



Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is pleased to present this special edition of its funding newsletter. The following programs are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA). This is not a complete listing, but these programs are appropriate for FGCU. For a complete listing, please consult www.grants.gov.

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EARLY EDUCATION

EARLY HEAD START EXPANSION

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OHS-SA-0087.html>

Deadline: July 9, 2009

Funding will support the enrollment of additional children and families as well as create new teaching and other positions in Early Head Start programs. The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations or for-profit organizations, that wish to compete for funds that are available to provide Early Head Start services to pregnant women, infants and toddlers and their families.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$619 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding enrollment by approximately 55,000 low-income children and their families. This expansion is only to increase the number of pregnant women, infants and toddlers served in Early Head Start.

Financial assistance will be competitively awarded to local public and local non-profit and for-profit private entities, including Early Head Start and Head Start grantees, to provide child and family development services for low-income families with infants and toddlers ages birth to three years and pregnant women who are not currently being served by a Head Start or Early Head Start program. Early Head Start programs are funded to provide early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services.

The purpose of the Early Head Start program is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; to assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and post partum care; to support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and to help parents move toward self-sufficiency. Research demonstrates that such early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive programs that are well implemented improve school readiness outcomes for children.

HEAD START EXPANSION

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OHS-SH-0089.html>

Deadline: June 23, 2009

Funding will support an increase in the enrollment of additional children as well as create new teaching and other positions in Head Start programs. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS), solicits applications from existing federally funded Head Start agencies to compete for funds, including training and technical assistance funds, that are available to provide services to underserved children and families residing in the defined Federally approved service areas or, as discussed below, nearby underserved areas.

This expansion is to increase the number of pre-school age children served in Head Start. Each grantee currently has a defined, approved service area and may apply to serve additional low-in-

come children in that area. In addition, grantees may propose to serve areas that are currently unserved as long as they can demonstrate they meet the statutory requirement to be a Head Start provider in that community; i.e. an agency that would be understood by the community as a local agency, within a community; an agency that has some presence in that community; or the community is contiguous to its current service area and the community demonstrates its support for the applicant to be a Head Start provider in the community. Applicants proposing to both expand within their current service area and to establish a new program in an unserved area must submit separate applications.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION RECOVERY ACT FUNDING

<http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY09ARRAFFOFINAL031309.pdf>

Deadline: June 30, 2010

Under this federal funding opportunity (FFO) announcement, the Economic Development Administration in the Department of Commerce solicits applications for funding under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs only. Under this FFO, EDA will give priority consideration to those applications that will significantly benefit regions "that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring," as stipulated under the Recovery Act. EDA provides financial assistance to distressed communities in both urban and rural regions. Such distress may exist in a variety of forms, including high levels of unemployment, low income levels, large concentrations of low-income families, significant declines in per capita income, large numbers (or high rates) of business failures, sudden major layoffs or plant closures, trade impacts, military base closures, natural or other major disasters, depletion of natural resources, reduced tax bases, or substantial loss of population because of the lack of employment opportunities. EDA's experience has shown that regional economic development to help alleviate these conditions is effected primarily through investments and decisions made by the private sector. Under the EDA American Recovery Program, EDA will help restore, replace and expand economic activity in regions that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring, and prioritize projects that will diversify the economic base and lead to a stronger, more globally competitive and resilient regional economy. EDA's economic development activities help create jobs by encouraging business inception and growth.

Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received. Applications may be submitted electronically in accordance with the instructions provided at www.grants.gov.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP)

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>

Deadline: June 8, 2009

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was established for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. Through the purchase and

redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties, the goal of the program is being realized. NSP1, a term that references the NSP funds authorized under Division B, Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008, provides grants to all states and selected local governments on a formula basis. NSP2, a term that references the NSP funds authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the Recovery Act) of 2009, provides grants to states, local governments, nonprofits and a consortium of nonprofit entities on a competitive basis. The Recovery Act also authorized HUD to establish NSP-TA, a \$50 million allocation made available to national and local technical assistance providers to support NSP grantees.

NSP funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Establish financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes and residential properties;
- Purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties abandoned or foreclosed;
- Establish land banks for foreclosed homes;
- Demolish blighted structures;
- Redevelop demolished or vacant properties

There are a variety of statutory and regulatory limitations that apply to NSP. Allocations awarded under NSP1 and NSP2 are restricted to the same eligible uses listed above, but NSP I awards are distributed on a formula basis while NSP II awards are distributed on a competitive basis.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2

http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/pdf/nsp2_nofa.pdf

Deadline: July 17, 2009

Recipients will use the funds awarded under this notice to stabilize neighborhoods whose viability has been and continues to be damaged by the economic effects of properties that have been foreclosed upon and abandoned. NSP2 funds will be awarded through competitions whose eligible applicants include states, units of general local government, nonprofits, and consortia of nonprofits. Any applicant may apply with a for-profit entity as its partner.

There will be two competitions. Under the program round in this notice, applicants will compete for up to \$1.93 billion of NSP2 funds to carry out neighborhood stabilization programs. Under the technical assistance round in a separate notice, applicants will compete for no more than \$50 million of NSP2 funds to provide technical assistance, to include capacity building of local communities receiving NSP1 or any entity receiving NSP2 funding to carry out neighborhood stabilization.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUND - NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SI-0091.html>

Deadline: July 7, 2009

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new cooperative agreements to experienced organizations to provide nonprofit organizations serving as project partners, with capacity building training, technical assistance, and competitive financial assistance. The focus of this program is to build the capacity of funded projects' nonprofit partners in order to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to state and Federal benefits and tax credits.

Lead organizations will assist nonprofit organizations working in distressed communities with capacity building activities that support economic recovery. Specifically, lead organizations will assist grassroots organizations working in distressed communities with capacity building activities in five critical areas:

- 1) organizational development,
- 2) program development,
- 3) collaboration and community engagement,
- 4) leadership development, and
- 5) evaluation of effectiveness.

Capacity building activities are designed to increase an organization's sustainability and effectiveness, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those in need.

HEALTH RESEARCH

ACADEMIC RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARD (R15)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-007.html>

Deadline: September 24, 2009

The purpose of the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. These AREA grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs, to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. AREA grants are intended to support small-scale health-related research projects proposed by faculty members of eligible, domestic institutions.

It is estimated that up to 50 awards will be made in FY 2010. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the quality, duration, and costs of the applications received.

Applicants may request up to a total of \$300,000 direct costs plus applicable Facilities and Administrative (F&A)/ indirect costs. Use the modular budget for direct cost amounts up to \$250,000 and the detailed budget for direct costs amounts above \$250,000. The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may be up to three (3) years.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH DISPARITIES INTERVENTION RESEARCH
PLANNING PHASE (R24)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-006.html>

Deadline: June 30, 2009

The NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) has designated up to \$7 million for Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) planning grants to support community participation in health disparities intervention research.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD TO INCREASE DIVERSITY (R36)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-008.html>

Deadline: June 30, 2009

This NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to support qualified pre-doctoral students to pursue research careers in any area relevant to the research mission of the NCMHD (i.e., minority health and health disparities research) and simultaneously increase the diversity of this workforce. This FOA will utilize the NIH Dissertation Research (R36) grant mechanism. NCMHD intends to commit \$ 500,000 under this FOA. We anticipate that 3-5 awards will be made for fiscal year 20 09, pending the number and quality of applications and availability of funds.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Submission guidelines are not yet released for the following programs, but will be in the future.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOVERY ACT COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$750 million for a program of competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors.

Of that amount, \$500 million is targeted for research, labor exchange, and job training projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as defined in the Green Jobs Act:

- energy efficient building,
- construction, and retrofitting;
- renewable electric power;
- energy efficient and advanced drive train vehicles;
- biofuels;

- deconstruction and materials use;
- energy efficiency assessment for residential, commercial, or industrial sector, and manufacturing of sustainable products using sustainable processes.

The remaining \$250 million will be for projects in other high growth and emerging industry sectors with a priority for projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector and projects that are tied to industry sectors where jobs are being created as a result of Recovery Act investments such as infrastructure investments.

In order to maximize the impact of these competitive grants and leverage the other investments in the Recovery Act, the Department of Labor (DOL) is collaborating with other Federal agencies and developing a multi-pronged investment approach with these funds. DOL plans to issue Solicitations for Grant Awards (SGA) no later than June 30, 2009. The SGA will provide specific requirements for use of the funds, certification, data reporting, performance measures, and other necessary information. DOL will be publishing the grant opportunities on Grants.gov. Information on grant opportunities will also be available on DOL's Recovery Web site: <http://www.dol.gov/recovery/>. This synopsis is for information purposes only. Specific funding opportunities related to this notice will be forthcoming and will be posted on www.grants.gov under a unique funding opportunity number and Recovery Act description.

NIH FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENTS

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the opportunity for investigators and United States institutions/organizations with active NIH Research Grants to request administrative supplements for the purpose accelerating the tempo of scientific research on active grants.

Consistent with the intent of the Recovery Act, the purpose of this program is to promote job creation and economic development along with accelerating the pace and achievement of scientific research. In addition, Recovery Act funds allocated to NIH specifically for comparative effectiveness research (CER) may be available to support supplements. Projects receiving these funds will need to meet this definition of CER: "a rigorous evaluation of the impact of different options that are available for treating a given medical condition for a particular set of patients. Such a study may compare similar treatments, such as competing drugs, or it may analyze very different approaches, such as surgery and drug therapy." Such research may include the development and use of clinical registries, clinical data networks, and other forms of electronic health data that can be used to generate or obtain outcomes data as they apply to CER. This announcement is one of three ARRA administrative supplement/competitive revision notices issued by NIH. Approximately \$1 billion of ARRA funds will be obligated by September 30, 2010 to support requests submitted in response to these three notices or any reissuance of these notices. This administrative supplement solicitation requests submissions in all scientific and programmatic areas funded by NIH. Support may be requested for up to 2 years for qualified grants (see eligibility section in full announcement).

NIH FUNDS FOR PROVIDING SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS AND SCIENCE EDUCATORS

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the opportunity for investigators and United States institutions/organizations with active NIH Research Grants to request administrative supplements for the purpose of promoting job creation, economic development, and accelerating the pace and achievement of scientific research. These supplements will also encourage students to seriously pursue research careers in the health related sciences, as well as provide elementary, middle school, and high school teachers, community college faculty, and faculty from non-research intensive institutions with short term research experiences in NIH-funded laboratories.

Projects receiving these funds will need to meet this definition of CER: “a rigorous evaluation of the impact of different options that are available for treating a given medical condition for a particular set of patients. Such a study may compare similar treatments, such as competing drugs, or it may analyze very different approaches, such as surgery and drug therapy.” Such research may include the development and use of clinical registries, clinical data networks, and other forms of electronic health data that can be used to generate or obtain outcomes data as they apply to CER. This announcement is one of three ARRA administrative supplement/competitive revision notices issued by NIH. Approximately \$1 billion of ARRA funds will be obligated by September 30, 2010 to support requests submitted in response to these three notices or any reissuance of these notices. This administrative supplement solicitation encourages submissions in all scientific and programmatic areas funded by NIH. Support may be requested for up to 2 years for qualified grants (see eligibility section in the full announcement).

RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAMS (RBEG)

In addition to meeting the requirements of the RBEG program, applicants must also comply with applicable provisions of the ARRA and any related regulations and guidance. For non-construction projects, this will include ARRA reporting requirements. For construction projects, this will include the ARRA reporting requirements as well as the Davis-Bacon and "Buy America" requirements”.

Type of Award: Grant

Matching Funds: Not required.

Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2009 and 2010 Total Funding: \$20,000,000.

Approximate Number of Awards: Estimate 200

Average Award: \$99,000

Anticipated Award Date: Ongoing as projects are funded.

TEACHER INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM

The purpose of the Teacher Incentive Fund is to support programs that develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems, based primarily on increases in student achievement, in high-need schools. The goals of the Teacher Incentive Fund program include:

- Improving student achievement by increasing teacher and principal effectiveness;

- Reforming teacher and principal compensation systems so that teachers and principals are rewarded for increases in student achievement;
- Increasing the number of effective teachers teaching poor, minority, and disadvantaged students in hard-to-staff subjects; and
- Creating sustainable performance-based compensation systems.

TEACHER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM

The Teacher Quality Partnership program seeks to improve the quality of new teachers working in high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) and high-need schools by creating successful and high-quality model Pre-Baccalaureate Teacher Preparation programs and/or Teaching Residency programs for those qualified to begin teaching. Projects may also include a school leadership component to train superintendents, principals, early childhood educator program directors and other school leaders in high-need or rural LEAs.

Initiatives to support development of digital education content, to improve the quality of pre-baccalaureate teacher preparation programs, and/or to enhance the quality of pre-service training for prospective teachers are also supported.

Applications for grants under the Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program, CFDA number (Not Available), must be submitted electronically using Grants.gov. You may access the electronic grant application for the Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program at www.Grants.gov.