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Members in the News

**Virginia Coalition to Use Telehealth, Digital Health to Address Care Gaps in Rural Appalachia**

The University of Virginia Health System is joining forces with a coalition of Virginia healthcare organizations to offer a wide range of digital health and telehealth services to residents of rural Southwest Virginia that have been hard hit by the pandemic.

The Virginia Consortium to Advance Healthcare in Appalachia will include the **UVA Center for Telehealth**, one of 12 federally recognized telehealth resource centers; the Healthy Appalachia Institute at the University of Virginia's College of Wise; the Southwest Virginia Health Authority; **Tri-Area Health, Ballad Health**; and The Health Wagon, an innovative mobile health program serving Southwest Virginia. The consortium is supported by a $5.1 million grant from the US Department of Agriculture's Emergency Rural Health Grants program.

"Masks, Misinformation, and Making Do: Appalachian Health-Care Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic" featured on Now Appalachia Podcast

The anthology is edited by VRHA member Wendy Welch, PhD, MPH, director of the **SWVA Graduate Medical Education Consortium** and features **VRHA Executive Director Beth O'Connor**, as well as a foreword by **National Rural Health Association CEO Alan Morgan**.

*Masks, Misinformation, and Making Do* was also chosen through a competitive selection process for inclusion in the [2023 collection of Knowledge Unlatched](#), an open-access platform for scholarly works. Through this platform, it will be available in libraries around the world.

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**Virginia News**

**Governor Glenn Youngkin Removes Regulatory Burdens to Increase Opportunities for Nurse Aides**
"Ensuring appropriate and timely training is imperative for the 236 nurse aide programs across the Commonwealth with qualified and approved instructors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions put in place, nurse aide programs continue to have issues that persist, which has perpetuated the difficulty of retaining qualified personnel to teach in these programs. Through this regulatory change, other qualified health professionals can instruct nurse aide students, thus equipping the next generation of healthcare heroes with more robust skills that are necessary to address modern challenges."

The Virginia Board of Nursing is officially taking comments on a fast-track regulation to:

- Allow nurse aide training to occur in a “clinical setting” outside of a nursing home facility focusing on geriatric care.
- Require only the program coordinator or primary instructor, but not both individuals to hold a license as an RN.
- Remove requirements for geriatric care experience for RN and LPN instructors and instructor experience from 2 years to 1 year.
- Clarify roles and duties of instructional personnel and seek professionals from other health professions to supplement as primary instructors.

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**Virginia State Loan Repayment Program**

The Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (VA-SLRP) is a federal grant from the HRSA Bureau of Health Professions and is administered by the VDH Office of Health Equity. VA-SLRP grants participants educational loan repayment in exchange for at least 2 years of service in a Health Professional Shortage Area in Virginia. **Application Deadline is March 31st.**

Full-time and part-time health care professionals trained in the following disciplines are eligible to apply: primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, registered dental hygienists, psychiatric nurse specialists, mental health counselors, health service psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, alcohol & abuse counselors (Masters level), marriage & family therapists, registered nurses, and pharmacists.

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**Calendar**

**Reversing the trend: How rural health systems can improve financial performance with technology partnerships**
**February 16, 2023   2:00 - 3:00 pm   Virtual**

Live panel discussion will highlight perspectives from financial executives at rural health systems.

**Non-partisan Strategies to Advance Health Policy**
**February 21, 2023   3:00 pm   Virtual**

Webinar will explore non-partisan opportunities to promote health equity to policymakers.

**Prostate Cancer Community Conversation**
**February 28, 2023   7-8 pm   Virtual**

Hosted by VRHA board member Bryan Price from the UVA Cancer Center.

**Keeping Virginians Covered: Medicaid Unwinding Summit**
**March 8, 2023   9:30 am - 12:00 pm   Richmond, VA**

Agenda includes, unwinding overview, Medicaid application assistance and transition to the Marketplace, and Medicaid managed care partnerships.

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**Resources**

**Virginia State Office of Rural Health Policy Brief: Strengthening Mental Health Care in Southwest Virginia**

This policy brief explores mental health access in Southwest Virginia and the benefits of integrated primary care as well as provide insight on how to strengthen the mental health care system.

**Translating Complex Research Messaging for Rural Communities**

A brief video describing how a research team helped make information on comparative clinical effectiveness research and patient-centered outcomes research accessible to a rural audience.

**Catalog of Value-Based Initiatives for Rural Providers**

Summarizes rural-relevant, value-based programs currently or recently implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the CMS Innovation Center. Designed to help rural healthcare leaders identify HHS value-based programs that are suitable for rural participation. Contains descriptions of each demonstration and provides direct links to the corresponding agency web page.

**Virginia Community Services Boards Behavioral Health Services: 2022**

Report on activities of Virginia's Community Services Boards (CSBs), the state's primary mechanism for providing publicly funded behavioral health services in local communities. Includes a section on CSBs' role in providing services to rural areas. Features statistics on numbers of substance use disorder and mental health consumers, with breakdowns by urban and rural CSBs.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship Program *NEW***

Scholarships for medical students approaching their final year of medical school. Scholarship awards are made under national and regional categories, including scholarships for students underrepresented in medicine (such as Native Americans/Native Hawaiians/Alaska Natives) and students committed to addressing health equity for underserved populations and economically disadvantaged areas.

**Application Deadline: February 28, 2023**

**Public Health Associate Program Host Site Application *NEW***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is seeking partnerships with public health agencies and tribal and nongovernmental organizations to serve as host sites for the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). PHAP is a paid training program funded by the CDC where associates gain hands-on experience across a variety of public health settings. Applicants from rural areas are strongly encouraged.

**Application Deadline: February 28, 2023**

**Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative *NEW***

Grants to provide services and programs to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or
co-occurring disorders who are currently or were formerly involved in the criminal justice system.

**Application Deadline: March 21, 2023**

**WIC Community Innovation and Outreach Grants** *NEW*

Grants to develop, implement, and evaluate innovative outreach strategies to increase WIC awareness, participation, redemption of benefits, and reduce disparities in program delivery.

**Application Deadline: March 23, 2023**

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

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: March 24, 2023**

**Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities** *NEW*

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: March 24, 2023**

**Understanding and Addressing the Impact of Structural Racism and Discrimination on Minority Health and Health Disparities** *NEW*

Funding to support intervention research to address the impact of structural racism and discrimination on minority health and health disparities.

**Application Deadline: March 24, 2023**

**Services Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women** *NEW*

The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive services for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders across the continuum of residential
settings that support and sustain recovery. As a family-centered program, services also extend to family members and the minor children of the women, the latter whom may reside with the women in the program facilities at the woman’s request.

**Application Deadline: March 27, 2023**

**National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative – Category III: Community Treatment and Service (CTS) Centers** *NEW*

The purpose of this program is to increase access to effective trauma- and grief-focused treatment and service systems for children, adolescents, and their families, who experience traumatic events. With this program, SAMHSA aims to raise the standard of care and improve access to evidence-based services for children experiencing trauma across the nation.

**Application Deadline: March 27, 2023**

**Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities** *NEW*

A single grant for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) to conduct research, knowledge translation, training, dissemination, and technical assistance activities to improve outcomes among people with disabilities who live in rural areas, including those from racial and ethnic minority groups.

**Application Deadline: March 31, 2023**

**National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Diversity Scholarships** *NEW*

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, 2023**

**Gamma Mu Foundation** *NEW*

The mission of the Gamma Mu Foundation is to make a positive difference in the lives of the LGBT community, primarily in rural and underserved populations of the United States. The priority focus area for 2023 is HIV/STD education, prevention, and treatment for the LGBTQ community. Applications with other areas of focus, including community services and research and public education, will be considered after those with the priority focus are evaluated.
Application Deadline: March 31, 2023

**American Hospital Association Next Generation Leaders Fellowship and Rural Scholarships** *NEW*

A fellowship program designed to empower healthcare leaders to bring about lasting change in the hospital and health systems in which they serve. Rural applicants are encouraged.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2023

**AHRQ Small Research Projects to Advance the Science of Primary Care (R03)** *NEW*

Funding to support small research projects that advance the role and capacity of primary care to increase the value and quality of care and improve patient outcomes and population health. Rural populations are considered a priority.

Application Deadline: March 19, 2027

**Aging And Disability Vaccination Collaborative** *NEW*

The Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative will distribute funding to enable organizations across the aging and disability networks to perform an array of vaccination promotion activities. Organizations selected for funding will host community vaccine clinics, provide in-home vaccinations, provide transportation to vaccination sites, and will conduct outreach and education to older adults and people with disabilities among other activities.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

**Training and Services to End Violence Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People**

Grants to support multidisciplinary collaborative teams that offer services and support to individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Application Deadline: March 6, 2023

**Offender Reentry Program**

Grants to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders/ex-offenders with a SUD and/or co-
occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community from incarceration.

**Application Deadline: March 6, 2023**

**Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts**

Grants to enhance and expand substance use disorder treatment services in existing drug courts, recognizing the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: March 6, 2023**

**A Strategic Approach to Advancing Health Equity for Priority Populations with or at Risk for Diabetes**

Funding for evidence-based interventions to decrease risk for type 2 diabetes among adults with prediabetes and improve self-care practices, quality of care, and early detection of complications among people with diabetes.

**Application Deadline: March 7, 2023**

**Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction**

Funding to expand or enhance access to medication assisted treatment services for individuals with opioid use disorder.

**Application Deadline: March 7, 2023**

**Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome**

Grants for projects designed to reduce the incidence and impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in rural communities by improving systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health.

**Application Deadline: March 8, 2023**

**Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants**

Grants to nonprofit organizations that provide services to improve the daily lives of people with paralysis and their caregivers with projects and initiatives that foster inclusion, community engagement, and health and wellness.
Application Deadline: March 8, 2023

**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 10, 2023

**The Doctors Company Foundation**

The Doctors Company Foundation supports patient safety education for healthcare professionals and patient safety research with clinically useful applications. The focus is on projects and activities that develop knowledge, techniques, and tools whose application reduces or eliminates risk of adverse events that cause harm to patients while under care. Nonprofit entities and education institutions are eligible to apply.

**Letter of Intent (Required): March 14, 2023**

Application Deadline: June 20, 2023

**Drug-Free Communities Support Program**

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: March 15, 2023

**AARP Community Challenge**

Grants for projects that work to improve livability for all residents of a community. The 2023 application cycle will focus on public spaces; housing; transportation; civic engagement; diversity, equity, and inclusion; digital connections; community health; and economic empowerment, among others. Applications from rural communities are encouraged.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2023

**Nizar N. Oweida, MD, FACS, Scholarship of the American College of Surgeons**

A scholarship for surgeons in small towns and rural communities to either: (1) attend the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress; (2) travel and attend training; or (3) conduct research to improve performance as a rural surgeon.
Application Deadline: March 15, 2023

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 15, 2023

Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE)

INSPIRE is an initiative addressing the substance use disorder crisis by creating or expanding a recovery ecosystem that will lead to workforce entry or re-entry. Successful projects will support post-treatment to employment continuum, which could include investments in healthcare networks that support substance abuse recovery professionals, recovery-focused job training programs, as well as initiatives designed to coordinate recovery services and training that support the recovery ecosystem.

Application Deadline: March 17, 2023

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)

Grants to support the development and/or expansion of local implementation of a community infrastructure that integrates behavioral health treatment and services for substance use disorders and co-occurring mental and substance use disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2023

Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health Grant Program

Grants to promote the wellness of young children from birth to 8 years by addressing the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral aspects of their development to ensure children are thriving in safe, supportive environments, and entering school ready to learn and able to succeed. Projects should work to advance equity for all, and to identify racial, ethnic, sexual and gender minority, and rural populations at highest risk for experiencing behavioral health disparities.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2023

The High Obesity Program (HOP)
Funding to implement evidence-based strategies and leverage partner resources to address obesity and its associated factors in populations of focus related to poor diet and/or physical inactivity. **Rural** communities are considered a priority population.

**Application Deadline: March 21, 2023**

**Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training Program (ISTP)**

Grants to plan, develop, and operate a training program for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, counselors, nurses, and/or social workers that trains practitioners to provide care for individuals in need of mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

**Application Deadline: March 21, 2023**

**Improving Access to Overdose Treatment**

Grants to expand access to Food and Drug Administration overdose reversal medications for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose through collaboration and training on policies, procedures, and models of care for prescribing, co-prescribing, and expanding access to naloxone and other medications for **rural** or urban populations.

**Application Deadline: March 24, 2023**

**Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities**

For health services research that can directly contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities, while taking into consideration the interaction between system-level healthcare, individual clinical care and social determinants of health, including the role of structural systemic factors, place and neighborhood factors. Focuses on services provided in the healthcare setting where individuals from health disparity populations seek care with a clinician for preventive services, chronic disease management, urgent symptomatic care, emergency care, and hospital care.

**Application Deadline: March 27, 2023**

**The Workers Lab: Innovation Fund**

The Workers Lab seeks innovators with early-stage ideas centered around making the ways the U.S. serves workers more modern and inclusive. Up to six fellows will be selected to participate in a 4-month program providing training, mentorship, and customized support to bring their idea to life and set them up for larger-scale investment.
Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program

Funding to support community-based organizations to use the EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model to develop and implement community-driven solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. Special consideration will be given to projects located in rural areas.

Virginia Behavioral Health Student Loan Repayment Program

Annual $1.6 million fund established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2021 to help recruit and retain behavioral health professionals to practice in underserved areas of the Commonwealth or to provide counseling and treatment to underserved populations. The program will repay a portion of eligible professionals’ student loan debt. In return, recipients commit to practicing in Virginia for a minimum of two years at an eligible site.

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.

David W. and Sandra L.R. Boyes Physician Education Scholarship

Scholarship for health professionals and specialists working on continuing education in the field of gerontology. Special consideration is given to applicants who currently practice or plan to practice in rural Virginia or southern Appalachian areas.

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.

**Application Deadline: July 8, 2023**

**AHRQ Health Services Research Projects (R01)**

Support for specified health services 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: July 8, 2023**

**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, 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**

**Notice of Special Interest: Advancing the Science of Geriatric Palliative Care**

Notice of Special Interest to encourage research focused on palliative care in geriatric populations. Studies may take place in a variety of settings including hospitals, post-acute care settings, outpatient clinics, doctors' offices, homes and other residential settings, long-term care facilities, hospices, and other healthcare or community settings. Research in disparity populations and in rural/remote settings is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 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**

**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): Research on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Risks for Abuse and Injury Among Vulnerable Children and Youth**

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**

**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.

**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**

**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**

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**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**

**Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R01)**

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**Application Deadline: September 7, 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 disparity populations and how work functions as a social determinant of health.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 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

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

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Implementation Science to Advance Maternal Health and Maternal Health Equity for the IMPROVE Initiative

Notice of Special Interest for research to address health disparities associated with pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated morbidity and mortality. Populations of focus include American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and underserved rural populations, among others.

Application Deadline: May 8, 2025
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: September 30, 2025

For ongoing funding opportunities, visit our website

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