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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.

PHMSA TECHINCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO COMMUNITIES (TAG)

Funding Authority:
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Deadline Details:
Applications must be submitted by 2:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on April 22, 2015.
Summary:
The purpose of this program is to obtain funding for technical assistance in the form of engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues affecting the local community or to help promote public participation in official proceedings (excluding nonofficial proceedings) pertaining to pipeline safety issues.

STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (AHSC)

Funding Authority:
Strategic Growth Council; California Department of Housing and Community Development

City of Clovis
City of Coalinga
City of Firebaugh
City of Fowler
City of Fresno
City of Huron
City of Kerman
City of Kingsburg
City of Mendota
City of Orange Cove
City of Parlier
City of Reedley
City of San Joaquin
City of Sanger
City of Selma
County of Fresno

Deadline Details:
Concept Proposals due February 19, 2015; Full application invitations sent March 11, 2015; Full applications due April 15, 2015
Summary: Complete grant details found at: http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_ahscprogram.php
Amount: $1 Million to $15 Million (TOD); $500k to $8 Million (ICP)
Match: None
Eligibility: A Locality (Cities and Counties), public housing authority, redevelopment successor agency, transit agency or transit operator, Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), local Transportation Commissions, Congestion Management Agencies, Joint Powers Authority (JPA), school district, facilities district, University or Community College District.

$120 million in cap-and-trade funding will be doled out in a competitive process through the AHSC program to cities and other public agencies. The AHSC program will provide grants and/or loans to projects intended to achieve greenhouse reductions by increasing accessibility of affordable housing, employment centers and key destinations via low-carbon transportation options like walking, biking and transit. The guidelines have identified two project types:

1. **Transit-oriented development (TOD) project** areas that improve access to public transit, biking or walking infrastructure and affordable housing or mixed-use areas, all with the aim of better connecting residents to key destinations, like schools and businesses;

2. **Integrated connectivity projects (ICP)**, which must: include a transit stop within 1/2 mile of affordable housing, be served by transit not meeting high quality standards and either two capital projects or a capital project and planning costs.

HCD: 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) Program
Funding Authority:
California Department of Housing and Community Development
Deadline Details:
April 10, 2015, 5:00pm
Summary: Complete grant details found at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/cdbg/index.html
Amount: $2,000,000
Match: Typically no match

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.

SPATIAL UNCERTAINTY: DATA, MODELING, AND COMMUNICATION
Funding Authority:
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Deadline Details:
All types of non-AIDS applications must be submitted February 5, 2015; June 5, 2015; October 5, 2015 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

All types of AIDS and AIDS-related applications must be submitted May 7, 2015; September 7, 2015; JaAuary 7, 2015 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Summary: The goal of this program is to facilitate multidisciplinary collaborations among researchers to promote research in identifying, quantifying, and communicating spatial uncertainty in health research to improve disease control and prevention. An additional goal of this reissuance is to facilitate integration of data collection, information technology, visualization tools, statistical models, and health communication to reduce spatial uncertainty in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of disease control programs.

This program encourages a team of epidemiologists, statisticians, and experts in data visualization or health communication to attack the spatial uncertainty issue thoroughly. This program will facilitate multidisciplinary collaborations among scientists to promote research in identifying, quantifying, reducing, and communicating spatial uncertainty in health research to improve disease control and prevention. The program also facilitates integration of data collection, information technology, visualization tools, statistical models, and health communication to reduce spatial uncertainty in planning, implementing and evaluating disease control programs.

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

laro.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.

GRANT-WRITING USA GRANT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Grants Management Training in Fresno, CA - March 26-27, 2015

Fresno Pacific University, Continuing Education and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant management workshop in Fresno, March 26-27, 2015. This training is for grant recipient organizations across all disciplines. We have revamped the program for 2015 to include complete coverage of the new OMB Super Circular. Attend this class and you'll learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

Click here for full event details.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

Tuition is $595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 400-page grant management workbook and reference guide. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration are available here.

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