extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**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**

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

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**

**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**

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

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

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

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

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**

**Application Deadline: March 11, 2022**

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

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**

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**

**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 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**

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

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**

**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**

For ongoing funding opportunities, visit our [website](#).

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