The following bills have been introduced which may have an impact on rural health:

**HB 105 Catawba Hospital: DBHDS to study feasibility of transforming into subst. abuse/mental health trtmt.**

Directs the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services to study the feasibility of transforming Catawba Hospital into a facility at which a continuum of substance abuse treatment & recovery services, including long-term, short-term, acute,
outpatient services, is provided in addition to the array of behavioral health & other services currently provided to geriatric individuals in need of mental health care, & to identify state hospitals in other regions that may be appropriate for transformation into facilities at which a continuum of such services is provided. The Department shall report its findings, conclusions, & recommendations to the Governor & the Chairmen of the Senate Committees on Education & Health & Finance and Appropriations & the House Committees on Appropriations & Health, Welfare & Institutions by 12/1/22.

HB 145 Physician assistants: practice.

Removes the requirement that physician assistants appointed as medical examiners practice as part of a patient care team. For hospice program licensing, the bill adds physician assistants to the list of hospice personnel who may be part of a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The bill removes a reference to physician assistants in the definition of patient care team podiatrist. Finally, the bill permits physician assistants working in the field of orthopedics as part of a patient care team to utilize fluoroscopy for guidance of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, provided other requirements are met.

HB 229 VDH: directed to collect and analyze information regarding social determinants of health.

Directs the Department of Health to collect and analyze information regarding social determinants of health, defined in the bill, and their impact on health risks and health outcomes of residents of the Commonwealth, and to make information regarding social determinants of health, their impact on health, and strategies for addressing social determinants of health to improve health outcomes available to the public on its website.

HB 1221 Hospitals; charity care policies; meaningful access; individuals with low English proficiency.

Requires every hospital that is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to make available information about the hospital’s charity care policies, including information regarding specific eligibility criteria and procedures for applying for charity care, to individuals with low English proficiency in the same manner and languages, and to the same degree, as the hospital makes available other information regarding hospital programs and services.

HB 1245 Nurse practitioners; practice without a practice agreement; repeal sunset.

Repeals the sunset provision on the bill passed in 2021 that reduces from five to two the number of years of full-time clinical experience a nurse practitioner must have to be eligible to practice without a written or electronic practice agreement.

HB 1098 Obesity prevention and other obesity-related services; payment of medical assistance.

Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (the Department) to study and provide recommendations related to the payment of medical assistance for obesity prevention and other obesity-related services, including (i) the types of obesity prevention and other obesity-related services for which federal matching funds are available, (ii) the cost to the Commonwealth of providing medical assistance for such
obesity prevention and other obesity-related services for eligible individuals, and (iii) any federal approvals or other actions necessary to allow for the payment of medical assistance for obesity prevention and other obesity-related services.

**HB 1105 Practitioners, licensed; continuing education related to implicit bias and cultural competency.**

Requires all practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine to complete two hours of continuing education in each biennium on topics related to implicit bias and cultural competency.

**HB 1106 Produce Rx Program; established, report.**

Directs the Department of Social Services to establish a Produce Rx Program as a three-year pilot program to incentivize consumption of qualifying fruits and vegetables by eligible individuals for whom increased consumption of fruits and vegetables is recommended by a qualified care provider, as such terms are defined in the bill, and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year on the operation of the Program.

**HB 1107 Hospitals; direct readmission of certain postpartum patients.**

Directs the Board of Health to amend regulations governing hospitals to require every hospital that provides obstetrical services to adopt a protocol for the direct readmission to the hospital of any patient who (i) received obstetrical services from the hospital, (ii) experiences postpartum complications requiring immediate medical care, and (iii) is referred to the hospital for direct readmission by the patient's health care provider.

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**2022 Lilypad Rural Health Clinic Award Winners: Virginia**

Utilizing data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid program to calculate rural-relevant metrics across five domains, the Lilypad Awards provide a comprehensive and objective assessment of rural health clinic performance. The Lilypad Awards elevate both Provider-Based (hospital-owned) and Independent practices.

Four of Virginia's rural health clinics are being recognized nationally through Lilypad for outstanding operational excellence:

- Merit Medical Group Richlands
- Family Care of Chilhowie
- Patrick County Family Practice
- Carilion Clinic Family Medicine - Giles

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**National News**

*HHS Announces Availability of $13 Million to Increase Behavioral Health Care Access in Rural Communities*
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced the availability of $13 million in funding to increase access to behavioral health care services and address health inequities in rural America, including through evidence-based, trauma-informed treatment for substance use disorder.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has caused behavioral health challenges for Americans of all ages and backgrounds,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. “This investment is part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s efforts to address the inequities that still exist surrounding behavioral health and advance care in rural America. It will support comprehensive behavioral health prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery interventions in rural communities – furthering the goals of our new overdose prevention strategy.”

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**Calendar**

**Grant Management Class (Grant Writing USA)**
**February 3-4th, 2022**  Henrico, VA

Beginning and experienced grant managers and administrators from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. You do not need to work in the same profession as the host agency. Tuition is $595 per person and includes everything: two days of world-class instruction and a 500 page participant guide and reference binder.

**Rural Health Policy Institute**
**February 8-10, 2022**  (Virtual)

NRHA’s 33rd Annual Rural Health Policy Institute is your chance to guide the future of rural health policy with NRHA leadership & advocate for issues you care about with new & returning members of Congress & the administration.

**9th Annual Rural HIV Research & Training Conference**
**February 11, 2022**  (Virtual)

The Rural HIV Research and Training Conference is a forum for exchanging the latest information and learning the newest tools to address the challenges of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in rural communities.

**Mental Health First Aid Training**
**February 26, 2022**  9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Virtual)

Mental Health First Aid is an international, evidence-based program that teaches people to identify, understand and respond to signs & symptoms of mental health & substance use challenges. This free online training will be led by VRHA Program Coordinator Dr. Jordan Laney.

**NARHC 2022 Spring Institute**
**March 14-16, 2022**  San Antonio, TX
NARHC Institutes educate and inform the Rural Health Clinic professional community about ever-changing RHC policies and procedures.

Resources

**Public Health Associate Program Host Site Application**

The CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support has announced the opening of the Public Health Associate Program host site application period which runs through February 18. Host sites, including those that serve rural communities, from state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies; nongovernmental organizations such as community-based organizations, public health institutes and associations, and academic institutions; and CDC quarantine stations are encouraged to apply to host a CDC-funded associate. Each associate is assigned to a designated host site and host site supervisor(s) for a two-year assignment beginning in October.

**Region 4 Peer Recovery Specialist Internship & Peer Academy**

Richmond Behavioral Health is now looking for qualified Peer Specialist to gain their experience with our Regional Peer Academy!

The selected individuals will perform intermediate skilled human support work involving the assessment of client needs and providing access to needed and appropriate services including treatment, rehabilitation and service linkage, case monitoring and client advocacy functions, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work is performed under the supervision of the assigned Program Supervisor.

**Investing in Rural Prosperity - Free Book on Effective Rural Development**

*Investing in Rural Prosperity* is a 600-page volume showcasing community-development investment occurring across rural America. The publication also offers a framework that the publishers hope “can help more communities achieve shared economic prosperity.” The volume includes more than 40 essays from rural development organizations, academics, policy analysts, and philanthropies. The pieces provide lessons and insights on rural development strategy and policy, according to the forward by Michelle W. Bowman of the Federal Reserve System’s Board of Governors and James Bullard, president and CEO of the St. Louis Fed.

**NRHA Rural Advocacy Guide**

Guide to help members amplify their voices through the information and tools provided by the association. Elected officials want and need to hear from their rural constituents to understand and address the issues impacting their community. If you have any questions or would like more information or assistance, reach out to NRHA’s government affairs team.

**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 to 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.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Rigorous Evaluation of Community-Level Substance Use & Overdose Prevention Frameworks that Incorporate ACEs-Related Prevention Strategies** *NEW*

The CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control is soliciting investigator-initiated research to conduct rigorous evaluation (including both a process & outcome evaluation) of prevention approaches implemented within communities that incorporate efforts to mitigate the harms of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) & prevent future ACEs, while simultaneously aiming to prevent substance use & overdose. The strongest applications will document established relationships between the institutions designing & leading evaluation efforts & the communities already implementing ACEs-related activities and/or substance use & overdose prevention strategies.

**Application Deadline: February 22, 2022**

**Understanding Polydrug Use Risk and Protective Factors, Patterns, and Trajectories to Prevent Drug Overdose** *NEW*

The CDC National Centers for Injury Prevention & Control is soliciting investigator initiated research to improve our understanding of risk & protective factors, patterns, & trajectories related to polydrug use, with a focus on polydrug combinations most likely to result in nonfatal overdose or death, such as combinations including synthetic opioids. Polydrug combinations of interest include:

- Co-use of multiple opioids, knowingly or unknowingly (i.e., due to unknown adulterants)
- Co-use of non-opioid drugs (particularly psychostimulants [e.g., methamphetamine], cocaine, & benzodiazepines) AND opioids, knowingly or unknowingly
- Co-use of other combinations of drugs that may result in overdose

**Application Deadline: February 24, 2022**

**Rigorous Evaluation of Strategies to Prevent Overdose through Linking People with Illicit Substance Use Disorders to Recovery Support Services** *NEW*

The CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will support the identification & rigorous evaluation of effective strategies that link people in recovery for illicit substance use disorders to at least one...
evidence-based recovery support service available within their community, and, if needed, re-link people to such services following resumption of illicit substance use.

**Application Deadline: March 14, 2022**

**Rural Business Development Grant Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems** *NEW*

Funding to provide technical assistance and training for rural and tribal transportation system agencies nationwide for the purpose of improving passenger transportation services and/or facilities.

**Application Deadline: April 14, 2022**

**Health Workforce Research Center Cooperative Agreement Program** *NEW*

Funding to support and disseminate research on trends in health workforce. In this cycle, up to 9 centers will be funded in the areas of public health workforce, behavioral health workforce, health equity in health workforce, allied health workforce, long-term care support/services, oral health workforce, emerging workforce topics, and technical assistance.

**Application Deadline: April 14, 2022**

**Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Behavioral Health Care Support** *NEW*

Funding to improve access to and quality of substance use disorder and other behavioral healthcare services in rural communities including utilization of prevention, treatment, and recovery services to improve the care for those affected by behavioral health conditions.

**Application Deadline: April 19, 2022**

**Catalyst for Infant Health Equity** *NEW*

The goals of the new Catalyst for Infant Health Equity program are twofold: 1) to continue reducing overall infant mortality (IM) rates in the United States, and 2) to decrease and ultimately eliminate disparities in IM across racial/ethnic groups by achieving steeper declines for groups with the highest rates. To accomplish these goals, award recipients are expected to address the broader social and structural determinants (or root causes) contributing to IM disparities at the county or jurisdiction1 level.

**Application Deadline: April 19, 2022**

**Health Care Models for Persons with Multiple Chronic Conditions from Populations that Experience Health Disparities: Advancing Health Care towards Health Equity (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional)** *NEW*

Funding for research to study the effective adaptation, integration, and implementation of recommended guidelines of care of persons with multiple chronic conditions from populations that experience health disparities.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program**
The Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program provides loans and grants for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in rural areas. Eligible facilities include buildings, land, and fixed wireless service. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the Program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

**Application Deadline: February 22, 2022**

**Weyerhaeuser Youth Initiative**

Funding for new direct service programs designed to promote resilience, stability, and psycho-social health for youth ages 14 to 21 who have been traumatized by Adverse Childhood Experiences.

**Letter of Intent (Required): March 1, 2022**

**Application Deadline: August 1, 2022**

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

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**

**National Association of Community Health Centers New Board Chair Leadership Program**

A 5-part virtual leadership training program for new health center board chairs or those about to step into the board chair role. Training addresses the role of the board chair, board chair-CEO partnership, board meeting facilitation, navigating conflict, and board chair succession planning.

**Application Deadline: March 2, 2022**

**Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation Grants**

Grants to support community-based organizations providing direct services, education, or research in the areas of HIV and AIDS, with priority given to smaller communities and rural areas.

**Letter of Intent (Required): March 4, 2022**

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2022**

**Rural Health and Economic Development Analysis**

Funding for a single entity to quantify and describe the economic impacts of local healthcare sectors on rural economies to provide information to assist policy makers and other rural stakeholders in improving healthcare in rural areas. Topic areas may include sustainability of services and minimum population requirements as it relates to healthcare and the economic vitality of rural communities, including rural tribal communities.

**Application Deadline: March 8, 2022**
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F Dental Reimbursement Program

Funding designed to improve access to oral healthcare services for low income people with HIV, and to train dental students, dental hygiene students, and dental residents to deliver dental care to people with HIV.

Application Deadline: March 11, 2022

Health Policy Research Scholars

Health Policy Research Scholars, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program, is a leadership opportunity for doctoral students from historically marginalized backgrounds and underrepresented populations across a wide range of disciplines—from economics to political science—who want to apply their research to inform and influence policy in ways that advance health equity. The program is designed to support full-time, second-year doctoral students in building the skills, tools, and networks they need to create lasting change.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Change Leadership Programs

Change leadership programs are designed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to extend the influence and impact of leaders working to build a Culture of Health.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program

Funding to support rural health networks to address the need for more trained health professionals, which has been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall program goal is to expand public health capacity by supporting healthcare job development, training, and placement in rural communities.

Application Deadline: March 18, 2022

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program

Grants to support rural primary care providers with the planning and implementation of quality improvement activities. Program objectives include increased care coordination, enhanced chronic disease management, and improved health outcomes for patients in rural areas.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2022

Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program

Funding to establish a dental faculty loan repayment program with a priority for faculty within the disciplines of general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, public health dentistry, and dental hygiene. Additional preference will be given to applicants providing loan repayment to pediatric dentistry faculty supervising dental students or residents and providing clinical services in dental clinics located in dental schools, hospitals, and community-based affiliated sites. Applicants are also encouraged to consider individual loan
repayment recipients from rural and disadvantaged background and from underrepresented minorities.

**Application Deadline: March 22, 2022**

**Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program**

Grants to support research and extension activities that increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The target audience is K-14 students, meaning kindergarten through twelfth grade plus two years of post-secondary schooling, such as vocational technical institutions and community/junior colleges. Projects should focus on challenges facing agriculture and rural communities, such as increasing global demand for food production in the face of limited natural resources; improving health and reducing obesity; and increasing economic opportunities.

**Application Deadline: March 31, 2022**

**Rural Health Care Program – Healthcare Connect Fund**

Provides assistance to healthcare providers for eligible expenses related to broadband connectivity at a flat discounted rate of 65%. Participants can apply as a member of a consortium or a stand-alone entity.

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2022**

**Rural Health Care Telecommunications (Telecom) Program**

Assistance to healthcare providers for eligible expenses related to telecommunications and voice services for the use of telemedicine and telehealth.

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2022**

**Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42- Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for small businesses to develop products, processes, and services that can be used to improve minority health and/or reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities in one or more NIH-defined health disparity population groups. Technologies should be effective, affordable, and culturally acceptable.

**Application Deadline: April 4, 2022**

**Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43/R44)**

Funding for small business concerns to develop a product, process, or service with the aim of improving minority health and/or reducing and ultimately eliminating health disparities in one or more NIH-defined population groups.

**Application Deadline: April 4, 2022**
American Rescue Plan Act - Pediatric Mental Health Care Access - New Area Expansion

Funding for the expansion of state and/or regional networks of pediatric mental healthcare teams into new states and geographic areas. Teams will provide tele-consultation, training, technical assistance, and care coordination for pediatric primary care providers to diagnose, treat, and refer children with behavioral health conditions. Projects should focus on achieving health equity related to racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities in access to care, especially in rural and other underserved areas.

Application Deadline: April 5, 2022

Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program (RMOMS)

Funding to improve access to, and continuity of, maternal and obstetrics care in rural communities through regional aggregated care, coordination of a continuum of care, use of telehealth, and the implementation of financial sustainability strategies.

Application Deadline: April 5, 2022

Notice of Funding Opportunity: Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (HV CoIIN 3.0)

Objects of the program include: Identify, manage, and execute the scaling up of interventions to at least 30 state recipients and 300 local implementing agencies; Refine and test a new set of evidence-informed change strategies using accepted evaluation methodologies and the MIECHV Program performance measures; Further refine the health equity framework and parent leadership toolkit developed in HV CoIIN 2.0 and support the integration of the health equity and parent leadership principles across all activities; and assist MIECHV recipients and in building their capacity to use continuous quality improvement as a tool for ongoing program monitoring and improvement.

Application Deadline: April 6, 2022

Area Health Education Centers

Grants to develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations. The networks support the Bureau of Health Workforce's strategic priorities to increase diversity among health professionals, broaden the distribution of the health workforce, enhance healthcare quality, and improve healthcare delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations.

Application Deadline: April 6, 2022

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

Cancer Health Equity Research Centers at Minority-Serving Institutions

Funding to support the formation of Cancer Health Equity Research Centers (CHERCs) designed to target cancer health disparities that are unique to a local or regional community. Applicants must be from Minority-Serving Institutions and are required to demonstrate that 30% of the planned research participants will be racial and ethnic minorities or live in rural or medically underserved areas.

Application Deadline: May 16, 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

Surgical Disparities Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Grants to support investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding and addressing disparities in surgical care and outcomes in minority and health disparity populations.

Application Deadline: July 5, 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**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities**
Notice of Special Interest for community-engaged research to evaluate strategies to facilitate vaccination uptake in clinical and community contexts and address the barriers to increasing reach, access, and uptake of vaccinations among health disparity populations at high risk and likely to experience vaccine hesitancy.

**Application Deadline: January 8, 2023**

**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**

**Technology Development to Reduce Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Medical technologies should be effective, affordable, culturally acceptable, and deliverable to those who need them. Priority health disparity populations include racial and ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, sexual and gender minorities, and medically underserved populations in rural and urban areas.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2024**

**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.
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.
Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Disparities Affecting Healthcare Utilization and Health Outcomes Among Childhood Cancer Survivors

Notice of Special Interest for research to understand and address the full spectrum of factors that contribute to disparities in survivorship care, healthcare utilization, and health outcomes among childhood cancer survivors. Proposed projects must include populations commonly experiencing disparities based on race or ethnicity, sex, sexual or gender minority status, insurance status, rural residence, socioeconomic disadvantage, or other demonstrated differences.

Application Deadline: October 9, 2024

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