Blue Ridge Medical Center continues expansion, opening new site in Appomattox

Blue Ridge Medical Center is expanding its services in Appomattox County and moving into a new location.

“We’ve outgrown our current location, and have an opportunity to expand and add more providers to serve the residents of Appomattox County,” said Rick Shinn, the center’s interim CEO.
BRMC, which also has medical health centers in Nelson and Amherst and counties, serves over 8,000 patients. The new Appomattox site at 624 Jones St. will open on March 1, already has patients scheduled for appointment with their providers and will feature more than 3400 square feet and six exam rooms when fully remodeled.

**LewisGale Hospital Montgomery breaks ground on $15.9 million expansion of surgery department**

The hospital is constructing a 7,500-square-foot addition to its existing surgery department that will include two operating rooms, a 15-bed post-anesthesia care unit, storage and support space.

“As far as the physicians’ standpoint, the surgeons will have more opportunity to do more procedures and grow their services and do more care for their patients here in the NRV,” said Ed Sciullo, the Chief of Staff at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery.

The expansion also includes renovating 4,800 square feet of the existing surgery department.

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**FCC Plans to Change Telecom Rate Determination for Rural Providers**

The commission is seeking comments on proposed changes to how it sets rates for the Rural Health Care Program, which supports rural provider access to broadband and other telecommunications services.

Adopted in 2019, the rates database lists eligible services in the program, median urban and rural rates for services by state, and underlying rate data used to determine the median rates. But the use of the database was waived in funding years 2021 and 2022 due to "anomalies and inconsistencies," according to the FCC. Now, the FCC is asking for comment on how best to fix those anomalies, which include examples of lower median rates in more rural tiers as compared with less rural tiers. Rural tiers are groupings of comparable rural areas based on the provider's location relative to the Census Bureau's Core Based Statistical Area designation.

**NRHA receives $7 million donation from philanthropist, author MacKenzie Scott**

NRHA has received a one-time, unrestricted donation in the amount of $7 million from philanthropist and author MacKenzie Scott. At a time when the pandemic has particularly impacted rural communities and health care, this investment will help NRHA improve health care access and outcomes for all rural Americans.

These funds will be utilized in the priority areas of rural leadership development, health equity, state capacity building, and educational and policy programming. NRHA staff will work directly with the association's elected member leaders to complete a rural health
environmental scan and establish a process to ensure these funds are allocated to projects that will demonstrate a clear outcome and provide a direct benefit to the health of rural communities.

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**Calendar**

**Digital Health Symposium: Advancing Broadband Connectivity as a Social Determinant of Health**  
**March 3, 2022    10:00 am - 4:30 pm    Virtual**

The Federal Communications Commission’s Connect2Health Task Force is hosting this virtual event which will gather public and private sector thought leaders from a variety of disciplines, including telecommunications and health care, to discuss issues around recognizing broadband connectivity as a “social determinant of health.”

**Virginia Public Health Association Annual Conference & Research Day**  
**March 26, 2022    Blacksburg, VA**

VPHA is partnering with the Virginia Rural Health Association this year to focus on rural health in Virginia. The day will include speakers, networking opportunities, and poster presentations. Conference will be held from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at Virginia Tech.

**National Virtual Rural EMS & Care Conference 2022**  
**April 19-21, 2022    Virtual**

Invited attendees include rural ambulance services, rural EMS directors, medical directors and officers, rural health care providers, ambulatory agencies and staff, state EMS officials, state rural health officials, hospital administrators, federal agency officials, and State Offices of Rural Health.

**Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC) Telehealth Summit**  
**April 24-26, 2022    Concord, NC (Virtual option available)**


**Healthcare in Appalachia Conference**  
**April 28-30, 2022    Pigeon Forge, TN**

The Healthcare in Appalachia conference is designed to address the unique needs and circumstances of the Appalachian region. This conference will feature experts in the medical, mental health and public health fields and provide practical advice, tips, and resources to health care providers and public health professionals.

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**Resources**

**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.

Funding Opportunities

Build Health Places Network Community Innovations for Racial Equity *NEW*

Funding, technical assistance, and a peer learning cohort designed to build local Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)-led community development capacity, support community power, explore innovative community ownership models, and address the barriers and gaps within community development and health partnerships to effectively propel racial equity.

Application Deadline: March 18, 2022

AARP Community Challenge *NEW*

Grants for projects that work to improve livability for all residents of a community. The 2022 application cycle will focus on public spaces, housing, transportation, civic engagement, diversity, equity, and inclusion, coronavirus recovery and other community improvements. Applications from rural communities are encouraged.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2022

AAMC Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Engagement *NEW*

Award for Association of American Medical Colleges members and teaching hospitals for projects that go beyond the traditional service role of academic medicine and address community health needs.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2022

POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative *NEW*

Funding for workforce and economic revitalization activities in communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries. Priorities include strengthening the healthcare sector, educational attainment, and broadband access.
First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement *NEW*

Grants to allow first responders and members of other key community sectors to administer a drug or device approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose. Over half of the total funding available is set aside for recipients serving rural communities with high rates of opioid abuse.

Application Deadline: April 5, 2022

Drug-Free Communities Support Program *NEW*

Awards funding to coalitions working to reduce substance abuse among youth and to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, organizations, and governmental entities.

Application Deadline: April 11, 2022

Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program *NEW*

Funding to support states and tribes with implementing youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies in schools, institutions of higher education, juvenile justice systems, substance use and mental health programs, foster care systems, and other child and youth-serving organizations.

Application Deadline: April 18, 2022

Minority AIDS Initiative: Service Integration *NEW*

Grants to integrate evidence-based, culturally competent mental and substance use disorder treatment with HIV primary care and prevention services. The population of focus is individuals of racial and ethnic minorities with a serious mental illness or co-occurring disorder living with or at risk for HIV and/or hepatitis.

Application Deadline: April 25, 2022

Emergency Awards: RADx-UP - Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications (SEBI) Research on Disparities in COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations (U01 Clinical Trial Optional) *NEW*

American Rescue Plan Act funding to conduct social, ethical, and behavioral implications (SEBI) research to understand and reduce barriers to COVID-19 testing, as well as COVID-19 disparities that arise from barriers to testing among underserved and vulnerable populations.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2022

Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project (RHPTP) *NEW*

Technical assistance and training for rural healthcare providers to build capacity in value-based care (VBC), with emphasis on efficiency, quality, patient experience, and
safety. The program's goal is to guide small rural hospitals and rural health clinics that are not currently participating in VBC to prepare for participation in a health system focused on value.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2022

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund *NEW*

Funds programs that work in the areas of affordable housing and shelter, education and youth development, environmental stewardship, workforce, and human services within the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation service area. Available in 15 counties in Virginia.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2022

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) Hearing Healthcare for Adults: Improving Access and Affordability *NEW*

Notice of Special Interest for research to improve access and affordability of hearing healthcare (HHC) in adults, which includes research addressing rural health issues potentially affecting HHC utilization and the unique HHC needs of rural populations.

Application Deadline: January 7, 2024

Office on Violence Against Women Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations

Grants to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services for, underserved populations of adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2022

Connecting Kids to Coverage Healthy Kids Outreach and Enrollment Grants

Grants to organizations that help families with children and pregnant individuals enroll in health coverage opportunities, including Medicaid, CHIP, and insurance affordability programs.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2022

Health Information Outreach Award: Region 1

Funding for projects in Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 1 that improve health literacy; increase the ability of the general public to find and use health information; or improve health professionals' access to, awareness of, and skills for locating high quality biomedical and health information.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2022

TechQuity Project Award

Funding for projects in Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 1 to purchase technology and provide online resource training that will improve health, and digital equity to underserved communities impacted by the digital divide.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2022
Hillman Innovations in Care Program

In 2021, this program will provide funding for innovative, nursing-driven models of care designed to improve the health and healthcare of marginalized populations. Target populations include Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), the economically disadvantaged, LGBTQ+ people, people experiencing homelessness, low-income rural populations, refugee, and immigrant populations.

Letter of Intent (Required): March 29, 2022
Application Deadline: June 1, 2022

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Diversity Scholarships

Scholarships for students of color who do not hold an EMS certification but who intend to become an EMT or paramedic. The overall goal of the scholarship program is to promote the development of greater diversity in the EMS workforce so that the workforce reflects the communities they serve.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2022

Sun Life Team Up Against Diabetes

The Sun Life Team Up Against Diabetes grant program is dedicated to addressing the prevention of diabetes and its related complications. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and Canada that focus on the following areas: diabetes prevention, awareness, education, and care; diabetes management; recovery and support from diabetes-related complications; obesity prevention; and nutritional programs, including education, management, and awareness. Grants of $25,000, $50,000, or $100,000 will be provided.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2022

Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program

Funding to support the training of residents in new or expanded primary care residency training programs in community-based ambulatory patient care centers.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2022

Gamma Mu Foundation

The mission of the Gamma Mu Foundation is to make a positive difference in the lives of the LGBT community, primarily in rural and other underserved populations of the United States. The Foundation's vision is the creation of an environment that promotes health, acceptance, and pride in the LGBT community and a more accepting and inclusive environment for people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Grants are awarded in the following program areas: HIV/AIDS Services, Community Services, and Research and Public Education.

Application Deadline: March 31, 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**

**Virginia State Loan Repayment Program**

Educational loan repayment assistance for eligible healthcare providers in return for service in a medically underserved area of Virginia.

**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**

**Services Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women (PPW)**

Grants to expand comprehensive treatment, prevention, harm reduction, and recovery support services for low-income women, their children, and families across a continuum of specialty substance use disorder (SUD) residential and outpatient levels of care.

**Application Deadline: April 4, 2022**

**Targeted Capacity Expansion: Special Projects**
Funding to develop and implement evidence-based, targeted strategies for substance use disorder treatment to address a specific population or area of focus identified by a community.

**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**

**Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award: Stakeholder Convening Support**

Funding for organizations and communities to hold convenings that include patients, researchers, clinicians, purchasers, payers, health system leaders, and other stakeholders. Convenings should focus on supporting collaboration around patient-centered outcomes research and clinical comparative effectiveness research.

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

**Application Deadline: July 11, 2022**

**Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building**

Funds projects that encourage the integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other stakeholders as members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research process.

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

**Application Deadline: July 11, 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

Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Food and Housing Policies and Programs on Health Outcomes in Health Disparity Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding for research to identify and evaluate the ongoing and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing specifically on governmental (local, state, tribal, federal) policy and programmatic actions that address two specific social determinants of health: food/nutrition security and housing security. Projects should examine how these food/nutrition and housing policies and programs aimed at lessening the effects of the pandemic impacted health and health equity in individuals, families, and communities from health disparity populations.

Application Deadline: April 7, 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

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

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**

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**

**Small, Rural School Achievement Grant Program**

Funding for small, rural Local Education Agencies for initiatives aimed at improving student academic achievement. Activities may include drug prevention, violence prevention, school-based health services, and other health-related programs.

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2022**

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

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**

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**

**Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)**

Funding to help nonprofit housing and community development intermediary organizations support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: April 19, 2022**

**Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program**

Funding for community-based outreach education and extension programs at land-grant colleges and universities that provide individuals and families based in rural areas with information on health, wellness, and prevention. Projects should utilize telehealth,
telemedicine, and distance learning strategies for education and training in minority rural communities related to opioids, preventing spread of COVID-19, and/or mitigating infection and transmission of COVID-19.

**Application Deadline: April 29, 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

Rural Hospital Leadership Team Award

Award that honors an exceptional leadership team that has guided their rural hospital and community through transformational change and healthcare reform.

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**

**Stand Down Grants**

Provides funding for events that offer homeless veteran populations a variety of social services designed to help them to reintegrate into their communities, such as housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 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

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

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**

*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)*

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**

*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**

*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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