VRHA News

Members in the News

Congratulations to VRHA members Jim Werth and Wendy Welch for being selected as part of the Inaugural Cohort of the Virginia Rural Leadership Institute!

This four session program, through the course of 2022, will allow the VRLI Cohort Members to learn from Virginia’s top experts on economic and community development as well as a thorough review of rural issues, and apply their improved skills by working on Community Impact Projects, and visit five different rural regions across the
Commonwealth, including: Southside Virginia, Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck, New River Valley, Shenandoah Valley, and Southwest Virginia. The program also seeks to increase cooperation, collaboration, and coordination across a broad array of rural localities.

Central Virginia Health Services (CVHS) and Piedmont Access to Health Services (PATHS) awarded $200,000 to improve and strengthen access to school-based health services

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly $25 million to improve and strengthen access to school-based health services in communities across the country. Awards were made to 125 HRSA-funded health centers that deliver comprehensive, high-quality primary health care services to individuals and families through school-based sites in underserved communities.

Health centers will use this funding to reduce disparities and improve access to care by increasing the number of young people receiving essential health care, including mental health services. Health centers will also use these funds for activities such as community and patient outreach, health education, and translation support.

Virginia News

Local Voices Blog

A new initiative that encourages self-awareness and self-efficacy

Personal perspectives from the medical community that reflect life, beauty, and lessons learned in SWVA and rural localities.

swvagmec.com

National News

CMS Announces Strategic Plan on Health Equity

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) calls on its private sector partners to engage with its health equity strategy to sustain long-term action. CMS plans to convene industry stakeholders to ensure progress on the initiatives. The first meeting will take
place in summer 2022 and focus on ways to improve maternal health outcomes experienced by pregnant and postpartum people. CMS and experts will invite health care industry leaders to share best practices and commitments to strengthen maternal health.

CMS is working to achieve health equity for all people served by its programs. CMS' overarching goals for realizing health equity are:

- Close the gaps in health care access, quality, and outcomes for underserved populations
- Promote culturally and linguistically appropriate services
- Build on outreach efforts to enroll eligible people across Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP and the Marketplace
- Expand and standardize the collection and use of data, including on race, ethnicity, preferred language, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, income, geography, and other factors across CMS programs
- Evaluate policies to determine how CMS can support safety net providers
- Ensure engagement with and accountability to the communities CMS serves in policy development and the implementation of CMS programs
- Incorporate screening for and promote broader access to health-related social needs
- Ensure CMS programs serve as a model and catalyst to advance health equity through our nation’s health care system, including with states, providers, plans, and other stakeholders
- Use the framework under the CMS National Quality Strategy, aiming to promote the highest quality outcomes and safest care for all people

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**NRHA Launches Two New Advocacy Campaigns**

The Government Affairs team launched two new Advocacy Campaigns: one regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations process and the other on the COVID-19 supplemental package being negotiated on Capitol Hill.

NRHA urges you to use our pre-drafted Advocacy Campaigns to ensure the rural voice is heard on Capitol Hill. As a reminder, an Advocacy Campaign is a short message you can send to your elected officials on key issues. NRHA has provided pre-drafted language urging your elected officials to support rural health care. While the pre-drafted language is sufficient, we encourage you to tell your story in the text as well. You can edit the language to explain how the issues impact your facility and community. Elected officials rely on feedback from YOU to understand what is needed in their communities.

NRHA now has four active Advocacy Campaigns on our website we urge you to utilize: Urge Congress to Invest in Rural Health; Urge Congress to Use the Upcoming Pandemic Relief Package to Ensure Stability for Rural Providers; Urge Congress to Include Rural Friendly Provisions in PREVENT Pandemics Act; Urge Congress to Pass Save America's Rural Hospitals Act.

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**FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH PPS) Proposed Rule**

On April 18, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would update Medicare payment policies and rates for the Inpatient Prospective
Payment System (IPPS) and the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

CMS's FY23 Inpatient PPS NPRM Fact Sheet can be found here.

CMS is seeking stakeholder feedback on several topics, including:

- Principles for measuring health care quality disparities;
- How hospitals can prepare for effects of climate change on beneficiaries and what CMS can do to help hospitals understand the effects of climate change on their patients;
- The appropriateness of payment adjustments accounting for the additional costs associated with acquiring NIOSH-approved N95 surgical respirators;
- A hospital quality and safety for maternal care designation awarded to certain hospitals;
- Future adoption of National Health Safety Network (NHSN) Healthcare Associated C. diff. Infection Outcome Measure and NHSN Hospital-Onset Bacteremia & Fungemia Outcome Measure to the IQR program.

**Calendar**

**National Rural Substance Use Disorder Health Equity and Stigma Summit**  
May 18-20, 2022   Virtual

Discuss stigma associated with SUD and examine the many challenges created by stigma that significantly impede efforts to overcome the opioid crisis. Focus will be on rural communities, where limited resources, fewer providers, and lack of anonymity can impose substantial barriers to those seeking SUD/opioid use disorder care. Free to attend virtually or in-person.

**The Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit**  
June 8-10, 2022   Memphis, TN/Virtual

To expand the capacity and effectiveness of Recovery Housing in rural America, the Fletcher Group Rural Center of Excellence will host the 2022 Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit. 24 Breakout sessions to choose from, interactive workshops, and networking and social activities. Attend in person or virtually.

**Resources**

**A Rural Capacity Map**

Interactive maps displaying data to illustrate the variability across the country in community capacity to apply for funding, fulfill reporting requirements, and design, build, and maintain infrastructure projects. Variables include local government staffing, community education and engagement, and socioeconomic trends. Includes maps showing locations with high risk of wildfires or floods and low capacity.
Printed COVID-19 Therapeutic Informational Materials for Your Practice

To increase education and awareness of therapeutics across the state, the Virginia Department of Health is offering to send printed COVID-19 Therapeutic Communication Materials at no cost to healthcare providers.

Those marked with an asterisk are available in 9 different languages: English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Korean, Pashto, & Tagalog.

The digital formats can be accessed on our website via the links below:

- EVUSHELD Fact Sheet for Patients*
- Paxlovid Patient Fact Sheet for Patients*
- Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) Patient Fact Sheet for Patients*
- "Are you at high risk for COVID-19 illness?" Handout/Poster*
- "Test Positive for COVID-19?" Handout/Poster*
- "Benefits of COVID-19 Vaccination and Medication" Handout

To request printed materials, complete the form here. Please allow for 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Telehealth Best Practice Guides

Library of guides offering information and resources related to telehealth billing, strategy, and implementation. Topic areas include behavioral healthcare, chronic conditions, maternal health, and school-based services.

AHEAD: America's HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard

Presents information on HIV data at the state level across the U.S. as well as at the county level in Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) priority areas and select rural counties in the South with high HIV transmission. Includes public health data such as 6 HIV indicators by geographic location, such as incidence, status, diagnosis, medical care, viral suppression, and PrEP coverage.

2022 County Health Rankings National Findings Report

Analyzes county-level health disparities by examining health factors and outcomes throughout the U.S. Covers living wages, gender pay gap, childcare costs, school funding, and more. Discusses impacts of COVID-19, key findings, and calls to action to improve community health outcomes.

Additional links: State Reports

COGME - Strengthening the Rural Health Workforce to Improve Health Outcomes in Rural Communities Report

Presents recommendations to strengthen rural health workforce training and improve access to health care through evidence-based health workforce investments spanning education, training, and practice. Discusses rural health disparities and restructuring the rural health workforce.

Vaccination Considerations in Rural America
Presents results of a poll conducted between February 1-February 22, 2022, among a sample of 1806 rural adults, 475 rural parents, and 220 rural teens regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Covers beliefs about vaccination, COVID-19 vaccination status, vaccination motivating factors and barriers, and post-vaccination behaviors.

Additional links: Summary

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Health System Strategies to Address Disparities in Hypertension Management and Control** *NEW*

Funding for clinical effectiveness research that compares health system strategies to improve blood pressure management and control in primary care, community, and safety net settings for populations experiencing disparities in outcomes, including Black, Hispanic, rural, and uninsured individuals.

**Letter of Intent (Required): June 1, 2022**  
**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Improving Postpartum Maternal Outcomes for Populations Experiencing Disparities** *NEW*

Funding for clinical effectiveness research that compares multicomponent strategies to improve early detection of and timely care for complications up to six weeks postpartum among women in underserved populations, including women living in rural areas.

**Letter of Intent (Required): June 1, 2022**  
**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Technical Assistance Program** *NEW*

Funding for a single entity to provide technical assistance to rural healthcare networks engaging in workforce training activities who are addressing the critical need for more trained health professionals, which has been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Application Deadline: June 8, 2022**

**Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations** *NEW*

Funding to establish and/or expand medical forensic exams and sexual assault victim services in a hospital or non-hospital setting to sexual assault victims. A focus of the program is the use of innovative ways of bringing experienced medical forensic examiners to rural, tribal, and underserved communities.

**Application Deadline: June 13, 2022**

**Health Center Accelerated Cancer Screening** *NEW*
The purpose of this program is to support health centers to increase equitable access to cancer screening and referral for care and treatment by enhancing patient education, case management, outreach, and other enabling services. Health centers will work in close partnership or coordination with National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Centers that will deploy outreach specialists and patient navigators for populations served by health centers.

**Application Deadline: June 15, 2022**

**RRTC Equity Center in the Community Living and Participation, Employment, & Health and Function Domain *NEW***

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) programs conduct coordinated, integrated, and advanced programs of research, training, and information dissemination in topical areas that are specified by NIDILRR. RRTCs conduct research to improve rehabilitation methodology and service delivery systems; improve health and functioning; and promote employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities.

They also provide training (including graduate, pre-service, and in-service training) to assist rehabilitation personnel to more effectively provide rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Virginia Nursing Scholarship Programs *NEW***

Virginia scholarship program for students enrolled in nursing education programs to become registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or certified nursing aides.

**Application Deadline: June 30, 2022**

**Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC): Grant Initiative for the Appalachian and Delta Regions *NEW***

Grants for projects in the Appalachian region and Lower Mississippi Delta region that will provide career, training, and support services to eligible individuals in counties and parishes and/or areas currently underserved by other resources. Grants will support workforce development activities that prepare dislocated workers, new entrants to the workforce, and incumbent workers for good jobs in high-demand occupations aligned with a regional or community economic development strategy. High demand industries include manufacturing, IT, healthcare, and energy.

**Application Deadline: July 8, 2022**

**Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children’s Mental Health Innovation Awards *NEW***

The Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children’s Mental Health Innovation Awards program aims to fund mental healthcare solutions for children and young adults across the US. This program focuses on new or piloted projects from direct-service organizations that will help address the far-reaching challenge of stress, anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues in children and young adults. Projects must tackle specific issues and address unmet needs, with a goal of reducing stigma, increasing access to care, improving equity in
mental health, and enabling early identification/prevention or enhancing intervention, especially among disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

**Application Deadline: July 15, 2022**

**NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarships *NEW***

Scholarships for **students residing in rural areas** who are currently enrolled in a master’s level counseling program and are committed to practicing in rural communities after graduation.

**Application Deadline: July 31, 2022**

**Anthem Foundation Maternal & Child Health Grant *NEW***

The Foundation is emphasizing programs that specifically work to create equity in maternal healthcare by addressing racial disparities, biases, barriers to care, and health-related social needs. The programs should drive specific, measurable maternal/child health outcomes.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Foundation for Rural Service Community Grant Program *NEW***

Grants to support a variety of local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in **rural communities** across America. Focus areas include business development, community development, education, and telecommunications.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Quality Payment Program Exceptions *NEW***

The opportunity to apply for exceptions to meeting Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) program requirements. The 2 exceptions include extreme and uncontrollable circumstances and promoting interoperability hardship.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2022**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Risks for Abuse and Injury Among Vulnerable Children and Youth *NEW***

Notice of Special Interest to fund research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and risks for abuse and injury among vulnerable children and youth. Emphasis is placed on disparity populations related to abuse and neglect prior to the pandemic, as well as populations that have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus. Disparity populations include American Indians, Alaska Natives, LGBT youth, and children seen at **rural** emergency departments.

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2024**

**Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants**

Community-based grants for eligible entities to provide, or coordinate the provision of, suicide prevention services to eligible veterans and their families. Priority is given to **rural communities**, tribal lands, medically underserved areas, and U.S. Territories.
Application Deadline: June 10, 2022

**Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success**

Funding to use the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework to address one of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities in youth and adults. Awardees will identify the primary substance use concerns in their community and develop strategies and services to prevent substance use and promote mental health.

Application Deadline: June 13, 2022

**RERC on Recreational, Sport, and Exercise Technologies for People with Disabilities**

The Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC) program improves the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act by conducting advanced engineering research on and development of innovative technologies that are designed to solve particular rehabilitation problems or to remove environmental barriers. This particular opportunity is for an RERC to conduct research and development activities toward technologies that promote exercise and health among people with disabilities.

Application Deadline: June 13, 2022

**Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program**

Grants to develop, implement, and/or expand comprehensive programs in response to illicit opioids, stimulants, or other substances of abuse. The program provides resources to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to reduce substance misuse and overdose deaths and enhance public safety while supporting victims.

Application Deadline: June 13, 2022

**Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Regional Centers**

Funding to implement regional centers of excellence to develop and disseminate training and technical assistance addressing opioid and stimulant misuse affecting rural communities.

Application Deadline: June 14, 2022

**Community Health Worker Training Program**

Grant to support programs to train new community health workers and extend the knowledge/skills of current CHWs and other health support workers in order to better meet the public health needs of underserved communities and strengthen public health emergency response.

Application Deadline: June 14, 2022

**Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative**

Grants to provide reentry services and programs to reduce recidivism and combat violence by facilitating the successful reintegration of individuals returning from incarceration, especially those with substance use disorders.

Application Deadline: June 14, 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

Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems

Funding for research projects that help support and improve policies about the affordability of care. Proposals should focus on a historically marginalized racial or ethnic group, people with disabilities, immigrants, people from the LGBTQ+ community, or another community that has historically faced systemic and persistent barriers to good health.

Application Deadline: June 24, 2022

The Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program - Produce Prescription Program

Funding to support projects that demonstrate and evaluate the impact of prescribing fresh fruits and vegetables on the improvement of dietary health through increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, the reduction of individual and household food insecurity, and the reduction in healthcare use and associated costs.

Application Deadline: June 30, 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.
Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding for the development of U54 Specialized Research Centers that consist of transdisciplinary, collaborative teams of institutions, clinics, communities, and tribes. Centers will provide support to early career investigators and develop a cancer prevention and control research program that focuses on, and serves, populations living in persistent poverty areas. Preference will be given to applications that include rural persistent poverty census tracts within the scope of their research.

Application Deadline: July 6, 2022

Enhancing Social Connectedness and Ameliorating Loneliness to Prevent and Treat SUD and Support Recovery (R21 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Funding for exploratory/developmental research to better understand the role of social connectedness and/or loneliness in prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorders. One of the research topics of interest include the dynamics of social connectedness/loneliness between rural versus urban communities and across different racial and ethnic groups.

Application Deadline: August 15, 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**

**Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project (RHPTP)**

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**

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**

**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**

**Rural Family Medicine with Obstetrics Fellowship**

One-year fellowship with Tacoma Family Medicine in Washington for family medicine physicians who plan to care for a rural population with limited access to healthcare services. The fellowship includes expanded scope obstetrics including cesarean sections.

**Application Deadline: October 1, 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**

**Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program**

Grants to support the unique needs of local communities in the service areas of Walmart and Sam’s Club stores.

**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**

**AgriSafe Nurse Scholar Program**

A distance learning opportunity available to rural nurses designed to increase knowledge base in prevention, identification, and assessment of diseases related to agricultural work exposures. A 50% scholarship is available for nurses working in nonprofit organizations, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, government agencies, and educational institutions. A full scholarship is available for nurses from Illinois and for nurses from Missouri that work in Rural Health Clinics, government agencies, academia, and nonprofit organizations.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 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

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

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

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth in Cancer Care

Notice of Special Interest for research on the use of telehealth in cancer-related care, with a focus on populations that experience inequities in access to care and have worse cancer outcomes compared to the general population.

Application Deadline: March 8, 2024

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): Dissemination and Implementation Research to Advance Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Preventive Interventions in School Settings

Notice of Special Interest for dissemination and implementation research to support innovative approaches to overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions to support children’s mental, emotional, and behavioral health in school settings. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in rural areas, are a priority.

Application Deadline: June 5, 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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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

Leveraging Health Information Technology (Health IT) to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Grants for research that examines how health information technology adoption impacts minority health and health disparity populations in access to care, quality of care, patient engagement, and health outcomes.

Application Deadline: May 7, 2025

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research Using Implementation Science to Support the Delivery of Evidence-Based Practices in Community-Based Mental or General Medical Healthcare Settings

Notice of Special Interest for mental health services and implementation research to support the adoption and sustainability of evidence-based practices in community-based settings that deliver care to people with mental illness. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in rural areas, are a priority.

Application Deadline: May 8, 2025

For ongoing funding opportunities, visit our website