



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
HENRY CUELLAR
REPRESENTING THE 28TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS



Grants Newsletter

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To better serve you, I would like to provide this week's Grants Newsletter. Enclosed you will find several open grant applications that provide the opportunity to procure federal funding for a variety of projects.

Attracting more federal funds to our district and region has been a top priority during my tenure in Congress. By providing this document, I hope we can secure additional federal funds and assistance to our area that will improve life in Texas's 28th Congressional District.

For more information on the federal grant process, please visit my [grants webpage](#) or contact my Grants Coordinator, Randy Aguilar, at Randy.Aguilar@mail.house.gov. To stay informed about recent legislative activity and how it impacts your family and your community, please visit my [congressional website](#) or follow me on Twitter at [@RepCuellar](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Cuellar".

Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress
28th District of Texas

Note: This newsletter provides information on current federal grant solicitations. This is not a comprehensive list of all grant opportunities. For more information on federal grants, please contact the office at (202) 225-1640 or email randy.aguilar@mail.house.gov.

Broadband

[The Rural eConnectivity Program](#)

Project description: The Rural eConnectivity Program provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

Eligibility:

- Private institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- City or township governments
- Independent school districts
- State district governments
- Public housing authorities
- County governments
- Nonprofit entities
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Others (see posting for additional information)
- For profit organizations other than small businesses

Application due date: May 21, 2024

Education and Research

[Research in the Formation of Engineers](#)

Project description: The goal of the Research in the Formation of Engineers (RFE) program is to advance our understanding of professional formation. It seeks both to deepen our fundamental understanding of the underlying processes and mechanisms that support professional formation and to demonstrate how professional formation is or can be accomplished. Ultimately RFE aims to transform the engineer-formation system, and thus the impact of proposed projects on this system must be described. Principal Investigators should provide a roadmap detailing how they envision the proposed research will eventually broadly impact practice within the engineer-formation system, even if these activities are not within the scope of the submitted proposal.

Eligibility:

- Open to any entity

Application due date: Proposals accepted anytime.

Law Enforcement

[Fiscal Year 2024 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program](#)

Project description: The Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program supports efforts to enhance the safety of rural victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. This program supports projects that implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; provide treatment, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, or other victim services to victims in rural communities; or develop or strengthen programs addressing sexual assault.

Eligibility:

- Nonprofit entities
- Others (see posting for additional information)
- City or township governments
- Private institutions of higher education
- County governments
- State governments
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education

Application due date: April 12, 2024

Health and Nutrition

[Continuous Ketone Monitoring for the Safe Use of Sodium-glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors in Type 1 Diabetes](#)

Project description: The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity is to solicit applications for studies that will develop and test risk mitigation strategies that involve the clinical integration of Continuous Ketone Monitoring for the safe use of Safe Use of Sodium-glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors for people living with Type-1 Diabetes so that they may benefit from the cardiac and renal protection and glucose-lowering effects of this drug class.

Eligibility:

- Others (see posting for additional information)
- Independent school districts
- Public housing authorities
- County governments
- Nonprofit entities
- Small businesses
- City or township governments

- Private institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- State governments
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education

Application due date: June 27, 2024

[Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts](#)

Project description: The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program recognizes the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with SUDs. Recipients are expected to provide prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with SUD involved with the courts.

Eligibility:

- Health Facilities
- Public or private nonprofit entities

Application due date: April 1, 2024

[Mechanistic Studies on Social Behavior in Substance Use Disorder](#)

Project description: The overarching goal of the supported research projects will be to determine neural and cognitive mechanisms that underlie the relationship between social cognition/behavior and the Substance Use Disorder trajectory.

Eligibility:

- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- City or township governments
- Nonprofit entities
- Independent school districts
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- Others (see posting for additional information)
- Public housing authorities
- State governments
- Special district governments
- County governments

Application due date: August 14, 2024

Community Development

[Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Programs](#)

Project description: The Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program objectives is to provide infrastructure improvements to address the conditions that contribute to the deterioration in an area designated as slum or blighted in the applicant community's downtown or main street area.

Eligibility:

- Cities and counties that are not participating in or designated as eligible for the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).
- Nonentitlement cities that are not currently participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements.
- Nonentitlement cities are eligible unless their population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation.

Application due date: April 3, 2024

[Colonia Construction Fund Application](#)

Project description: The Colonia Fund - Construction provides eligible applicants with grants to fund water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation for low- to moderate-income households, the payment of assessments levied against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income to recover the capital cost for a public improvement and other improvements including street paving and drainage.

Eligibility:

- Counties within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border.
- Units of general local government: Limited to nonentitlement areas, with the exception of Hidalgo County.
- Severely distressed unincorporated areas: Specifically, those meeting the definition of a "colonia" based on objective criteria such as lack of potable water supply, inadequate sewage systems, and insufficient decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Application due date: April 3, 2024

Agriculture and Environment

[Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition](#)

Project description: The Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Ports Program will fund climate and air quality planning activities at United States ports – including emissions

inventories, strategy analysis, community engagement, and resiliency measure identification – that will build the capacity of port stakeholders to continue to reduce pollution and transition to zero-emissions operations over time.

Eligibility:

- Port authorities
- State, regional, or local agencies that have jurisdiction over a port authority.
- Air pollution control agencies
- Private entities

Application due date: May 28, 2024

Science and Technology

[Next Era of Wireless and Spectrum](#)

Project description: This program seeks to develop the intellectual capital enabling the U.S. to smoothly and quickly transition to effective new ways of using and managing the radio and optical spectrum after the end of the current spectrum era of long-term exclusive-use license auctions, thereby sustaining and advancing the social, economic, scientific, and U.S. national leadership benefits derived from the electromagnetic spectrum.

Eligibility:

- Nonprofit entities
- Nonacademic organizations
- Institutions of higher education

Application due date: May 28, 2024

Arts and Culture

[Research Grants in the Arts](#)

Project description: Research Grants in the Arts support research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life. The National Endowment of Arts welcomes research proposals that address priority topics and possible questions as outlined in the agency’s FY 2022-2026 research agenda.

Eligibility:

- Special district governments
- City or township governments
- State governments
- County governments
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts

- Nonprofit entities
- Private institutions of higher education

Application due date: March 25, 2024

Grant Resources

[Grants.gov Community Blog](#) This website provides information on how to apply for grants, open solicitations, and other helpful grant resources.

[Grants.gov Training Videos](#) This webpage provides videos and webinars to assist you in your application process. Video topics include registering with grants.gov, how to search for federal grants, and other topics of interest for applicants.