Welcome!

Today’s session will begin shortly. There will be no audio sound until the session begins.
Zoom Webinar Reminders

- Zoom technical support at 1-888-799-9666, option 2
- Audio streamed through your speakers
- Submit questions at any time in the Q&A box at the bottom of your screen
- Webinar recording, slides, and session summaries posted shortly after the event at thefdp.org
Federal Agency Updates

Alex Albinak, Co-Chair of the FDP
Michele Masucci, Co-Chair of the FDP
Maria Koszalka, Executive Director of the FDP

FDP Meeting – January 2024
Agenda

- Introduction
- NSF - Jean Feldman
- AFOSR - Calvin Scott
- DHS - Michael Pellegrino
- NIH – Brian Sass-Hurst
- NIFA - Susan Rice
- NASA - Mary Sladek and Christiane Diallo
- EPA - Jennifer Robbins
- HRSA - Jennifer Riggle
Speaker

- Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office
Division of Institution and Award Support
Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management

policy@nsf.gov
Topics

• Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 24-1)
  • Effective Date
  • Summary of Changes
• Generative Artificial Intelligence Technology in the Merit Review Process
• Proposal Evaluation System (PES)
• Outreach Opportunities
• Additional Resources
NSF PAPPG (NSF 24-1)

- Released January 22, 2024
- Effective May 20, 2024
PAPPG (NSF 24-1)
Summary of Changes

• CHIPS and Science Act of 2022
  • Foreign influence and Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment related policies
  • Mentoring plan requirement expanded to include graduate students
  • Individual development plan requirement for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers

• Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support
PAPPG (NSF 24-1)
Summary of Changes

• Seeking and Obtaining Tribal Nation Approval for Proposals that May Impact Tribal Resources or Interests
  • Projects that do not have prior written approval from the official(s) designated by the relevant Tribal Nation(s) will not be awarded by NSF.
  • Proposers seeking funding for such proposals must
    • Seek guidance from the potentially impacted Tribal Nation
    • Submit a written request to the relevant Tribal Nation(s) for approval to carry out the activities that require review and approval
  • New checkbox on the Cover Sheet to indicate if there are “Potential Impacts on Tribal Nations.”

Proposers must include information as a supplementary document
Summary of Changes

- New proposal type: Research Opportunity Supplemental Funding Requests for Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions (ROA/PUI)
- Postaward addition of off-site or off-campus research
- Senior/Key Personnel Terminology Update
Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Technology in the Merit Review Process

- In mid-December 2023, NSF Issued a Notice to the Research Community with guidelines for safeguarding the integrity of the development and evaluation of proposals in the merit review process.

- Use of Generative AI by Reviewers
  - NSF reviewers are prohibited from uploading content from proposals, review information and related records to non-approved AI tools.

- Use of Generative AI in Proposal Preparation
  - Proposers are encouraged to indicate in the project description the extent to which, if any, generative AI technology was used to develop their proposal.
New Proposal Evaluation System

• A new Proposal Evaluation System will replace the Interactive Panel System (IPS) module in FastLane in FY 2024

• New system improves the user experience through modernized, intuitive, and easy to navigate interfaces and enhanced functionalities for the preparation and submission of reviews by panelists, to support panel meetings, and for real-time collaboration on panel summaries

• The IPS module in FastLane will be decommissioned after the Proposal Evaluation System is released for use NSF-wide
NSF Outreach Opportunities

• PAPPG 24-1 Webinar
  • March 12, 2024 @ 2PM EST

• Spring 2024 NSF Grants Conference
  • June 3-5 in Philadelphia, PA
  • In-person and virtual options
  • Registration opens in early March

• NSF Policy Office Webinar Series
  • Common Forms – Date TBD
  • Most recent covered eligibility for NSF funding opportunities

• Resource Center
  • On-demand presentations – searchable by topic and year

For on-demand opportunities and to be notified of upcoming events:

https://nsfpolicyoutreach.com/
Information Resources

• Join the NSF System Updates listserv to receive the latest Research.gov system enhancement information and FastLane decommissioning news! Sign up by sending a blank email to: system_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov

• Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals page

• FastLane Decommissioning page

• Grants.gov Proposal Processing in Research.gov page

• NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support websites

• Research.gov About Account Management page

• Research.gov Account Management – Reviewer page

• Research.gov About Proposal Preparation and Submission page

• Research.gov About Supplemental Funding Request Preparation and Submission page

• Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site (You will be prompted to sign into Research.gov if you are not already signed in.)

• Research.gov Supplemental Funding Request Demo Site (You will be prompted to sign into Research.gov if you are not already signed in.)

• Resources for LaTeX Users: https://github.com/nsf-open/nsf-proposal-latex-samples
Additional Resources

- Policy Office Website
- PAPPG (NSF 24-1)
- PAPPG (NSF 23-1)
- FAQs On Proposal Preparation and Award Administration
- NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support
- Current and Pending (Other) Support FAQs
- Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Technology in the NSF Merit Review Process
QUESTIONS?

- Policy Office Website
  https://nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/
- NSF Staff Directory
  https://nsf.gov/staff/
- Career Opportunities | National Science Foundation
  https://new.nsf.gov/careers
Agenda

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Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Enterprise At-a-Glance

- BASIC RESEARCH (AFOSR)
- DIRECTED ENERGY (RD)
- AEROSPACE SYSTEMS (RQ)
- INFORMATION (RI)
- HUMAN PERFORMANCE (711th)
- MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING (RX)
- SENSORS (RY)
- INTEGRATED CAPABILITIES (RS)
- SPACE VEHICLES (RV)
- MUNITIONS (RW)
- AFWERX (RG)
AFRL/AFOSR Mission & Span of Influence

**AFOSR’s Mission** is to Discover, Shape, Champion, and Transition High Risk Basic Research to profoundly impact the future Air and Space Force.

**Core Mission** - With a broad, long-term perspective, we identify areas for investment and collaboration to advance the Department of the Air Force’s (DAF) research and development enterprise across the full spectrum of air, space, and cyber operations. We build bridges to the world’s most prestigious universities and talented researchers to enhance partnerships and provide revolutionary science and technology discoveries to the Warfighter.

**Span of Influence** - 60+ World-class Subject Matter Experts manage 1,600+ grants at over 300 leading academic institutions across 50 states and 65 countries, 150 industry-based contracts, and more than 230 internal AFRL research efforts.

Inherent in our mission, we strive to strengthen and shape the Science and Engineering talent pipeline through targeted outreach, research, internships, and fellowship programs to include a focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions. Fund DAF’s K-12 STEM Outreach at 30+ bases supporting 500+ competitions!
FIND

33 Program Officers (POs), 21 International Program Officers (IPOs) and 5 Program Managers (PMs) reaching scientists & engineers globally

FORM

Shape emerging science into high-performing teams and portfolios that address long-term basic science barriers to future DAF capabilities

FUND

1,600+ extramural research grants at 189 US universities in 45 states

200+ intramural research grants at AFRL Technical Directorates (TDs) & Air Force Institute of Technology

340+ international grants in 47 countries on 6 continents

FORWARD

Transition through AFRL TDs, Small Business Innovation Research & Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)

*Data as of Aug 2023
AFRL/AFOSR Granting Process
AFRL/AFOSR Science & Technology Portfolio Areas

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- Outlines research areas of interest
How We Accomplish Our Mission

**Technology Transition**
- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program
- Partnerships for Transition

**Strengthening Academic Research Capabilities**
- Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) Program
- Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)
- Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)

**Workforce Development**
- Awards to Stimulate and Support Undergraduate Research Experiences (ASSURE)
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG)
- Pre K-12 STEM

**Basic Research Traditional Grants**
All qualified, responsible organizational applicants from academia, the non-profit sector, and industry are eligible to submit research proposals.

**Strengthening Air & Space Force Research Capabilities**
- US Air Force Academy Program
- Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP)/Science & Technology Fellowship Program (STFP)

**Expanding Air & Space Force Academic Reach**
- Young Investigator Program (YIP)
- Historically Black Colleges & Universities/Minority Serving Institutions (HBCU/MSI) Program
- AFRL Basic Research National Science Portals (NSPs)

**Diversified investment strategy for maximum discovery potential**
How to Work with Us
Review Broad Agency Announcements

• Researchers should visit www.grants.gov – the official source for finding and applying to Federal grants

• Find opportunities that match interests. Search by:
  • Keyword
  • Eligibility
  • Category
  • Agency etc.

• Study and keep current with BAAs

• Attend program reviews to understand the directions and needs of program
How to Work with Us
Scope and Draft Idea Statement

• Statement doesn’t have to be all-inclusive, but should address the unique value proposition of the research

• Statement needs to be specific enough that it catches the interest of the Program Officer
How to Work with Us
Connect with a Program Officer

• At this point, some Program Officers will want a specifically formatted white paper

• Others will want to have a conversation
  • In person
  • Over the phone
  • Via email

• If the idea seems promising, a Program Officer will initiate an ongoing dialogue setting expectations and explaining the process for full proposal submission.
How to Work with Us
Determine the Correct Funding Mechanism

• There are many different mechanisms for universities to obtain basic research grant funding:
  • Traditional grants
  • University Research Initiatives (i.e. Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI), Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP))
  • Special Programs (i.e. HBCU/MSI, Young Investigator Program (YIP), Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE))

• Traditional grants can be awarded year-round from the general Broad Agency Announcement

• Other opportunities have specific deadlines
BAA Updates

• Lobbying Form update
  • Lobbying form will no longer be required if you have no lobbying to disclose
  • By the entity checking “I agree” on the SF 424 block 17 you are agreeing to fully comply with the Lobbying Disclosure Act, meaning if the proposed grant amount is over $100k the potential grantees are certifying that there are no lobbying activity to disclose.

• Added “Equipment Vesting” Section into the FA9550-23-S-0001
  • In accordance with 2 CFR 200.313 and the DoD Terms and Conditions PROP Article I. Section A., equipment title will be vested with the non-Federal entity upon purchase without further obligation to the government unless the terms and conditions of your award specify otherwise. If a contract is awarded the applicable FAR Property Clauses will apply.

*****https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/345653*****
Connect with Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)

AFRL Opportunities

- AFRL Student & Faculty Opportunities
- Grants.Gov

Air Force & Space Force Tech Connect

- AFResearchLab
- Air Force Research Laboratory - AFRL
- AFresearchlab
- AFRresearchLab
Connect with AFRL/AFOSR

Website
Doing Business with AFRL/AFOSR
Announcements and Highlights

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Find our BAA and Events Calendar
Learn about Program Reviews

Twitter
Follow us
Mention @AFOSR
#BasicResearch

Facebook
Be Our Friend
Follow us
#BasicResearch

LinkedIn
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#BasicResearch

• https://www.afrl.af.mil/AFOSR/

• https://community.apan.org/wg/afosr/

• https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=345653

• https://twitter.com/afosr

• https://www.facebook.com/afosr/

• https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-air-force-office-of-scientific-research-afosr-

• https://www.instagram.com/_afosr_
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Science and Technology (S&T)

- **97.061: Centers for Homeland Security**
  - University-led consortium to conduct research, develop and transition mission-relevant science and technology and educate the next generation of homeland security technical and scientific challenges.
  - FY 23 Funding: $36.6M
  - FY 23 Awards: 11

- **97.062: Scientific Leadership Awards**
  - Funds homeland security-related science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research at MSIs and supplement existing academic institution curricula with homeland security challenges to prepare MSI students for successful careers within the homeland security enterprise.
  - FY 23 Funding: $8.8M
  - FY 23 Awards: 19

  - Diverse set of requirements from developing tools and capabilities for the first responder community to defend and mitigate the health risk associated with their exposure to chemical, biological, physical, or radiological elements, better understand the nature of terrorism, targeted violence, insider threats and human trafficking.
  - FY 23 Funding: $4.3M
  - FY 23 Awards: 11
Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD)

  - Support basic research to enhance national security's capability to detect and prevent the illicit entry, transport, assembly, or potential use within the United States of unauthorized chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBRN) materials, devices or agents and otherwise help protect against an attack using such materials, devices, or agents.
  - FY 23 Funding: $3.5M
  - FY 23 Awards: 13

- **97.130: National Nuclear Forensics Expertise Development Program**
  - Provide an academic pathway from undergraduate to post-doctorate study in disciplines directly relevant to nuclear forensics. Increase a diverse and highly talented cadre of new and emerging forensics experts.
  - FY 23 Funding: $2.8M
  - FY 23 Awards: 2
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- **97.005: FEMA - State and Local Homeland Security National Training Program**
  - Provides funding to develop and deliver training solutions to address national preparedness gaps, map training to the core capabilities, and ensure training is available and accessible to a nationwide audience.
  - FY 23 Funding: $95M
  - FY 23 Awards: 13

- **97.044: FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grant**
  - Provides critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Provides resources to carry out fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, strategic national projects, prevention efforts, and research and development.
  - FY 23 Funding: $436M
  - FY 23 Awards: 2,350
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NIH Update

Federal Demonstration Partnership Meeting
OFFICE OF POLICY FOR EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

JANUARY 22, 2024
NIH Budget Updates

• On November 16, 2023, President Biden signed the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, and Other Extensions Act (Public Law 118-22), into law.

• As a result, NIH issued NOT-OD-24-039:
  • Continues government operations through February 2, 2024.
  • NIH Institutes and Centers may, at their discretion, issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award.
  • New Executive Salary Levels have been issued. Guide Notice is forthcoming.
POLICY UPDATES
NIH has issued the following policy guidance:

- **NOT-OD-23-139** covers the Implementation of the NIH SBIR and STTR Foreign Disclosure Pre-Award and Post-Award Requirements.
  - Effective for SBIR and STTR applications submitted for due dates on or after September 5, 2023.
  - Disclosure of all funded and unfunded relationships with foreign countries is required for all owners and “covered individuals”.
  - Submitted via “Required Disclosures of Foreign Affiliations or Relationships to Foreign Countries” form during Just-in-Time process.
  - Disclosure form is available on NIH’s [Required Disclosures of Foreign Affiliations or Relationships to Foreign Countries web page](https://nih.gov).
  - Will not mitigate security risks identified as part of due diligence program.
  - Notice includes further details on the new NIH Due Diligence Program and process.

Learn more: [NOT-OD-23-092](https://nih.gov); [NOT-OD-23-139](https://nih.gov); and Public Law No: 117-183
NIH Updated Policy Guidance for Subaward/Consortium Written Agreements

• On September 15, 2023, NIH issued NOT-OD-23-182, NIH Final Updated Policy Guidance for Subaward/Consortium Written Agreements, which announced the several updates to Section 15.2, Administrative and Other Requirements of the GPS.

• Effective January 1, 2024:
  • NIH will not support any agreement that does not meet the minimum requirements outlined in section 15.2.1 of the GPS.
  • Foreign subrecipients must provide access to copies of all lab notebooks, all data, and all documentation that supports the research outcomes as described in the progress report to the primary recipient with a frequency of no less than once per year, in alignment with the timing requirements for Research Performance Progress Report submission. Such access may be entirely electronic.
  • NIH expects recipients to update existing subaward agreements to address this requirement within 60 days of the effective date of this notice. NIH recognizes that recipients may need additional time depending on the number of agreements an institution has in place for each project. Therefore, extensions may be requested, if needed.

Learn more: NOT-OD-23-182 and Open Mike Blog Post
NIH Peer Review – Simplified Review Framework

• NOT-OD-24-010, Simplified Review Framework for NIH Research Project Grant Applications

• Effective for applications with due dates on or after January 25, 2025.
  • Summer 2025 peer review
  • October 2025 Advisory Council

• Applies to most research project grant (RPG) applications (i.e., grants and cooperative agreements) with the following RPG activity codes: DP1, DP2, DP3, DP4, DP5, R01, R03, R15, R16, R21, R33, R34, R36, R61, RC1, RC2, RC4, RF1, RL1, RL2, U01, U34, U3R, UA5, UC1, UC2, UC4, UF1, UF3, UG3, UH2, UH3, UH5, (including the following phased awards: R21/R33, UH2/UH3, UG3/UH3, R61/R33).

Learn more: NOT-OD-24-010 and Simplifying Review of Research Project Grant Applications.
SYSTEM PROCESS UPDATES
Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

- NIH has been working closely with the National Science Foundation (NSF) and other federal agencies on the Common Forms for the Biosketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support.

- The Common Forms have been cleared by U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and OMB.
  - New forms are posted on the NSF website.

- NIH is implementing the Common Forms (Biosketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support) in a phased approach as part of Forms I.

- Reminder: Until the Common Forms are fully adopted by NIH, NIH requires applicants and recipients to use the current [NIH Biosketch and Other Support formats](#) for applications, Just-in-Time (JIT) Reports, and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs).
  - Electronic signatures and supporting documentation are required.
  - Failure to follow the appropriate formats may cause NIH to withdraw applications from or delay consideration of funding.

Learn more: NIHGPS Section 2.3.7.12 and Guidance for Implementing National Security Presidential Memorandum 33.

Learn More: Biosketch FAQs & Other Support FAQs; Send inquiries to: nihosbiosketch@nih.gov
Just-in-Time (JIT) Update for SBIR/STTR

- This section appears ONLY for SBIR/STTR awards (R41, R42, R43, R44, U43, U44, UT1, UT2, SB1, UB1).

- Upon request, applicants must submit completed SBIR STTR Foreign Disclosure Form for each application when requested at JIT.

- Form must be completed in its entirety, signed, and flattened.

- ICs cannot accept JIT materials by email (See NIH GPS Section 2.5.1).

Resources: eRA Online Help – Just-in-Time (JIT)
New 90-Day Closeout Reminder Notification

• NIH recipients must submit a Final Federal Financial Report (FFR), Final Research Performance Progress Report (F-RPPR), and Final Invention Statement and Certification (FIS) within 120 calendar days of the end of the period of performance (project period), as required in section 8.6 of the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

• NIH currently sends reminder emails to recipients 10, 120, and 150 days after the project period end date.

• Beginning January 2024, NIH will begin sending an additional reminder closeout email notification 90 days after the project period end date.

Learn more: NOT-OD-24-047
Reminder: eRA Commons ID Requirement

• An eRA Commons ID must be entered in the “Credential, e.g. agency login” field for all Senior/Key Personnel, and Other Significant Contributors (OSCs) listed on the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile Form.

• Currently, applicants will encounter an eRA system warning if the “Credential, e.g. agency login” field is blank or does not contain a valid eRA Commons ID.

• The validation is anticipated to be updated from a warning to an error in mid-January in advance of due dates on or after January 25, 2024.

• Applicants are encouraged to check that their Commons account is active well before the due dates.

Learn more: NOT-OD-24-042
FAQs: Registration in Commons
COMPLIANCE
UPDATES
Federal Audit Clearinghouse Transition from Census Bureau to General Services Administration

- Management of the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) is being transitioned from the Census Bureau to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). The new www.FAC.gov by GSA was launched October 1, 2023.

- Reminder: FAC is the Federal repository for all single audit reports required from a State government, local government, or non-profit organization (including hospitals and institutions of higher education)
  - Submission of all single audit reports to FAC is now via: www.FAC.gov
  - The old, Census FAC website hyperlink will now automatically redirect users to: www.FAC.gov

- Search functionality for submitted/accepted audit reports is still under transition:
  - All single audit reports accepted after October 1, 2023: Search via GSA FAC: www.FAC.gov
  - All prior single audit reports: Search via Census FAC search page: https://facdissem.census.gov/Main.aspx

- GSA anticipates transition completion by January 2024, when submission of all audit reports and all historic single audit data will be available at www.FAC.gov

- Reminder: For-Profit and Foreign organizations must still submit audit reports to the HHS Audit Resolution Division
Questions

• Division of Grants Policy: GrantsPolicy@mail.nih.gov
• Division of Grants Compliance & Oversight: GrantsCompliance@mail.nih.gov
• Systems Policy Branch: OPERAsystemspolicy@mail.nih.gov
• Division of Extramural Inventions and Technology Resources: Inventions@nih.gov
• OPERA FFR Center: OPERAFFRInquiries@od.nih.gov
January 2024 Update
NIFA Agency Overview

Dr. Manjit Misra, NIFA Director
• Six-year appointment beginning May 8, 2023
• World-renowned scientist with a longtime research focus on seed engineering, food security
• Long career in Land-grant University System, 30+ years at Iowa State
• Author/co-author of 137 research publications; co-inventor on 10 patents
NIFA Priorities

IMPLEMENTING THE ADMINISTRATION’S PRIORITIES
• New USDA Science and Research Strategy released in May

SUPPORTING PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING CRITICAL NEEDS

DRIVING FEDERAL EFFORTS TO ADVANCE AGRICULTURE-RELATED SCIENCES
• Leading innovation in research, teaching and Extension
• Partnering with stakeholders to deliver comprehensive program leadership and meet goals outlined in our Strategic Plan
Addressing the Needs of Partners

- **FUNDING** collaborative projects that deliver solutions
- **LISTENING** through input sessions
- **ENHANCING** our portfolio of 4-H programs
- **FOCUSING** on high-quality customer service
NIFA FY 2024 Funding Overview

Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget Proposal
  o $1.868 billion: for NIFA discretionary programs, a 9% proposed increase
  o $892 million: for NIFA capacity programs, about a 3.5% proposed increase

Program-Specific Funding
  o AFRI: $550 million, a 21% proposed increase
    ▪ $20 million for Cancer Moonshot
    ▪ Increased investment for education and workforce development
  o SARE: $60 million, a 20% proposed increase
  o IR-4: $2 million proposed increase for Minor Crop Pest Management

- Budget submitted in Spring 2023
NIFA Continues to Strive to Meet Stakeholder Needs

- Fully staffed NIFA workforce
- Improving NIFA processes
  - Grants Modernization
  - Schedule of Program Implementation from RFA to Award Announcement-SPIRA
  - Re-engineering RFAs
  - NIFA Reporting System
  - NIFA Dashboards
NIFA Grants Modernization Initiative (update)
Transforming our grants management systems, processes, and policies.

• **Context:** Current NIFA grants management systems (CREEMS and ezFedGrants) have reached the end of their lifecycle and require replacement.

• **Goal:** Implement a new grants management system, using a Quality Service Management Office (QSMO) service provider, which is used by other federal funding agencies.

• **Outcome:** A transformation of NIFA’s grants management system that achieves measurable improvements in efficiency, effectiveness and stakeholder (internal and external) satisfaction.
NIFA Grants Modernization Initiative

Phase 1

Select New System (finished)
- Examine two new systems (NIH eRA & HHS Grant Solutions)
- Evaluate new systems for best fit with NIFA's goals
- Recommend NIH eRA for fit/gap analysis

Target completion: January 2023

Phase 2

Conduct Fit/gap (in progress over 50% completed)
- Align NIFA's current business practices with eRA capabilities
- Change NIFA's practices and/or develop eRA's capabilities to optimize NIFA's grants management

FY 2023-2024

Phase 3

Implement Solution
- Conduct pilot with NIFA competitive and capacity programs (2024/2025)
- Training for NIFA staff and stakeholders
- Transition to eRA (2025/2026)

FY 2024-2026
Schedule of Program Implementation from RFA to Award Announcement (SPIRA)

• Launched in 2020 to provide a means to plan and evenly distribute the grants management lifecycle workload
• Enables process transparency & proactive lifecycle management
• Collaboratively prepared by NIFA staff (i.e.: OGFM and Program) establishing all annual program schedules
• Internal: SPIRA Power App and Dashboard
• External: Calendar for Request for Applications
• FY 2024 RFA Calendar released Summer 2023
FY 2024 NIFA Request for Application Status

NIFA currently has 28 Competitive funding opportunities open for applications.

- Open Opportunities include:
  - FY 2024 AFRI - Foundational and Applied Science Program
  - Farm Business Management and Benchmarking Competitive Grants Program
  - Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (WAMS)
  - Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI)
  - GusNIP - Produce Prescription Program
  - Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program – Organic Transitions
  - Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Phase II
  - Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
  - Equipment Grants Program

Please continue to check our NIFA Website for additional current and new postings.

For information on public facing Webinars pertaining to NIFA Funding Opportunities and other subjects of interest please visit New Webinar Dates and Registration on the NIFA website.
NIFA Competitive RFA Template and Key (update)
RFA Re-Engineering Team

• FY 2024 RFA Template and Key Redevelopment
• FY 2024 Improvements
  • General overview at the beginning of the document
  • Plain language review and revisions
  • Updated structure
  • Additional navigation within RFA
  • Incorporating stakeholder feedback
  • Anticipated interim version release in March 2024
New Data Dashboards

• The NIFA Planning, Accountability and Reporting Staff has created two new dashboards that allow users to:
  • track the status of their grant application
  • get high-level information about NIFA's grant funding levels and allocations
• Both dashboards are part of the agency’s continued investments to:
  • **modernize** internal systems
  • ensure **transparency**
  • enhance the **customer service experience** for our stakeholders and partners.

VISIT ON THE WEB

• [nifa.usda.gov/app-status-dash](http://nifa.usda.gov/app-status-dash)
• [nifa.usda.gov/grant-funding-dash](http://nifa.usda.gov/grant-funding-dash)
NIFA Policy Guide (update)

NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide (i.e., the Policy Guide) describes the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of NIFA federally-funded recipients

• The Policy Guide is available online at: https://nifa.usda.gov/policy-guide
• Email questions/comments to: PolicyGuide@usda.gov

FY 2024 Policy Guide Update

• Working group established December 2022
• Issued a corrected version in July 2023
• Requested stakeholder (internal and external) input for revisions and corrections
• Policy Guide Feedback Invitation for external stakeholders open until February 2nd
• Review and incorporate relevant stakeholder input and OMB revisions in February 2024
• Anticipate publication March/April 2024
Federal Assistance Terms and Conditions

• **Federal Wide Research & Agency Specific Research**
  - May 2022 (update)
  - Revisions currently in clearance
    - Anticipate release Late January, early February 2024

• **Capacity Terms and Conditions**
  - May 2023 (update)

• **Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)**
  - January 2023 (update)
  - Currently undergoing updates
  - Anticipated March 2024

• **1890s Facilities**
  - May 2022 (update)
  - Summer/Fall 2023

• **NEW: General Facilities**
  - Anticipated Spring 2023
The Farm Bill (extended)

Every five years, Congress passes legislation that sets national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry policy, commonly referred to as the “Farm Bill”.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry formally kicked off its process for the 2023 Farm Bill with field hearings in both Michigan and Arkansas in 2022. Hearings continued through 2023.

On Nov. 16, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, which extended the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, more commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill. This extension allows authorized programs to continue through Sept. 30, 2024.

The Committee invites ideas and proposals for the 2023 Farm Bill, as well as feedback about the 2018 Farm Bill. Submissions are welcomed via this form or emailing FarmBill2023@ag.senate.gov.
Questions?
Visit [nifa.usda.gov/nifa-update](nifa.usda.gov/nifa-update)
Non-Discrimination Statement

https://www.usda.gov/non-discrimination-statement

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• USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.
Federal Demonstration Partnership – Agency Updates
January 22, 2024
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Grants Policy Updates

❖ Office Name Change
  - Changed from Procurement Management & Policy Division (PMPD) to Procurement & Grants Policy Division (PGPD) to incorporate “grants” in the Division’s name
  - No impact on the current organizational structure or the roles and responsibilities of current staff.

❖ Ask NASA: You were Awarded a NASA Grant Now What?
  - NASA hosted its outreach event as part of NASA Equity Action plan on October 11, 2023 – Providing recipients with post award insights and best practices in award administration and compliance
    - Recording is available on NASA Grants & Cooperative Agreements YouTube Playlist

❖ Additional Trainings available on NASA Grants & Cooperative Agreements YouTube Playlist
Grants Policy Updates (Cont’d)

❖ Release of Biographical Sketch Forms
  ▪ Collaboration between OSTP, NSF and NIH to develop common biographical sketch and current and pending support disclosure forms for research-funding agencies
  ▪ Standardize disclosure collection per the National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 Requirements
  ▪ Currently pending OSTP’s final clearance and release

❖ How the Policy will be implemented at NASA
  ▪ New sections will be added to the Grant and Cooperative Agreement Manual
    ▪ Biographical sketch and current and pending support disclosures
    ▪ Use of required facilities and equipment
    ▪ Malign foreign talent recruitment programs
    ▪ Consequences for disclosure violations
  ▪ New Certifications & Representations, and Terms & Conditions that requires updating of current and pending support information post-award

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- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) decommissioned the Federal Cash Transaction Report (FCTR) module within the Payment Management System effective - Effective December 17, 2023, for NASA Awards
- Effective December 17th, recipients will have View-only access for historical FCTRs - No additional modifications will be accepted to historical submissions
  - Delinquent FCTRs or FCTRs modified should be sent to nssc-sf425financialreports@mail.nasa.gov
- NASA released Grant Information Circular (GIC) 23-06B on December 20th - rescinding GIC 23-06 and GIC23-06A. Below are some highlights of guidance:
  - No quarterly reports submitted in January 2024
  - Modification to NASA’s required financial reporting requirement for grant and Cooperative agreement recipients from a quarterly to a semi-annual reporting cadence
    - First Report due at the end of April 2024 for period covering October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024
    - 2nd Report is due at the end of October and covers the period of April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024
  - Recipients with final FFR reports due March 31, 2024, or earlier can submit to the award’s assigned grant officer and nssc-closeout@mail.nasa.gov
Grants Policy Updates (Cont’d)

❖ Implementation of Revised Conflict of Interests (COI) Disclosure Policy
  ▪ Revised COI policy became effective on December 1, 2023
    ▪ Standardizes NASA’s COI disclosure requirement with those of other Federal research agencies
    ▪ Outlines requirements for grants and cooperative agreement recipients’ COI policy and disclosure requirements
    ▪ Describes actions that NASA will take when a COI is disclosed to the agency
    ▪ Provides a term and condition to be incorporated into new and amended awards processed on or after December 1, 2023
Grants Policy Updates (Cont’d)

❖ NASA 2024 Equity Action Plan


- The Plan expands upon the 2022 plan and incorporates feedback from external stakeholders into new actions and goals for 5 strategic areas

  - **Strategy # 2 – Enhance Grants and Cooperative Agreements to advance opportunities, access and representation for underserved communities** includes the following actions:

    - Participation in various targeted community engagement and outreach events for underserved communities
    - Training and educating grant applicants and recipients on required policies when administering NASA’s grants and cooperative agreement awards
    - Expand Dual Anonymous Peer review for grant proposals
    - Award Bridge Program Seed Funding – Seeks to facilitate new and expanded partnerships between under-resourced institutions and NASA researchers that may grow into a bridge partnerships, reducing barriers to entry and enabling institutions to become well positioned to submit future proposals

- Once approved, the EAP will be available on NASA [Mission Equity Webpage](#):
Science Mission Directorate (SMD)

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Improving the Usability of “Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science” (ROSES) NASA Research Announcement (NRA): Request for Information (RFI) Opened October 24, 2023/Original Closing Date January 24, 2024 Extension (another ~30 days) in Process

❖ SMD seeks input on ways to improve the ease of use of our omnibus of notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) Point of Contact’s Email: heidi.b.jensen@nasa.gov
❖ The RFI’s long-term objective is to identify and reduce the barriers to proposing relevant research to one of NASA SMD’s research programs. The structure and content of the currently open ROSES omnibus solicitation, i.e., NRA, ROSES-2023 (NNH23ZDA001N) and the forthcoming ROSES-2024 will not be affected
❖ Any significant changes to the structure or content of the ROSES NOFOs attributed to RFI responses would occur at the earliest upon release of ROSES-2025
❖ Proposers at all levels of experience, sponsored research offices, and any others who may assist in the preparation of SMD proposals are encouraged to submit feedback
❖ Registration-free response via NASA Box as an unlocked, PDF-formatted file via URL https://nasagov.app.box.com/f/a909b4af641a4ebdaa4644a33549f2e1
Inclusion, defined as the full participation, belonging, and contribution of organizations and individuals

https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/inclusion

- Hosted by SMD’s Inclusion Plan Community of Practice Email for the Point of contact: amanda.l.nahm@nasa.gov
- Virtual event to discuss a requirement for and evaluation of Inclusion Plans in the forthcoming NASA Research Announcement (NRA) Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES-2024)
- ROSES piloted the addition of an Inclusion Plan requirement for some program elements (NOFOs) in ROSES-23
- Inclusion Plans are designed 1) to raise awareness of barriers to creating and sustaining positive, inclusive working environments and 2) to get proposers actively thinking about ways to foster inclusive practices for their research and mission teams
Connection Information for February 20th ROSES Virtual Town Hall

❖ No Pre-Registration/ Admitted on a First-to-Join Basis

❖ Short Questions Invited Now and During SMD's Inclusion Plan Requirement Town Hall: https://nasa.cnf.io/sessions/ceeq/#!/dashboard

❖ Conducted via WebEx
  ▪ Webinar number: 2760 659 2964
  ▪ Webinar password: aTpACZi2*26 (28722942 from phones and video systems)

❖ Join Online via this link: https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/j.php?MTID=m1cf2abd210b74467dacd39fdbfe06038

❖ Phone audio: Access Code: 276 065 92964, first dial:
  ▪ +1-929-251-9612 United States Toll (New York City)
  ▪ +1-415-527-5035 United States Toll
ROSES’s Largest, Dedicated-to-Graduate-Student Research-Opportunity: Future Investigators for Earth and Space Sciences and Technology (FINESST) Proposals due February 6, 2024 & Reviewers Sought

From https://go.nasa.gov/FINESST23 Download the NOFO* and other helpful files
❖ F.5 Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology as clarified January 4, 2024 (.pdf)*
❖ FINESST 23 Telecon Summary with QandA (.pdf)
❖ Presentation charts for FINESST optional High End Computing (HEC) telecon December 4, 2023 at 2 PM Eastern (.PDF)

Until the invite links are taken down in late February or early March 2024, volunteers are invited (yes panelists receive compensation) at either of the two direct hyperlinks clustered by Earth and Space Science subject matter expertise:
❖ Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) - Earth Science
❖ Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) - Space Science

❖ The landing page https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/volunteer-review-panels links to all current SMD reviewer recruitment invitations for virtual panels and non-panelist reviewers, including for FINESST

Email FINESST Questions/Comments to HQ-FINESST@mail.nasa.gov
SMD-Funded Study Seeks Input from Former National Research Council (NRC) Postdoctoral Associates who NASA hosted, Current and Former NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Fellows, NRC/NPP Applicants that NASA Did Not Host & Others

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The review is seeking input from “anyone with an opinion on the NASA Postdocs”

Structured comments may be submitted via a google form at URL: https://forms.gle/AA8joLvd4hkFjxcN6

Form-free input invited, or if you have any questions about the review, please contact any of the study leadership via the emails given at the top of this chart

For general NPP information, visit https://science.nasa.gov/nasa-postdoc-program/
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- **2024 Human Exploration Research Opportunities (HERO):**
  - Appendix A – Flagship: Step-2 proposals are due January 30 (invited only)
  - Appendix B – Omnibus: Step-2 proposals are due January 30 (invited only)
  - Appendix C: NSCOR: Step-2 proposals are due January 30 (invited only)
  - Appendix D – Bedrest: Full proposals are due January 30 (open)
    - Next Appendix is targeted for no earlier than May 2024.

- **Human Research Program Investigators’ Workshop (IWS)**
  - **Purpose:** Hear scientists and principal investigators as they pursue cutting edge cross-disciplinary methods to ensure safe, productive and efficient human spaceflight
  - **Date:** 02/13 – 02/16/2024
  - **Location:** Galveston, Texas
  - **Register** [HERE]
Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) International Space Station (EPSCoR ISS) Flight Opportunity

- NASA's Office of STEM Engagement (OSTEM) posted a solicitation January 10, 2024 closing April 15, 2024 for the Utilization of the ISS will further strengthen the relationships between NASA and the EPSCoR jurisdictions in the pursuit of national priorities for the advancement of science.
- This use of the ISS will also open new paths for the jurisdictions to compete for and win much larger spaceflight research projects.
- **Funding:** Up to $750,000 is available for up to five awards of $150,000 each
- The National Science Foundation (NSF) determines overall jurisdiction eligibility for NASA EPSCoR. The latest available NSF eligibility tables are used to determine overall jurisdiction eligibility for NASA EPSCoR. The NSF 2023 eligibility table is available at: https://nsf-gov-resources.nsf.gov/2022-06/EPSCoR%20Eligibility%20Table%20Fiscal%20Year%202023.pdf.
- The following jurisdictions are eligible to submit a proposal in response to this NOFO: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, US Virgin Islands, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.
- All proposals submitted in response to this NOFO shall be submitted electronically via NSPIRES (http://nspires.nasaprs.com)
News From STMD

- **NASA Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) 2024**
  - Proposals Due: March 11, 2024
  - [https://sam.gov/opp/a0994f54bfc44b9c915eb9e54678d48c/view](https://sam.gov/opp/a0994f54bfc44b9c915eb9e54678d48c/view)

- **NASA Big Idea Challenge**
  - NASA Seeks Student Proposals for Inflatable Systems for Lunar Operations
  - Proposals Due: February 1, 2024
  - [https://bigidea.nianet.org/2024-challenge/](https://bigidea.nianet.org/2024-challenge/)

- **Universal Payload Interface Challenge**
  - NASA Seeks Development of Universal Payload Interface
  - Registration deadline: February 1, 2024, at 5pm ET
  - Application deadline: February 22, 2024, at 5pm ET
NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) 2024 Phase III Call for Proposals ~ Early February 2024
  • https://www.nasa.gov/work-with-us/

Early Career Faculty ~February 2024
  • Through the Early Career Faculty (ECF) solicitation, the Space Technology Research Grants program awards grants to accredited U.S. universities on behalf of outstanding faculty researchers early in their careers. The grants sponsor research in specific high-priority areas of interest to America's space program.
  • https://www.nasa.gov/early-career-faculty-ecf/

Space Technology Research Institutes (STRI) ~May/June 2024
  • https://www.nasa.gov/space-technology-research-institutes-stri/

More details on current and upcoming solicitations at
https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/solicitation
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- **NASA Grants & Cooperative Agreement YouTube Playlist** – Features training sessions and informative talks related to grants and cooperative agreements: [NASA Grants and Cooperative Agreements - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/NASAGrants)

- **NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES)** – Official NASA system used for posting Notice of Funding Opportunities, receiving, evaluating and selecting proposals: [https://nspires.nasaprs.com](https://nspires.nasaprs.com)

- **Grant Policy and Compliance webpage** – Includes list of grants related regulations and guidance, Resources & Training, Points of Contacts, and FAQs: [https://www.nasa.gov/offices/procurement/gpc](https://www.nasa.gov/offices/procurement/gpc)

- **NASA Shared Services Center** – Includes useful information and resources for grantees (i.e., grant status, required documentation for award packages, etc..) [https://www.nasa.gov/centers/nssc/grants](https://www.nasa.gov/centers/nssc/grants)

- **NASA’s MSI Exchange** – Platform used to support the search for innovative academic collaborators by curating STEM offerings and capability statements of MSIs nationwide. The exchange can inform partnerships for teaming opportunities and competitive federal awards such as contracts, cooperative agreements and grants: [https://msiexchange.nasa.gov](https://msiexchange.nasa.gov)

  - Users are encouraged to register to the MSI exchange mailing list, to receive occasional updates about training, events, funding and student opportunities as well as other ways MSIs can engage with NASA: [https://msiexchange.nasa/subscribe](https://msiexchange.nasa/subscribe)
EPA Updates for FDP
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Updates

• Open and Upcoming Research Funding Opportunities
•Updates to Terms and Conditions
•EPA Grants Community Library of FAQs
•EPA Grants Webinars
•EPA Grants and Research Grants Listservs
Open Research Funding Opportunities

• 21st Annual People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Awards (Closes February 21, 2024)

• Visit https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/research-funding-opportunities for updates and open opportunities.
EPA Grants Award Process Webinars

• New Recorded Webinars:
  • Indirect Cost Rates
  • Fair Share Objectives
  • Competition Process
  • EPA Grant Terms and Conditions for Fiscal Year 2024

• Past and upcoming webinars can be found at https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-webinars

• Subscribe to the EPA Grants Update Listserv to receive updates about these webinars. https://www.epa.gov/grants/forms/subscribe-epa-grants-update-listserv
Upcoming Research Funding Opportunities

• STAG Program: Enhanced Aquifer Recharge in Sole Source Aquifers
• Resilience of Coastal Ecosystems - Current and Future Stressors and Effective Management Strategies
• Sustainable Green Chemistry
• Air Quality Information to Address Community-Identified Air Pollution Concerns
Updates to EPA’s Terms and Conditions

• The National Davis-Bacon Term and Condition (T&C) has been revised to reflect the Department of Labor’s updated regulations.

• Fair Share Objectives section of T&C on Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises has been updated.

• Build America, Buy America – Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials has been updated in the Fiscal Year 2024 EPA General Terms and Conditions and incorporates the Office of Management and Budget’s updated guidance to federal agencies in 2 CFR Part 184 and M-24-02.

• Applicants and recipients notified of these T&Cs via a Recipient/Applicant Information Notice (RAIN) and the EPA Grants Update Listserv.

• Any questions about these grant T&Cs, please send email directly to EPA_Grants_Info@epa.gov.
EPA Grants Listserv

• EPA’s Office of Grants and Debarment uses this listserv to send out periodic updates about:
  • new guidance and information posted on our website
  • new trainings and webinars available to potential applicants and recipients
  • changes in grants management requirements
  • other pertinent general grants information

• Sign up at:
  https://www.epa.gov/grants/forms/subscribe-epa-grants-update-lists erv
EPA Research Grants Listserv

• EPA’s Office of Research and development uses this listserv to send out updates about upcoming requests for applications, webinars and other resources.

• Sign up at https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/research-grants-listserv.
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Agency Overview
January 2024*

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Office of Federal Assistance Management
Director, Division of Grants Policy and Planning

*using FY 2022 data unless noted otherwise
HRSA Programs Serve Those Most in Need

- **30 million people** in underserved communities
- **More than 58 million pregnant women, infants, and children**
- **3.6 million infants**—nearly every infant in America
- **More than 576,000 people** with HIV
- **More than 1,800** rural counties and municipalities
Equitable Access to Health Care Services

Delivers Vital Health Care Services and Access to Quality Care*

- Over **30 million people in underserved communities** received primary health care services through the Health Center Program, which includes oversight of **nearly 15,000 sites**.

- Over **89 percent of individuals with HIV who received medical services** in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program **reached viral suppression**.

- Over **70,800 people living in rural communities** received medication for opioid use disorder.
Strengthen Health Care Delivery Systems in Rural Communities

Improves Health Outcomes and Addresses Health Disparities

- Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

- More than 7,400 providers serving in a rural community, which includes nearly 3,100 rural primary care clinicians, more than 3,700 rural mental/behavioral health clinicians, and more than 600 rural dental clinicians.

- Over 1,800 rural health clinics, critical access and small hospitals participated in the Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Testing Supply Program and conducted more than 20 million COVID-19 tests.

1 in 5 rural residents rely on HRSA-funded health centers for care.
Strengthen the Health Care Workforce

HRSA Trains Providers in High-need Communities

• More than **20,000 clinicians received scholarships and loan repayment** in return for practicing in underserved communities through HRSA’s National Health Service Corps.

• **Over 34,000 individuals** from racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds underrepresented in the health care workforce are receiving support and training to join the health workforce.

• **Approximately 13,000 community health workers**, who reflect the diversity of the communities they serve, will be trained and deployed to expand access to community-based care.
Improved Health for Maternal and Child Populations

Improves Maternal and Child Health and Well-being

• **Almost 3.7 million infants**—nearly every newborn in the country—received newborn screening for genetic and metabolic conditions.

• **140,000 parents and children living in higher-risk communities received more than 920,000 home visits** from nurses, social workers and trained counselors through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

• **Thousands of individuals** received immediate emotional support and resources in the first 5 months of the newly launched **24/7 Maternal Mental Health Hotline**.
FY 2023 Financial Assistance- By the Numbers

Office of Federal Assistance Management

- 90 Assistance Listing Numbers
- 36,865 Grants and Cooperative Agreement Awards
- 15,783 Scholarship and Loan Awards
- 89 NOFOs and 82 Objective Reviews
- More than $13.8 Billion in Federal Assistance
- $2.5 Billion in Congressional Directed Projects
- More than 3,800 recipients attended the 2023 Healthy Grants Workshop
HHS Simpler NOFOs Pilot Initiative

Simplifying and redesigning our notices of funding opportunities (NOFOs) and Application Guides to make them easier to read and respond.

We are:
- Using plain and straightforward language
- Removing unnecessary information
- Organizing the content to make critical information easier to find
- Improving navigation

• 100 HHS NOFOs will use a new prototype that HHS redesigned and evaluated last fiscal year.

Prototype feedback and evaluation results: reduced the average time to complete an application by 31%.

HHS and HRSA will be evaluating the impact and identifying how to make even more improvements in FY 2025.

• Learn more at: https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/simpler-nofo

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