

Memorandum

To: Delegates, Tribal Health Directors, and Tribal Chairs

From: Michelle Edwards, Grants Administrator

Date: February 5, 2010

RE: Monthly Funding Report

Enclosed is the February 2010 Monthly Funding Report. If you would like assistance with any of these announcements, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Edwards at (503) 228-4185 ext. 274 or medwards@npaihb.org.

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

www.ahrq.gov/

PA-09-071 AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18)

Due Date: February 5th, June 5th, and October 5th (Expires: January 8, 2012)

Amount: \$500,000 annually for up to 5 years (total costs)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Large Research Demonstration and Dissemination (R18) Projects, and expresses AHRQ portfolio priority areas of interest for these ongoing, extramural grants.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-071.html>

PA-09-070 AHRQ Health Services Research Projects (R01)

Due Date: February 16th, June 16th, and October 16th (Expires: January 8, 2012)

Amount: \$500,000 annually for up to 5 years (total costs)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Large Research (R01) Projects, and expresses AHRQ portfolio priority areas of interest for ongoing extramural health services research, demonstration, dissemination, and evaluation grants.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-070.html>

PAR-08-268 Small Research Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology (R03)

Due Date: February 16th, June 16th, and October 16th (Expires: November 17, 2011)

Amount: \$100,000 over a maximum project period of up to two years

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support a wide variety of research designs in order to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of health care through the implementation and use of health IT. These designs include: small pilot and feasibility or self-contained health IT research projects; secondary data analysis of health IT research; and economic (prospective or retrospective) analyses of health IT implementation and use. Through economic analyses estimates of health IT implementation and use costs and benefits will be generated.

Research Focus Areas

- Health IT to improve the quality and safety of medication management via the integration and utilization of medication management systems and technologies.
- Health IT to support patient-centered care, the coordination of care across transitions in care settings, and the use of electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of care.
- Health IT to improve health care decision making through the use of integrated data and knowledge management.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-268.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/FOAs.htm>

PS09-906: Capacity Building Assistance to Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Services for High-risk and/or Ethnic Minority Populations.

Due Date: See RFA

Amount: See RFA

Description: The purpose of this new program is to build the capacity of organizations to operate optimally and to provide evidence-based interventions and public health strategies that can help reduce the burden of HIV infection among high-risk and/or racial/ethnic minority populations within the U.S. and its Territories. This will be accomplished via a competitive process to award cooperative agreements to non-governmental organizations to provide CBA to: (1) community-based organizations (CBOs), including faith-based organizations (FBOs); (2) community stakeholders providing HIV prevention services targeting high-risk and/or racial/ethnic minority populations, and (3) health departments and community planning groups.

For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/funding/PS09-906/>

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National Institute of Health (NIH)

www.nih.gov/

Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control: Research to Inform Policy (R03)

Due Date: February 16th, June 16th, and October 16th (Expires: May 8, 2012)

Amount: \$250,000 over 2 years (direct)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the NICHD is to enhance childhood obesity research by fostering the formation of local, state, or regional teams consisting of researchers, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., community representatives, public health practitioners or officials, educators) in order to identify research questions and hypotheses, design and implement the relevant research, and translate the research into evidence relevant to potential policy efforts in this area. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-140.html#SectionII>

PAR-08-270 Utilizing Health Information Technology (IT) to Improve Health Care Quality (R18)

Due Date: February 5th, June 5th, and October 5th (Expires: May 8, 2011)

Amount: Total costs are limited to \$1.2 million over three years and no more than \$500,000 total costs in a given year

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support health information technology (IT) demonstration projects that evaluate factors associated with successful implementation and utilization of health IT in order to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness and efficiency of health care in ambulatory settings and in the transitions between care settings. The use of health IT has been demonstrated to improve health care in various large health care delivery systems. Yet, there has been limited diffusion and evaluation of the implementation and utility of health IT in ambulatory care settings and in transitions between care settings.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-270.html>

PAR-08-268 Small Research Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology (IT) (R03)

Due Date: February 16th, June 16th, and October 16th (Expires: November 17, 2011)

Amount: Total costs are limited to \$100,000 over a maximum project period of up to two years

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support a wide variety of research designs in order to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of health care through the implementation and use of health IT. These designs include: small pilot and feasibility or self-contained health IT research projects; secondary data analysis of health IT research; and economic (prospective or retrospective) analyses of health IT implementation and use.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-268.html>

PA-08-253 Unique Interactions between Tobacco Use and HIV/AIDS (R01)

Due Date: February 5th, June 5th, and October 5th (Expires: January 8, 2012)

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The purpose for this FOA issued by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Fogarty International Center encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to stimulate research related to the unique, interactive health effects of cigarette smoking and HIV/AIDS.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-253.html>

PAR-08-088 Advanced Centers for Intervention and/or Services Research (ACISR) (P30)

Due Date: LOI: May 21st; Due: June 24th (Expires: June 25, 2010)

Amount: \$2,000,000 per year for total costs for a project period of up to 5 years

Description: The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) invites research grant applications to support core infrastructure for conducting intervention and/or services research directly addressing the mission of NIMH, which is to reduce the burden of mental and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior. The DSIR

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supports two main areas of research: a) intervention research to evaluate the effectiveness of pharmacologic, psychosocial, somatic, rehabilitative and combination treatment or preventive interventions on mental and behavior disorders, and b) mental health services research that consists of interdisciplinary investigations of the predictors, processes and outcomes of mental health services, including availability, access and acceptability; organization; decision-making; service delivery, utilization and quality of care; costs, cost-effectiveness and financing of mental health care, and the dissemination and implementation of effective interventions into service systems.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-088.html>

PAR-08-086 NIDA Comprehensive Research "Center of Excellence" Grant Program (P60)

Due Date: Letters of Intent: February 28, 2008; January 26, 2009; January 26, 2010

Application Due Dates: March 26, 2008; February 26, 2009, February 26, 2010 (Expires: May 8, 2010)

Amount: See Announcement (5 years)

Description: A P60 provides support for broadly based, innovative, multidisciplinary research programs consisting of related research endeavors and associated core infrastructure to ensure their effective and synergistic functioning. In addition, the center presents opportunities for bi-directional transdisciplinary work and support translational drug abuse treatment research. They are designed to bring together into common focus divergent but related research and resources/facilities within a given research community. In addition, Comprehensive Centers support continuing education for health care professionals and dissemination of information to the public. They should include components of basic, clinical, prevention, epidemiology, health services, or other applied areas. While not all of these areas must be represented (e.g., a center could propose basic science and community prevention), there should be a comprehensive approach to the research theme. It is important that the research supported not be simply a collection of independent research projects that are only loosely related. Each individual research component must be systematically related both to some other components and to the core infrastructure. Training and mentoring to enhance junior researchers' or other researchers' skills should be conducted in the context of the research, but funds may not be used for training stipends or training not required to conduct the research.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-086.html>

PAR-08-268 Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology (R03)

Due Date: February 16th, June 16th, and October 16th (Expires: November 17, 2011)

Amount: \$100,000 over a maximum project period of up to two years

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support a wide variety of research designs in order to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of health care through the implementation and use of health IT. These designs include: small pilot and feasibility or self-contained health IT research projects; secondary data analysis of health IT research; and economic (prospective or retrospective) analyses of health IT implementation and use. Through economic analyses estimates of health IT implementation and use costs and benefits will be generated.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-268.html>

PA-08-263 Health Services Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Due Date: See Announcement for standard R01, R21, and R03 submission dates (Expires: January 7, 2012)

Amount: \$750,000

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications on health services research to improve the quality of prevention and treatment services for drug and alcohol abuse. Such research projects might emphasize any of the following subjects: (1) clinical quality improvement; (2) organizational/managerial quality improvement; (3) systems of care and collaborative research; or (4) development or improvement of research methodology, analytic approaches, and measurement instrumentation used in the study of drug and alcohol services.

For more information visit: (R01) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-263.html>; (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-264.html>; (R03) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-265.html>

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PAR-08-261 Research on Emergency Medical Services for Children (R01)

Due Date: Letters of Intent Due: August 19, 2009; August 15, 2010

Applications Due: September 19, 2009; September 15, 2010

Amount: See Announcement

Description: This multi-agency program Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed to improve the quality and quantity of research related to emergency medical services for children (EMSC), with the goal of reducing morbidity and mortality in children through improved care delivery. This FOA invites the submission of applications dealing with the following areas of research included under the term EMSC: prevention research to reduce the need for emergency care; clinical research to ensure that children receive high-quality and appropriate medical, nursing and mental health care in an emergency; health systems research, from pre-hospital care, to the emergency department, to in-patient care and return to the community; models to improve service and cost efficiency in pediatric emergency care; and methodological studies to improve the quality of research conducted.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-261.html>

PA-08-253 Unique Interactions between Tobacco Use and HIV/AIDS (R01)

Due Date: See Announcement for standard R01 and R03 submission dates (Expires: January 1, 2012)

Amount: See Announcement

Description: Purpose. The purpose for this FOA issued by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Fogarty International Center encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to stimulate research related to the unique, interactive health effects of cigarette smoking and HIV/AIDS. -Mechanism of Support. This FOA will utilize the NIH Research Project Grant (R01) grant mechanism and runs in parallel with a FOA of identical scientific scope, PA-08-254, that encourages applications under the Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism.

For more information visit:

(R01) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-253.html>

(R03) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-254.html>

PA-08-255 Functioning of People with Mental Disorders (R01)

Due Date: February 5th, June 5th, and October 5th (Expires: September 7, 2011)

Amount: See Announcement

Description: Although considerable advances have been made in improving the symptoms associated with mental disorders, symptom improvement is often only modestly associated with improvements in daily functioning (i.e., the performance of social, occupational, and instrumental tasks of daily living), and most current treatments have limited impact on the functioning and participation of those with mental disorders. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is the application of bio-behavioral science methods and approaches to: a) develop and refine definitions and measures of function, disability, and daily participation relevant to those with mental disorders; b) understand the ecological mechanisms, independent of symptom severity, that contribute to functioning and disability in this population; and c) develop and test novel interventions that specifically and directly target functional capacity and performance deficits of this population. Emphasis will be on the application of basic behavioral processes (e.g., cognition, affect, knowledge, attitudes, motivation, learning, decision-making, interpersonal processes), and environmental parameters (e.g., social support, structural adaptations, community involvement) that influence functional outcome.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-255.html>

PA-08-125 Epidemiology of Drug Abuse

Due Date: See Announcement

Amount: See Announcement

Description: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages exploratory/developmental research projects to expand the application of drug abuse epidemiologic research focused on understanding the nature, extent, consequences, and etiology of drug abuse across individuals, families, age groups, gender, communities, and population groups. This FOA will utilize the NIH Exploratory/Developmental (R21) award mechanism and runs in parallel with an

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FOA of identical scientific scope, PA-08-124, that encourages applications under the R01 mechanism, and PA-08-126, that encourages applications under the R03 mechanism.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-125.html>

PA-07-391 Reducing Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Children

Due Date: February 5th, June 5th, and October 5th (Expires: September 8, 2010)

Amount: R21 (\$275,000 direct)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement solicits applications from institutions/organizations that propose to conduct research to reduce health disparities among minority and underserved children. Specifically, this initiative focuses on ethnic and racial minority children and underserved populations of children such as: children from low literacy, rural and low-income populations, geographically isolated children, hearing and visually impaired children, physically or mentally disabled children, children of migrant workers, children from immigrant and refugee families, and language minority children. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (physical and family environments), social (e.g., peer influences), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known illness and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the cost effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in nontraditional settings.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-391.html>

PA-07-391 Reducing Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Children

Due Dates: February 16th, June 16th, and October 16th (Expires September 8, 2010)

Amount: \$275, 000 (R21)

Description: Specifically, this initiative focuses on ethnic and racial minority children and underserved populations of children such as: children from low literacy, rural and low-income populations, geographically isolated children, hearing and visually impaired children, physically or mentally disabled children, children of migrant workers, children from immigrant and refugee families, and language minority children. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (physical and family environments), social (e.g., peer influences), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known illness and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the cost effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in nontraditional settings.

For more information visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-391.html>

Indian Health Service

www.ihs.gov

Indian Health Professions Preparatory, Indian Health Professions Pre-graduate and Indian Health Professions Scholarship Programs

Due Dates: February 28th for continuing students, March 28, 2010, for new students

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The Indian Health Service (IHS) is committed to encouraging American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter the health professions and to assuring the availability of Indian health professionals to service Indians. The IHS is committed to the recruitment of students for the following programs: The Indian Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship authorized by section 103 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), as amended. The Indian Health Professions Pre-graduate Scholarship authorized by section 103 of the IHCIA, as amended. The Indian Health Professions Scholarship authorized by section 104 of the IHCIA, as amended.

Full-time and part-time scholarships will be funded for each of the three scholarship programs.

For more information visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/E9-31374.htm>

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Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>

Fund Availability under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

Due Dates: March 31, 2010

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the Capital Grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. In addition to the Capital Grant component, there is the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the "Per Diem-Only" (PDO) component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. Please visit the below links for more information concerning these programs, funding priorities, application process, and amount of funding available. Both Notices of Funding Availability have targets for women Veterans and for programs on tribal lands.

For more information visit: Capital - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1296.htm>

PDO - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1297.htm>

The Oregon Community Foundation

<http://www.ocf1.org/>

Community Grants and Early Childhood Programs

Due Dates: See Website

Amount: See Website gaging

Description: Community Grants: As a responsive arm of OCF, the Community Grants program awards about 200 grants each year, mostly to small and moderate-sized nonprofits. Our belief is that meeting a broad range of locally-identified needs helps nonprofits improve the quality of life in their communities.

The Community Grant program supports nonprofits that engage their communities in solving local problems. Preference is given to programs that (1) demonstrate a close fit with OCF funding priorities, (2) are preventive rather than remedial, and (3) have community support both in terms of volunteers and dollars. Grant proposals range from modest short-term projects and specific, one-time capital expenses to extended projects that promise long-term benefits for Oregon.

Early Childhood Program: Through the Early Childhood Program, OCF supports: early literacy and parenting programs, scholarships for early childhood training and education, initiatives to improve child care quality, research on key early childhood issues and strategies, and forums for information sharing.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregoncf.org/receive/grants/grant-opportunities/community-grants>

The Washington Health Foundation

<http://www.whf.org/>

Due: Deadlines: March 7 and August 1

Amount: \$1,000 to \$15,000

Description: 1) Health Homes for All; Young Adults Next When a person and their family has a trusted relationship with a knowledgeable health partner, and this results in timely receipt of proven preventive care, the development of a personal wellness plan, and the compilation of all health records in a single location" 2) Healthy Eating & Active Living In today's society, our lack of opportunity for daily exercise and the convenience of unhealthy foods have led to an epidemic of obesity and preventable chronic diseases. 3) Closing the Health Disparities Gap Health disparities are differences in the incidence or prevalence of health risk factors, illnesses, injuries, deaths or receipt of health services between sub-groups within the population. In Washington, these disparities are prominent between racially, ethnically, economically and educationally disadvantaged individuals and others. 4) Improving Public Health Performance and Capacity State and local public health agencies need clear performance measures to make the most of efforts to re-build their infrastructure for emergency preparedness, control of infectious diseases, environmental health, public health assessment, as well as prevention and treatment of chronic diseases.

For more information visit: <http://www.whf.org/Grants/HSINGrants.aspx>

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American Cancer Society (ACS)

<http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp>

Research Scholar Grants in Basic, Preclinical, Clinical and Epidemiology Research

Due Date: April 1st and October 15th

Amount: Awards are for up to four years and for up to \$200,000 per year (direct costs), plus 20% indirect costs.

Description: Support investigator-initiated research projects in basic, preclinical, clinical and epidemiologic research.

For more information visit: http://www.cancer.org/docroot/RES/RES_0.asp

University of Washington

Regional Native American Community Networks – Community Grants, Small

Due Date: On a rolling basis and there are no deadlines

Amount: \$750

Description: American Indians and Alaska Natives in the targeted 8 states experience disparities in cancer-directed awareness and care compared to other racial/ethnic groups, and are less likely to survive cancer. As part of a grant provided by the National Cancer Institute, the Regional Native American Community Networks Program is seeking to increase cancer-related projects that promote education, prevention, and treatment targeting American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Community Networks Program is seeking applications from community organizations, groups, or individuals to encourage the participation of Tribal communities and Native-focused organizations in these endeavors.

For more information:

Grant Inquiries and questions regarding this Community Grant application or process, please contact one of the following staff members: Rose James, PhD rdjames@u.washington.edu (206)543-6297; Gail Harrell Colfax gharrell@u.washington.edu (206)543-3268

The Health Trust

<http://www.healthtrust.org/>

Good Samaritan and Health Partnership Grants

Due: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Amount: See Announcement

Description: Good Samaritan Grants are designed to provide short-term funding for grass roots health, prevention, and wellness activities. These grants are awarded in amounts up to \$25,000, and are distributed twice a year to community-based organizations, as well as public and nonprofit health providers. Good Samaritan Grants improve access to health, prevention and wellness services and/or health education for underserved populations in Santa Clara and Northern San Benito Counties. Health Partnership Grants: are made to non-profits and are for medically related services, delivered by the hospitals or by community based organizations. These grants seek to foster long-term improvements in community health by funding innovative and effective programs and models of care that have a high potential for obtaining sustainable operating support and significantly improving the quality of life of service beneficiaries. They may provide multiple years of funding, with no specified maximum grant amount. In order to provide maximum leverage, these grants often emphasize disease management and prevention for medically underserved in our community.

For more information visit: <http://www.healthtrust.org>

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The Gerber Foundation

<http://www.gerberfoundation.org/>

Pediatric Health

Due: Grant awards are approved in May and November. Initial letters of inquiry are accepted at any time but should be submitted no later than 5 months prior to these award dates. For the May round submit letters prior to December 1; for the November submit letters prior to June 1.

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The Gerber Foundation provides funding for national programs which have a significant impact on issues facing infants and young children, pre-birth to age 3.

For more information visit: <http://www.gerberfoundation.org/Default.htm>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

www.wkkf.org/

Health Grants

Due Date: See Announcement

Amount: See Announcement

Description: Health programming at the Kellogg Foundation focuses explicitly on improving individual and community health, and improving access to and the quality of health care. Our current goal is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through programming that empowers individuals, mobilizes communities, engages institutions, improves health care quality and access, and informs public and marketplace policy. Grant making takes into account the social and economic determinants of health within a person's community, the quality of health institutions within that community, and the policies that determine how health services are organized, provided, and financed.

For more information visit: www.wkkf.org

Myer Memorial Trust (MMT)

www.mmt.org/

General Purpose Grants

Due: See Announcement

Amount: See Announcement

Description: General Purpose Grants support projects related to arts and humanities, education, health, social welfare, community development, the environment and a variety of other activities. Proposals may be submitted at any time under this program, and there are no limitations on the size or duration of these grants.

For more information visit: <http://www.mmt.org/>

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

www.pgafoundations.com/

Grant Programs

Due: Letters of inquiry (LOIs) February 1st and July 8th

Amount: See website

Description: The mission of the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation is to transform lives and strengthen communities by fostering innovation, creating knowledge, and promoting social progress. The following are priority program areas:

- Arts and Culture Program
- Community Development and Social Change Program
- Education and Youth Engagement Program
- Science and Technology Innovation Program

For more information visit: <http://www.pgafoundations.com/default.aspx>

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Public Welfare Foundation

www.publicwelfare.org/

General Grants Program

Due Date: (LOI Required) See Announcement

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The Foundation's grant making strongly emphasizes support for organizations that include service, advocacy, or empowerment in their approach, with particular interest in efforts that combine two or all three of these elements. Service is vital to remedy specific problems, with successful service programs often being the catalyst for more widespread action through advocacy. Advocacy addresses those specific problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy at the local, state, national, or international levels to enhance and broaden the impact of the Foundation's grant making. Encourages and enables people in need to play leading roles in achieving policy changes and remedying specific problems. We also look for organizations that link their work, or their community and local work, to other efforts to effect broader public policy change.

For more information visit: http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/online_application.asp

The M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust

www.murdock-trust.org/

Health and Human Service, Scientific, and Education Grants

LOI: Required

Due Date: On a rolling basis and there are no deadlines

Amount: Varies by program

Description: The Trust's mission is to enrich the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest by providing grants to organizations that seek to strengthen the region's educational and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways. Education: Projects and programs primarily educational in purpose offered in both formal and informal settings. Emphasis is placed on program enhancement or expansion and new approaches consistent with the institution's mission and resources. Scientific Research: Projects and programs in the natural sciences in which acquisition of new knowledge is the main objective. Training of students in conducting research is an important consideration. Health and Human Services: Projects and programs designed to enhance the quality of life in the region. The Trust supports efforts to preventively meet the physical, spiritual, social, and psychological needs of people, with an emphasis on youth.

For more information visit: <http://www.murdock-trust.org/>

The Allstate Foundation

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/>

Safe and Vital Communities and Economic Empowerment Grants

Due Date: On a rolling basis and there are no deadlines

Amount: Varies by program

Description: The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals for program support must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding: Safe and vital communities Programs should address: 1) Catastrophe response; 2) Youth anti-violence; 3) Neighborhood revitalization; 4) Teen safe driving Economic empowerment Programs should address: 1) Financial and economic literacy; 2) Insurance education; 3) Empowerment for victims of domestic violence Tolerance, inclusion and diversity.

For more information visit: <http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=funding.html>

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Commonwealth Fund

www.commonwealthfund.org/

Commonwealth Health Grants

Due: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The mission of The Commonwealth Fund is to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including people with low-incomes, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, people with disabilities, and the elderly. The Fund carries out this mandate by supporting independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy. An international program in health policy is designed to stimulate innovative policies and practices in the United States and other industrialized countries. The Commonwealth Fund actively seeks to support projects on innovative approaches to addressing problems within its areas of focus, working in partnership with professionals and organizations in a range of fields.

For more information visit: <http://www.cmf.org/programs/programs.htm>

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)

<http://www.aaip.org/>

High School Students National Native American Youth Initiative, George Washington University - Washington, D.C.

Due: April 16, 2010

Amount: See Announcement

Description: The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications from American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students ages 16-18 who have an interest in the health field and/or biomedical research for the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI). The George Washington University campus in Washington, D.C. will be the site for NNAYI from June 19-27, 2010. Selected high school students will receive a scholarship that covers airfare, lodging and most meals during the NNAYI program.

For more information visit: <http://www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents>

Role Models/Chaperones National Native American Youth Initiative, George Washington University - D.C.

Due: March 5, 2010

Amount: See Announcement

Description: Association of American Indian Physicians is recruiting adults, ages 21 and older, to serve as role models and chaperones to AI/AN high school students during the NNAYI program. Selected individuals will arrive in Washington D.C. on Friday, June 18, 2010 for a training and to prepare for high school students arrival. AAIP will cover your airfare, lodging, meals, and a stipend will be provided upon completion of the program.

For more information visit: <http://www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents>

The Corporation for National and Community Service

http://www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=77

Learn and Serve America School-Based Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories FY 2010

Due: March 9, 2010

Amount: \$45,000 to \$120,000 annually for a project period of up to three years.

Description: The Corporation for National and Community Service announces the availability of \$650,070 for new Learn and Serve America School-Based grants to Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories to involve school-age youth in service-learning projects that simultaneously support student development and meet community needs.

For more information visit: http://www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=77

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NIH Changes – Effective January 25, 2010

The Peer Review Enhancement Initiative
Effective January 25, 2010

Changes at NIH

These changes affect ALL competing application: new, renewal, resubmission, and revisions as of January 25, 2010. For complete detail visit: http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/restructured_applications.html

Scoring

To improve the transparency of the scoring process:

- Before a review meeting, assigned reviewers will score applications on the five review criteria (Significance, Investigator(s), Innovation, Approach, and Environment) using a scale of 1-9 (1 = exceptional; 9 = poor).
- Each assigned reviewer will also provide a preliminary overall score using the new 1-9 scale.
- At the meeting, discussed applications will receive an overall score from each eligible (i.e., without conflicts of interest) panel member and these scores will be averaged, multiplied by 10. The possible **priority scores** will thus range from 10-90.

Critiques

To improve the quality of the critiques and to focus reviewer attention on the review criteria:

- Before the review meeting, in addition to preliminary scoring, assigned reviewers will provide written critiques of the application through an electronic template that will prompt for strengths and weaknesses for each criterion.
- After the meeting, the critiques will be compiled into a summary statement that will be shorter and more focused than current summary statements due to standardized organization and reporting of strengths and weaknesses.
- Discussed applications also will have a summary of the panel's discussion at the meeting.
- All application will receive criterion scores in addition to the reviewers' critiques to help applicants assess whether or not they should submit an amended application.
- NIH has decreasing the number of resubmissions (i.e., amendments) permitted from two to one.

Shorten and Restructure Applications

- Restructured application
 - **Research Plan:**
 - Specific Aims: will include new language about the impact that the results of the proposed research will exert; page limit will remain at 1 page
 - Research Strategy: will be created as a new section and will include 3 of the current sections – Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies, and Research Design and Methods
 - **Resources:** The facilities and other resources section will be changed to require a description of how the scientific environment will contribute to the probability of success of the project, unique features of the environment, and for Early Stage Investigators, specifically the institutional investment in the success of the investigator.
 - **Biographical Sketch:** New instructions require a Personal Statement and also provide guidelines for the inclusion of references, limiting the list to no more than 15 (nothing submitted or under review).

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- New instructions including **shorter page limits** – the page limits for the new Research Strategy section generally will be 6 or 12 pages (with an additional 1 page for Specific Aims), according to the chart below. As always, if the FOA requires page limits that differ from the application instructions, the FOA page limits should be followed.

Current Page Limit (Sections 2-5 of the Research Plan)	<u>New Page Limits</u> (Research Strategy)
< 25	6
25	12
> 25	<i>Follow FOA Instructions</i>

Enhanced Review Criteria

- **Overall Impact.** Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following five core review criteria, and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).
- **Core Review Criteria.** Reviewers will consider each of the five review criteria below in the determination of scientific and technical merit, and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.
 - **Significance.** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? How will successful completion of the aims change the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field?
 - **Investigator(s).** Are the PD/PIs, collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?
 - **Innovation.** Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions? Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research or novel in a broad sense? Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions proposed?
 - **Approach.** Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and will particularly risky aspects be managed?
If the project involves clinical research, are the plans for 1) protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion of minorities and members of both sexes/genders, as well as the inclusion of children, justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?
 - **Environment.** Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

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- **Additional Review Criteria.** As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will consider the following additional items in the determination of scientific and technical merit, but will not give separate scores for these items.
 - **Protections for Human Subjects.** For research that involves human subjects but does not involve one of the six categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation according to the following five review criteria: 1) risk to subjects, 2) adequacy of protection against risks, 3) potential benefits to the subjects and others, 4) importance of the knowledge to be gained, and 5) data and safety monitoring for clinical trials.
 - **Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children.** When the proposed project involves clinical research, the committee will evaluate the proposed plans for inclusion of minorities and members of both genders, as well as the inclusion of children.
 - **Vertebrate Animals.** The committee will evaluate the involvement of live vertebrate animals as part of the scientific assessment according to the following five points: 1) proposed use of the animals, and species, strains, ages, sex, and numbers to be used; 2) justifications for the use of animals and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers proposed; 3) adequacy of veterinary care; 4) procedures for limiting discomfort, distress, pain and injury to that which is unavoidable in the conduct of scientifically sound research including the use of analgesic, anesthetic, and tranquilizing drugs and/or comfortable restraining devices; and 5) methods of euthanasia and reason for selection if not consistent with the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia.
 - **Resubmission Applications.** When reviewing a Resubmission application (formerly called an amended application), the committee will evaluate the application as now presented, taking into consideration the responses to comments from the previous scientific review group and changes made to the project.

Great Websites to Search for Funding, Other Info, etc.

Grants.gov

http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp

Indian Health Service (grants page)

http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/index.cfm?module=gogp_funding

Rural Assistance Center

<http://www.raonline.org/>

Philanthropy Resource Directory

http://www.topfoundationgrants.com/lma_topgrants/directory/

Federal Register

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)

<http://www.ncura.edu/resources/agencies.htm>

Regional Resource Network Program HIV/AIDS and STD Prevention Funding Availability Notice and Application

Application Submission Deadline

- Applications must be received by February 22, 2010
- Submit applications in Microsoft Word or PDF format to Amola Trivedi at ATrivedi@icfi.com
- Please read all instructions prior to submitting your application

Purpose of Funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' HIV/AIDS Regional Resource Network Program (RRNP) will fund community, faith-based, or youth-serving organizations who have existing HIV/AIDS prevention education projects or activities that focus on reaching youth aged 16 to 24. The goal is to build the capacity of organizations to develop high quality prevention education activities that produce measurable results while providing limited funding for an eligible project.

Who Can Apply

RRNP funding is available to those eligible entities, which are located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the six U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Eligible entities may include public and private non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, national organizations, colleges and universities, health care-providing organizations, government agencies, professional organizations, tribal government agencies and tribal/urban Indian, Native American/Alaska Native organizations.

Background

For more than a decade, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) HIV/AIDS Regional Resource Network Program (RRNP) has offered innovative strategies for delivering education, resources, and tools directly to communities through Regional Resource Coordinators (RRCs). The RRCs are located in each of the 10 HHS regions throughout the country (click here for a map of the regional offices: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/regionmap.html>); they work under the leadership of Regional Health Administrators within the Office of Public Health and Science to leverage the expertise and resources of the federal government and its partners in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Funded by the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) and coordinated by ICF International, Inc., the RRNP works in three function areas: capacity building; coordination and outreach; and program development and dissemination. The project area funded through this announcement is capacity building.

Project Area Funded

The RRNP seeks to fund 30 to 40 eligible entities that have existing HIV/AIDS prevention education projects/activities that focus on reaching youth populations. RRCs will work directly with these organizations to enhance their prevention activities by sharing new evidence-based approaches and adapting old ones to meet the needs of the populations served. Some project suggestions are: HIV/AIDS prevention education

workshops, health fairs with HIV testing, or HIV/AIDS awareness/educational events. Organizations may choose to coordinate the dates of their projects/activities with National HIV/AIDS or STD awareness days. For a calendar of awareness days, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/aidsawarenessdays/>.

Funding Notification

This is a competitive process. A technical review panel will review all applications. Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Decisions regarding the amount of individual awards will be based on the scope and nature of the proposed project, but will not exceed \$3,000 per award. Applicants will be notified by e-mail of the status of their application by March 12, 2010.

Project Time Frame

Awardees will have until July 31, 2010 to complete their projects (including submission of final report). Awardees will be asked to complete a self-assessment at the start of the project and at the end of the project to measure the impact of the RRNP on the organization's efforts. The final report format and self-assessment will be provided by ICF.

How to Submit an Application

- Applications must be received by February 22, 2010
- Submit applications in Microsoft Word or PDF format to Amola Trivedi at ATrivedi@icfi.com
- E-mail is the preferred method for application submission. Applicants that do not have e-mail may submit applications by mail to: Amola Trivedi, 1725 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20006.
- Once you have submitted your application, you will receive confirmation of your submission within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation, please e-mail Ms. Trivedi at ATrivedi@icfi.com.

Review Process

Successful applications will be selected based on their relevance to the RRNP objectives and the following criteria.

- 1. Contact Information:** Provide the HHS region (see map as mentioned in Background section), organization name, mailing address, Executive Director, Project Director, contact number, e-mail address, fax number, e-mail, tax exempt number (if applicable) and signature of official. **(5 points)**
- 2. Organization Background:** Describe your agency or organization's mission, organizational history and services provided. Provide a brief description of the population and geographic area(s) served. **(10 points)**
- 3. Project Description:** Describe the community need for the proposed project. Include a description of potential agencies or partners and their specific roles, if

- applicable. Identify the goals and objectives of the proposal. Describe activities and deliverables expected to complete each goal. **(35 points)**
- 4. Capacity Building:** Discuss how the proposed project will build your agency's capacity to provide HIV/AIDS/STD services to the youth you serve. **(10 points)**
 - 5. Timeline:** Submit a timeline with anticipated completion dates for all activities and deliverables using a month-to-month calendar. Note: Your agency has until July 31, 2010 to complete the project and provide a final report. **(10 points)**
 - 6. Monitoring and Evaluation:** Describe outcomes and performance measures, i.e., how you expect to monitor, track, and evaluate the success of the project. Identify deliverables you expect to submit with the final report. **(15 points)**
 - 7. Budget:** Submit a line-item budget for the project. Note: Federal funds may not be used on certain items (see application for a list). **(10 points)**
 - 8. Affirmative Statements Regarding Eligibility:** State affirmatively that your agency meets all eligibility requirements. **(5 points)**

Disclaimer

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Regional Health Administrators have contracted with ICF International, Inc. to administer this request for application. Awardees will become subcontractors of ICF. The contents of the application will become contractual obligations if the project is funded. ICF reserves the right to request revisions to the budget and/or scope of work of any applicant.

All materials submitted regarding this project announcement become the property of HHS. HHS has the right to use any or all information/materials presented in your application, subject to limitations for proprietary or confidential information. Disqualifications or denial of the application does not eliminate this right.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify proprietary information and request that the information be treated as such. Any additional restrictions on the use or inspection of material contained within the application shall be clearly stated in the application itself. The HHS privacy policy is available at <http://www.hhs.gov/Privacy.html>.

Event materials supported through these funds must include acknowledgment of support from the HHS RRNP. The awardee should also include the following statement on event materials distributed at events: "Funding for this activity was made possible in part by the HHS RRNP. The views expressed in written materials or publications and by speakers and moderators at HHS-sponsored conferences do not necessarily reflect the official policies of HHS; nor does the mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government."

Application Instructions

Complete your application using the form below. Applications should not exceed 8 pages.

Regional Resource Network Program Application

1. Contact Information

HHS Region: _____

Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Executive Director: _____

Project Director: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Fax Number: _____

Organization's Employer Identification
Number (EIN)/Tax Exempt Number: _____

Signature of Responsible Official: _____

Note: Applications should be signed by an official with fiduciary responsibility for your organization. For applications submitted via e-mail, a typed electronic signature with a statement "this typed signature represents an official signature" is acceptable.

CERTIFICATION

The information contained in this application, including all attachments and support materials, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am awarded and accept a Capacity Building Award that my acceptance of the award requires

a commitment to complete the project as stated in the application and to abide by the administrative requirements set by ICF International, Inc. In signing this document, I am also certifying that the funds for this project will be deposited into a Board-approved agency account.

Signature of Responsible Official: _____ Date: _____

Does your agency have local, State, Federal licenses, or certification? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, please list: _____

2. Organizational Background

Describe your organization's mission, history, and services provided.

Provide a brief description of the population and geographic area(s) that your organization serves.

3. Proposed Project Description

Describe the community need for the proposed project. Name partnering agencies and their role, if applicable.

Identify the goals and objectives related to the project description. Describe activities and deliverables expected to complete each goal.

4. Capacity Building

Discuss how the project will build capacity for your agency to provide HIV/AIDS/STD services to youth.

5. Timeline

Submit a timeline for the project which must occur between March 12, 2010 and July 31, 2010.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

Describe how the success of your project will be monitored and evaluated. Examples include pre- and post-tests to measure the knowledge gained as a result of the project. What performance measure(s) will be used? Identify deliverables you expect to submit with the final report.

7. Project Budget

List how you will use requested funds for this project in the table below.

Item Description	Unit	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)

			Total:

List other sources of funding to support the project budget, if any.

Federal funding is not permitted for the following:

- Capital building projects, overhead, or indirect costs
- Food/beverages
- Research, direct clinical services, lab services and testing kits
- Printing and copying over \$1,000
- Promotional items (i.e., t-shirts, sunscreen, pens)
- Volunteer stipends

8. Affirmative Statements Regarding Eligibility

Please state affirmatively that you meet all of the eligibility requirements listed on page 1 under “Who Can Apply.”



Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Notice of Funds Availability for Second Round—Fact Sheet

January 2010

Overview

NTIA announced a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and solicitation of applications on January 15, 2010, describing the availability of funds and application requirements for the second round of funding for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). This program was established pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.¹ Funded at \$4.7 billion, BTOP provides grants to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, to enhance broadband capacity at public computer centers, and to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service. With these grants, BTOP advances the Recovery Act's objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity.

Changes from the First NOFA

NTIA has made a number of changes to BTOP for the second round of funding to increase efficiency, sharpen BTOP's funding focus, and improve the applicant experience:

- First and foremost, NTIA will focus on Comprehensive Community Infrastructure projects.
- The joint NTIA-RUS application process from Round One has been eliminated. Instead, each agency issued its own NOFA and will use its own separate applications and apply its own separate funding priorities (i.e., for NTIA, Comprehensive Community Infrastructure projects; and for RUS, Last Mile Rural Infrastructure projects).
- NTIA has improved the online application to streamline the intake of information and make the process more user-friendly. Improvements include reducing the number of attachments to be uploaded with the application, eliminating the proposed funded service area mapping tool, and modifying the service area delineations from Census blocks to Census tracts and block groups.
- NTIA no longer will require that an infrastructure project serve an unserved or underserved area; however, we will give priority to projects that are located in such areas and we do intend to carefully evaluate the extent to which proposed projects overbuild existing broadband infrastructure.

Project Categories and Funding

Approximately \$2.6 billion in BTOP funds is available to be awarded under this NOFA and is allocated as follows.

- The **Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI)** category (approximately \$2.35 billion) will focus on Middle Mile broadband infrastructure projects that:
 1. offer new or substantially upgraded service to community anchor institutions;
 2. incorporate a public-private partnership among government, non-profit and for-profit entities, and other key community stakeholders;
 3. bolster growth in economically distressed areas;
 4. commit to serve community colleges;
 5. commit to serve public safety entities;
 6. include a Last Mile infrastructure component in unserved or underserved areas or, alternatively, commitment letters from one or more Last Mile broadband service providers;
 7. propose to contribute a non-federal cost match that equals or exceeds 30 percent of the total eligible costs of the project
- The **Public Computer Center (PCC)** category (at least \$150 million) will fund projects that help expand public access to broadband service and enhance broadband capacity at entities that permit the public to use these computer centers, such as community colleges and public libraries.
- The **Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA)** category (at least \$100 million) will fund innovative projects that promote broadband demand, such as projects focused on broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, or support, particularly among vulnerable populations.

¹ Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115 (2009). The Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) also announced a NOFA on January 15, 2010 regarding its Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP). This Fact Sheet summarizes elements of the NTIA NOFA only. For additional information regarding both BTOP and BIP, please visit www.broadbandusa.gov.

Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed according to the following process:

- (1) *Eligibility Factors* – Applications will be reviewed for eligibility (applicant must be an eligible entity, application must be fully complete, applicant must provide at least 20 percent of the total eligible costs of the project in matching contributions or request a waiver);
- (2) *Scoring* – Applications will be compared to the evaluation criteria contained in the NOFA by at least two objective expert reviewers. The evaluation criteria include Projects Purpose, Project Benefits, Project Viability, and Project Budget and Sustainability; and
- (3) *Due Diligence* – BTOP staff will consider “highly qualified” applications to confirm eligibility and evaluate applications with respect to general BTOP requirements and priorities.

As in Round One, States and tribes will be provided an opportunity to make recommendations concerning the allocation of funds for qualifying projects in or affecting their individual states or tribal lands. Existing broadband service providers will also be given an opportunity to provide information regarding current broadband availability in applicants’ proposed service areas.

Other Key Information

- **Matching:** Applicants are required to provide matching funds of at least 20% or request a waiver, but will give additional consideration to projects that propose to contribute a non-federal cost share/match that equals or exceeds 30 percent of the total eligible costs of the project.
- **“But for” Test:** Applicants must demonstrate that the project could not have been implemented during the grant period without federal assistance.
- **Nondiscrimination and Interconnection:** All CCI applicants must adhere to the nondiscrimination and interconnection obligations specified in the NOFA, including adhering to the FCC’s Internet Policy Statement and any subsequent applicable ruling or statement.
- **Timely Completion:** Applicants are encouraged to complete their projects within two years and must complete them within three years.
- **Searchable Database:** NTIA will post at www.broadbandusa.gov information regarding applications including the name of the applicant, summary of the project, federal grant request, cost match and application status.
- **Workshops:** NTIA will conduct 10 workshops regarding this NOFA and will make related information available to prospective applicants online. For more information or to register for workshops, please visit www.broadbandusa.gov/workshop.htm.
- **BroadbandMatch Tool:** Parties interested in exploring application partnership opportunities are invited to visit <http://match.broadbandusa.gov>.
- **Application Submission and Deadline:** Application packages for electronic submissions will be available at: www.broadbandusa.gov. The electronic portal for submitting Round Two applications will open on February 16, 2010 and close on March 15, 2010.
- **Award Announcements:** Awards will be announced on a rolling basis beginning in June 2010 and all awards must be made September 30, 2010.