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MEMORANDUM**Current Grant Opportunities**

For the latest information on grants, Fresno COG member agencies and partnering agencies can register for EfficientGov's GrantFinder database service. Fresno COG has subscribed to this service and is offering free membership to local agencies and partnering agencies. If you or someone from your agency is interested in signing up for this service, or if you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Chargin at 559-233-4148 ext. 205 or lindseyc@fresnocog.org.

EfficientGov offers grant writing assistance and provides real-time, comprehensive, grant information for all federal, state, foundation and corporate grants that are available to municipalities, counties and non-profit agencies. The database is updated daily with new grants as well as important updates to existing grants within the database. Additionally, the service provides for unlimited access to EfficientGov news, articles and the GrantIntel newsletter, which focuses specifically on grant funding.

If your agency has already subscribed, but a tutorial on how to search for grants is needed, EfficientGov offers a free monthly demo for all of its users. You can sign up for the next available tutorial here: <http://efficientgov.com/refresh>.

ENVIROMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**Funding Authority:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline Details:

Proposals must be submitted via Grants.gov by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on February 3, 2015.

Summary: The purpose of this program is to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training.

ENVIROMENTAL LITERACY GRANTS**Funding Authority:**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deadline Details:

As of February 2014, additional funding opportunities are anticipated to open in the fall of 2014. Requests for proposals will be listed on grants.gov. To receive an email announcement of all future funding opportunities contact oed.grants@noaa.gov with the subject line "Add to ELG Mailing List".

Summary: NOAA's Office of Education advances public environmental literacy and learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through the Environmental Literacy Grants (ELG) Program. The ELG Program is a competitive grants program that supports formal and informal/non-formal education projects implemented on regional to national scales. The ELG Program's primary mission is to increase the understanding and use of environmental information to promote stewardship and increase informed decision making by U.S. educators, students, and the public, which directly contributes to [NOAA's mission](#). The ELG Program is the longest standing and most comprehensive national grants program focused on environmental literacy, and through this focus, makes a distinctive contribution to STEM education.

FAA RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM

Funding Authority:

Department of Transportation

Deadline Details:

This solicitation will remain open until December 31, 2019.

Summary: The FAA Research Grants Program encourages and supports innovative, advanced research of potential benefit to the long-term growth of civil aviation and Commercial Space Transportation. The pursuit of basic and applied research in scientific and engineering disciplines that have the potential to further knowledge and understanding on a broad front of emerging technologies is crucial to the realization of this goal. The intent is to encourage applied research and development to enhance technology assimilation, transfer, and development in the FAA. The Research Grants Program does not require the immediate application to Research, Engineering, and Development (R, E&D) programs, although this may occur in some cases. The agency encourages the submission of proposals that embrace the entire spectrum of physical, chemical, biological, medical, psychological, mathematical, and engineering sciences.

The authorizing legislation that supports the Research Grants Programs covers two general categories: a) areas deemed by the Administrator to be required for the long-term growth of civil aviation; and b) areas related to research on the prevention of catastrophic failures. These specific areas of interest may be found within the broad program areas identified in the FAA R, E&D Plan, which comprises the agency's research and development initiatives. These areas, which contribute to the FAA mission of improving aviation safety, capacity, efficiency, and security, are:

1. Capacity and Air Traffic Control Technology
2. Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance
3. Aviation Weather
4. Airports
5. Aircraft Safety Technology
6. Human Factors and Aviation Medicine
7. Environment and Energy
8. Systems Science/Operations Research
9. Commercial Space Transportation

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS

Funding Authority:

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Deadline Details:

The deadline for application submission is September 30, 2018.

Summary: This program will provide professional training, through the use of internships, mentoring, environmental education, and interpretive educational opportunities in order for young people to learn conservation and land management processes and policies as they relate to natural resources management of public lands.

CA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION: LAND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Deadline: February 3, 2015

Amount: \$2,000,000 maximum request

Match: dollar for dollar (1 to 1); applicants will have to demonstrate they can fund 100% of the project costs; then will be reimbursed for 50% of that total.

Eligibility: Cities, counties and districts authorized to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360

Summary: California Department of Parks and Recreation and its Office of Grants and Local Assistance (OGALS), in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) offers the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to provide funding for cities and counties to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use. Property acquired or developed under the program must be maintained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION: FIVE STAR AND URBAN WATERS RESORATION GRANT PROGRAM

Deadline: February 3, 2015

Amount: Matching grants will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000, with an average of \$30,000

Match: 1:1; projects that exceed the 1:1 ratio will be more competitive

Eligibility: non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions

<http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2015RFP.aspx#.VJRolcDkA>

Summary: The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations. Support is provided to local partnerships throughout the United States for wetland, riparian, forest, and coastal habitat restoration; urban wildlife conservation; and storm water management. (Grants for this program are available nationwide, but additional funding is available for specific geographic priorities.) Funded projects should focus on water quality, watersheds, and the habitats they support. Partnerships should include at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, etc.) that contribute to project success.

HCD: HOUSING-RELATED PARKS (HRP) PROGRAM

Deadline: February 5, 2015

Amount: minimum award \$75,000

Match: None

Eligibility: Cities and Counties

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/>

Summary: The HRP Program is designed to encourage cities and counties to develop new residential housing by rewarding those jurisdictions that approve housing affordable to lower-income households and are in compliance with State housing element law with funding for the creation of new parks or rehabilitation or improvements to existing parks. The grant's purpose is to increase the overall supply of housing affordable to lower income households by providing financial incentives to cities and counties with documented housing starts for newly constructed units affordable to very low or low-income households while also improving local parks and recreational opportunities.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU GRANT WORKSHOPS

The U.S. Census Bureau is now offering workshops to advise grant seekers on the basics of incorporating census data into a grant proposal. For more information, or to request a workshop for your organization, call 888-806-6389, or send an email to lro.pds.list@census.gov. More information is available on their website, at www.census.gov/regions/los_angeles.

If your agency would be interested in a Fresno COG hosted workshop, please contact Lindsey Chargin at 559-233-4148 ext. 205 or lindseyc@fresnocog.org.