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Featured Opportunities

Rural Energy for America Program

Department of Agriculture

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 31, 2019

Description: The funding is being provided through USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which was created under the 2008 Farm Bill and reauthorized under the 2018 Farm Bill. This notice seeks applications for Fiscal Year 2020 funding. The deadlines to apply for grants are Oct. 31, 2019, and March 31, 2020. Applications for loan guarantees are accepted year-round. REAP helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption by purchasing and installing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements in their operations. Eligible systems may derive energy from wind, solar, hydroelectric, ocean, hydrogen, geothermal or renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to help improve life in rural America.

More info: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

Training Initiative to Improve Police Responses for People with Mental Illness and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Department of Justice

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 4, 2019

Description: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for funding An Academic-based Training Initiative to Improve Police Responses for People with Mental Illness and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This program furthers the Department's mission by providing training and technical assistance (TTA) to law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies and their behavioral health service



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partners to improve responses and reduce crime and recidivism associated with people who have mental illnesses and intellectual and developmental disabilities. This solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. It provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

More info: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/AcademicLETA19.pdf>

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Department of Agriculture

Closing Date for Applications: Dec 3, 2019

Description: USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the launch of the updated Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Potential partners are encouraged to submit proposals that will improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability. RCPP eligible partners include private industry, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, water districts and universities. Partners may request between \$250,000 and \$10 million in RCPP funding through this funding announcement. Leveraging of this NRCS funding is a key principle of RCPP; partners are expected to make value-added contributions to amplify the impact of RCPP funding.

More info: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>

News

CORTEZ MASTO APPLAUDS OVER \$2.7 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN NEVADA

Las Vegas, Nev. – U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) released the following statement applauding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for



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awarding grants totaling over \$2.7 million for community development and affordable housing in Las Vegas and Sparks.

“As one of the fastest-growing states in the nation, Nevada continues to experience an affordable housing crisis. These grants provide crucial support for Nevadans struggling to maintain a safe and secure home. I'm committed to fighting in the Senate to make sure our communities have both affordable housing and flourishing economies.”

BACKGROUND:

This package of grants is funded through two programs under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The grant funds will be awarded across Nevada as follows:

- The City of Las Vegas will receive \$2,088,532.
- Sparks will receive \$691,196.

CORTEZ MASTO CELEBRATES OVER \$9 MILLION FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS ON I-515

Reno, Nev. – U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) welcomed over \$9 million awarded to the Nevada Department of Transportation for bridge repairs to I-515 to ease travel through downtown Las Vegas. The grant was provided by the Department of Transportation as part of a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP).

“I-515 is crucial to Las Vegas’ economy and for accessibility and travel in Southern Nevada, connecting Henderson to our booming downtown Las Vegas. I’m confident these grants will improve safety, facilitate business and reduce traffic congestion for commuters and residents in Southern Nevada.”

BACKGROUND

Through the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018*, Congress made available \$225,000,000 for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The funds must be used for highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects on any



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public road that demonstrate cost savings by bundling multiple highway bridge projects. States must have a population density of less than 100 individuals per square mile to be eligible.

In this grant through CHBP, the Nevada Department of Transportation was awarded \$9,821,0000 for bridge replacements at multiple locations on I-515.

CORTEZ MASTO APPLAUDS \$1.7 MILLION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Reno, Nev. – U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) announced over \$1.7 million to help Nevada reduce violence against women. Awarded to the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, the grant funding was provided by the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program to facilitate coordination between law enforcement, courts and victims services organizations to combat violent crimes against women.

“Since my time as Attorney General, protecting women from violence and strengthening survivors’ rights have been my top priorities. This grant will increase our ability to hold perpetrators accountable and create a path for victims of violence to seek justice. Sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence have no place in Nevada or the nation, and I’ll continue working to ensure law enforcement and service organizations have all the resources they need to fight this epidemic.”

BACKGROUND

The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Formula Grant Program) was authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and reauthorized by subsequent legislation. The STOP Formula Grant Program encourages partnerships between law enforcement, prosecutors, courts and victim services organizations to enhance victim safety and hold offenders accountable in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The goal of the grant program is to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services, including community-based, culturally-specific services, in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.



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Ways We Can Help

Letters of Support

Some federal grant applications require letters of support. If you are applying for a federal grant and need a letter of support, please contact our Grants Director at grants@cortezmasto.senate.gov.

Tracking Grant Awards

If you have applied for a federal grant and need to inquire about the status about the application, we can help you get more information about specific grants. Please contact our Grants Director at grants@cortezmasto.senate.gov if you want more information about a specific grant award.

General Assistance

There is no one-size-fits-all approach for grant applications. If you have any issues or problems that arise during the grant application process, we are happy to help troubleshoot, brainstorm ideas, and answer any questions that you may have. Please contact grants@cortezmasto.senate.gov .



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Recently Announced or Updated Grant Opportunities

Below is a list of recently announced or updated grant opportunities that are currently accepting applications through grants.gov. If you have any questions regarding a specific grant opportunity, please contact our Grants Director at grants@cortezmasto.senate.gov

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Department of Agriculture

Administering Department: Food and Nutrition Service

Program Title: Farmers' Market SNAP Support Grants

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318425>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 13, 2019

Administering Department: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program Title: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314379>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 26, 2019

Administering Department: Agricultural Marketing Service

Program Title: Specialty Crop Multi-State Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=316673>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 01, 2019

Administering Department: Forest Service

Program Title: Landscape Scale Restoration RFA 2020

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318560>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 11, 2019



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Department of Commerce

Administering Department: National Institute of Standards and Technology

Program Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318601>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 20, 2019

Department of Defense

Administering Department: Dept of the Army -- USAMRAA

Program Title: DoD Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic, Applied Research Award

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=316059>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 18, 2019

Administering Department: Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA

Program Title: DoD Multiple Sclerosis Investigator- Initiated Research Award

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314542>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 19, 2019

Administering Department: Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA

Program Title: DOD Prostate Cancer, Idea Development Award

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314589>



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Closing Date for Applications: Sep 19, 2019

Administering Department: Naval Medical Logistics Command

Program Title: Naval Medical Research Center: Research and Development of Protective Vaccines and Other Countermeasures Against Infectious Disease Agents of Military Importance.

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=319768>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 19, 2019

Department of Education

Program Title: Institute of Education Sciences (IES): Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) CFDA Number 84.372A

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=317125>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 17, 2019

Program Title: Institute of Education Sciences (IES): Education Research and Development Centers CFDA Number 84.305C

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=317148>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 26, 2019

Program Title: Race to the Top Fund



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More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=49325>

Closing Date for Applications: No deadline

Department of Energy

Administering Department: Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy

Program Title: Energy-Efficient Technologies for Automated Vehicles (AVs)

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=319336>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 16, 2019

Administering Department: National Energy Technology Laboratory

Program Title: Electric Grid of Things

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=317189>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 23, 2019

Administering Department: Headquarters

Program Title: MINORITY EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND TRAINING PROGRAM

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320198>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 07, 2019

Department of Homeland Security



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Administering Department: Office of Procurement Operations - Grants Division

Program Title: DHS S&T Terrorism Prevention and Counterterrorism Research (TPCR) Center of Excellence (COE) - Partner

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318279>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 13, 2019

Administering Department: Office of Procurement Operations - Grants Division

Program Title: FY 19 STC Announcement

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320294>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 21, 2019

Department of Interior

Administering Department: Bureau of Land Management

Program Title: Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 17 Projects

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318595>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 19, 2019

Administering Department: Fish and Wildlife Service

Program Title: Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment Programs

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320293>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 19, 2019



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Department of Labor

Administering Department: Employment and Training Administration

Program Title: Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=317245>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 24, 2019

Administering Department: Employment and Training Administration

Program Title: Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=308985>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 30, 2019

Administering Department: Veterans Employment and Training Service

Program Title: Announcement of Stand Down Grants

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=299798>

Closing Date for Applications: Dec 31, 2020

Department of Transportation

Administering Department: Federal Railroad Administration



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Program Title: FY19 Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Education and Enforcement Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320453>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 16, 2019

Administering Department: Federal Highway Administration

Program Title: Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA)

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=319238>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 15, 2019

Department of Veterans Affairs

Administering Department: VA National Cemetery Administration

Program Title: Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320174>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 31, 2019

Administering Department: VA National Cemetery Administration

Program Title: Veterans Cemetery Grants Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=317157>

Closing Date for Applications: Jul 1, 2020



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Health and Human Services

Administering Department: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Program Title: Connecting Kids to Coverage (CKC) HEALTHY KIDS AI/AN

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318502>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 16, 2019

Administering Department: National Institutes of Health

Program Title: National Cancer Institute Youth Enjoy Science Research Education Program (R25)

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290300>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 25, 2019

Administering Department: National Institutes of Health

Program Title: Innovative Biospecimen Science Technologies for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R21 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=311813>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 27, 2019

Administering Department: Health Resources and Services Administration

Program Title: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=315884>



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Closing Date for Applications: Sep 30, 2019

Housing and Urban Development

Program Title: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Continuum of Care Program Competition

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318022>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 30, 2019

Program Title: Jobs Plus Initiative

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318946>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 01, 2019

Program Title: Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=319525>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 15, 2019

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program Title: Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318827>



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Closing Date for Applications: Sep 27, 2019

Program Title: National Leadership Grants for Libraries

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318796>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 27, 2019

National Endowment for the Arts

Program Title: NEA Research Grants in the Arts, FY2020

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=319213>

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 03, 2019

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program Title: Humanities Connections

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=318773>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 19, 2019

Program Title: Summer Stipends

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=316988>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 25, 2019



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National Science Foundation

Program Title: Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) in Engineering and Computer Science

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=295306>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 18, 2019

Program Title: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=310677>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 18, 2019

Program Title: Tribal Colleges and Universities Program

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301353>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 20, 2019

Program Title: International Research Experiences for Students

More Information: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=316593>

Closing Date for Applications: Sep 24, 2019

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