



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
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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](https://twitter.com/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.

Water

[WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects 2024](#)

Project description: This Environmental Water Resources Projects NOFO provides funding for water conservation and efficiency projects, water management and infrastructure improvements, and river and watershed restoration projects and nature-based solutions that provide significant ecological benefits, have been developed as part of a collaborative process, and help carry out an established strategy to increase the reliability of water resources.

Eligibility:

- Special district governments
- State governments
- Others (see posting for additional information)
- Irrigation and water districts
- Local authorities

Application due date: June 18, 2024

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

[School Violence Prevention Program](#)

Project description: School Violence Prevention Program funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 (*primary and secondary*) schools and school grounds:

- Coordination with law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures”
- “Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency”
- “Any other measure that the COPS Office determines may provide a significant improvement in security”

The following school safety measures are available through the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s (BJA’s) section of the STOP School Violence Act of 2018:

- Development and operation of anonymous reporting systems
 - Hotlines
 - Internet websites
 - Mobile telephone applications
- Development and operation of a school threat assessment
- Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises
- Training for school personnel and students to prevent student violence against others and self
- Any other measure the BJA determines may provide a significant improvement in security

Eligibility:

- Local enforcement agencies
- State law enforcement agencies
- Units of local governments (e.g., counties, cities, school districts)
- Public government agencies

Application due date: June 17, 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

[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

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

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.