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- Medical Research Foundation (MRF) of Oregon – Multiple Opportunities [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/foundation/about/medical-research-foundation/grants.cfm]
- HIV/AIDS and Substance Use Among the Homeless and Unstably Housed (R01) [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-14-009.html]
- HIV/AIDS and Substance Use among Black/African American Women and Young MSM (R01) [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-14-010.html]
- Integrating Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment within HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Settings (R01) [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-14-011.html]
• Comorbid HIV, Chronic Pain, and Substance Use among Older Adults (R21) http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-14-012.html

Training Opportunities:
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Other Announcements or Resources:
• National Resource Center for First-Year Experience and Students and Transition Research Projects http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=425400007 Deadline: July 1, 2013

See below for more detailed information on each.

Funding Opportunities:

Healthy Schools: Environmental Factors, Children’s Health and Performance, and Sustainable Building Practices


Applications due Oct 8, 2013

Summary: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing
research that will inform school (K–12 educational facilities) building design, construction and operation practices in order to foster safe and healthy school environments and maximize student achievement and teacher and staff effectiveness. Specifically, the goal is to understand the relationship between environmental factors defined broadly and the health, safety and performance of students, teachers and staff. In addition to health–related concerns, the school environment may similarly impact the performance of students, teachers and staff, including lowering student achievement outcomes, and reducing teacher effectiveness. Accordingly, research is needed to better understand the negative impacts of the school environment on students’ health, safety, and achievement, and to measure the positive potential benefits of effectively managing environmental factors and applying sustainable building practices. The results of this research will help ensure that the risks of environmentally–induced illness and injury to America’s students, teachers and other school staff are diminished or avoided and that students, teachers and staff are provided with optimal learning environments in their schools.

**OCTRI Community Pilot Project Funding – Central Oregon Research Coalition (CORC)**

[http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers–institutes/octri/funding/funding-opportunities.cfm#community](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers–institutes/octri/funding/funding-opportunities.cfm#community)

The Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) is now accepting letters of intent to apply for Community Pilot Project Funding. OCTRI’s Community & Practice Research (CPR) program seeks to work collaboratively with community organizations, health care practices and researchers to study how best to improve the health of Oregonians. We expect to fund 1 application this year in the amount of $50,000 for a period of 12 months.

Pilot funds are specifically intended to enable the development of compelling new grant applications (e.g. to NIH, PCORI, CMS, etc.) that will sustain the proposed research activity. The OCTRI funding could allow generation of preliminary data, provide support for collaboration building and program development, or other essential elements needed for the goal of obtaining additional funding.

The purpose of this funding mechanism is to encourage research projects in collaboration with the Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) to evaluate the impact and implementation of six key initiatives that have been put into place in alignment
with the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) health care transformation plan to achieve the Triple Aim—better health, better care and better value for healthcare dollars.

Letter of Intent Deadline: September 3, 2013

Amount: Up to $50,000 over one year. Use of data analyst/liaison services depends on the individual needs of the project but will be expected to be budgeted at a minimum of $10,000 (as part of the $50,000).

Eligibility: Applicants must work directly with a co-investigator from Central Oregon. Co-investigators must be a community-based organization from Central Oregon; be a federally recognized Indian tribal government, tribe, or tribal organization; public or government organization; or nonprofit organization. The applicant’s organizational mission must include the improvement of health and services provided by the organization must include people residing in Central Oregon. Principal Investigators must fit OHSU eligibility requirements.

**Medical Research Foundation (MRF) of Oregon – Multiple Opportunities**

[http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/foundation/about/medical-research-foundation/grants.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/foundation/about/medical-research-foundation/grants.cfm)

The Medical Research Foundation (MRF) supports promising biomedical exploration and the development of research careers in clinical investigation in Oregon through a program of competitively awarded research grants. Most MRF grants are awarded quarterly.

1) New Investigator Grant
   
   *Maximum grant award: $40,000*
   
   *Two to three grants awarded quarterly*
   
   *Application deadline dates: Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15.*

Through this award, the MRF supports promising new investigators in biomedical research. Principal investigators must be at the beginning of an independent career with a faculty position at one of Oregon’s colleges or universities. A letter of support from the department chair or division head must accompany each application describing the independence of the principal investigator and the commitment of the unit to that investigator and their research program.
2) Early Clinical Investigator Grant

*Maximum grant award: $20,000*
Two to three grants awarded quarterly
*Application deadline dates: Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15.*

Through this award, the MRF supports promising biomedical exploration and the development of research careers in clinical investigation in Oregon. Principal investigators must be a post-doctoral trainee or clinical fellow with specific plans for a career in clinical research. A letter of support from the department chair or division head and from the director of the training program must accompany each application. The Applicant Qualifications Form should be completed by the applicant's mentor and included with the application and support letters.

Emergency Interim Support Grant

*Maximum grant award: $40,000*

Two to three grants awarded quarterly
*Application deadline dates: Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15.*

Through this award, the MRF supports established investigators who are in need of bridge funding. The grant provides funding for research programs that have lost national grant funding, enabling investigators to develop data supporting application renewals. The application must contain a clear explanation of current grant funding and the status of grants in revision.

3) Oregon Scientist Development Award

Maximum grant award: $75,000
One grant awarded per year (may not be awarded every year)
*Application deadline: Feb. 15*

Through this award, the MRF supports highly promising, biomedical scientists seeking to develop their research careers in Oregon. The Oregon Scientist Development award (OSDA) is designed to support exceptional but not yet fully independent young investigators seeking to make the transition from an intermediate rank to scientific independence. This includes investigators currently at the level of staff scientist, research assistant professor, instructor or similar transitional appointments. Applicants must be in a rank that is eligible to submit independent R01s and similar grant applications. Because this award is meant to foster development of an independent research program, a minimum 25% FTE must be put to the project. Tenure track or new investigators with start-up packages are not eligible for this application.
Criteria for the award include exceptional quality of the applicant, strength of the research plan, strength of the career development plan, the research environment and degree of institutional/mentor commitment. Letters of support from a mentor and department chair need to accompany grant applications.

**Multiple Institutes: Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging:**

This FOA invites applications proposing to study HIV infection, HIV-associated conditions, HIV treatment, and/or biobehavioral or social factors associated with HIV/AIDS in the context of aging and/or in older adults. Research approaches of interest include clinical translational, observational, and intervention studies in domestic and international settings.

Application Deadline: August 7, 2013; December 6, 2013; April 9, 2014; August 7, 2014; December 9, 2014; April 7, 2015, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

(R01) Research Project Grant  [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-175.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-175.html)


**Multiple Institutes: Design and Development of Novel Technologies for Healthy Independent Living**

(R21) Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award

This FOA issued by the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), National Institute on Aging (NIA), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and the Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) encourages Exploratory/Developmental Research Project (R21) applications for design and development of novel technologies to monitor health or deliver care in a real–time, accessible, effective, and minimally obtrusive way. These may be novel sensor or monitoring
systems, home-use point-of-care devices, home or mobile therapy or rehabilitation tools, or information systems and should have the goal of fostering healthy and independent living. The development of such technologies has the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, people aging with mild impairments, as well as individuals with chronic conditions.

Letter of Intent Due: 30 days before the receipt date
Applications Due: September 19, 2013


OPRE Grant: Center for Research on Hispanic Children & Families


OPRE Grant Announcement

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has recently published a discretionary research funding announcement titled “Center for Research on Hispanic Children & Families,” which is summarized below. If you have questions regarding this grant announcement, please email the OPRE grant review team at HispanicResearch@icfi.com or call 1-877-350-5913.

Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families Grant

The full announcement for “Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families” is available online at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS--2013--ACF--OPRE--PH--0576. OPRE is accepting applications for the establishment of a Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families, to lead and support investigation of the needs of Hispanic populations served by ACF and promising approaches to promote social and economic well-being among low-income Hispanic families. The grantee will be expected to build research capacity in the field and to improve understanding of Hispanic populations in order to inform policy development and programmatic responses addressing a range of issues including poverty and self-sufficiency, marriage and relationships, fatherhood, and child care and early education. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education and non-profit and for-profit research organizations.
Who is eligible to apply? Funds for the Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families Grant are available to institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit research organizations. Faith-based community organizations that are research organizations, and meet other eligibility requirements, are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity announcement.

What is the funding award limit and project period? Applicants may apply for project periods up to 60 months with five 12-month budget periods. Up to $1,050,000 may be awarded for each budget period.

When is the application deadline? Letters of intent are due June 28, 2013 and applications are due July 18, 2013.

If you have questions regarding this grant announcement, please email the OPRE grant review team at HispanicResearch@icfi.com or call 1-877-350-5913.

HIV/AIDS and Substance Use Among the Homeless and Unstably Housed (R01) http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-14-009.html

To improve understanding of the intersection of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is part of a multipronged 2014 expansion of HIV and AIDS–related research within the context of drug and alcohol abuse among understudied populations and in understudied settings that show promise for the development of effective prevention and treatment efforts. In addition to this funding opportunity, others included in the 2014 expansion address substance use, HIV, and Black/African American women and young Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) (RFA-DA-14-010); the integration of substance abuse and HIV prevention and treatment within HIV/AIDS service delivery settings (RFA-DA-14-011); exploratory research on comorbid HIV, chronic pain, and substance use among older adults (RFA-DA-14-012), and Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain Data Harmonization Coordinating Center (RFA-DA-14-007). This FOA invites research grant applications focused on homeless or unstably housed persons to elucidate the interconnections among substance use, HIV/AIDS and other co–morbidities. The FOA encourages studies on the development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of effective HIV–prevention interventions, research related to the epidemiology of HIV infection and substance use, and health services studies to improve the quality of substance use prevention and treatment services for the homeless and unstably housed populations.
Letter of Intent: October 15, 2013  
Application Due: November 15, 2013  

HIV/AIDS and Substance Use among Black/African American Women and Young MSM (R01)


To improve understanding of the intersection of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is part of a multipronged 2014 expansion of HIV and AIDS related research within the context of drug and alcohol abuse among understudied populations and in understudied settings that show promise for the development of effective prevention and treatment efforts. In addition to this funding opportunity, others included in the 2014 expansion address HIV/AIDS and substance use among the homeless and unstably housed (RFA-DA-14-009); the integration of substance abuse and HIV prevention and treatment within HIV/AIDS service delivery settings (RFA-DA-14-011); exploratory research on comorbid HIV, chronic pain, and substance use among older adults (RFA-DA-14-012); and Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain Data Harmonization Coordinating Center (RFA-DA-14-007).

This FOA seeks R01 research grant applications 1) to conduct research that expands our understanding of the intersection between substance use and HIV among Black/African American women (BAAW) and young Black/African American men who have sex with men (YBAAMSM), and 2) to develop and test interventions that improve HIV prevention and care among BAAW and YBAAMSM, with attention to substance use and its consequences. These populations bear a disproportionate burden of HIV infection in the US. Infections of BAAW have plateaued since the mid-2000s but there is considerable local variation. YBAAMSM have shown continued and consistent increases in HIV acquisitions since the early days of the epidemic and represent the population with the greatest increase in new cases during recent years. Individual HIV risk behaviors in these populations are not elevated relative to Caucasian; however, social and structural factors appear to amplify risk and reduce engagement in preventive services, screening and care among BAAW and YBAAMSM. Despite these common social/structural factors, there are important differences with, for example, BAAMSM cases being disproportionately in younger ages than those for BAAW. More attention to unique and common factors in these populations is needed to improve our understanding of HIV risk and transmission, as well as the development of more effective intervention strategies.
Integrating Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment within HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Settings (R01)


To improve understanding of the intersection of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is part of a multipronged 2014 expansion of HIV and AIDS related research within the context of drug and alcohol abuse among understudied populations and in understudied settings that show promise for the development of effective prevention and treatment efforts. In addition to this funding opportunity, others included in the 2014 expansion address HIV/AIDS and substance use among the homeless and unstably housed (RFA-DA-14-009); substance use, HIV, and Black/African American women and young Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) (RFA-DA-14-010); exploratory research on comorbid HIV, chronic pain, and substance use among older adults (RFA-DA-14-012), and Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain Data Harmonization Coordinating Center (RFA-DA-14-007).

Efforts to prevent, detect, and treat drug and alcohol abuse, addiction, and their consequences can be improved by integrating existing evidence-based approaches into clinical settings in which high-risk populations are currently engaged in care for common co-occurring conditions. Of high priority are those settings in which individuals receive ongoing care for HIV/AIDS, but which do not routinely deliver evidence-based drug and alcohol abuse screening, prevention, and treatment services. Such settings include freestanding or hospital-based comprehensive HIV centers, community-based AIDS service organizations, and other HIV service providers supported by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and other state and federal funds for HIV services. Service integration is equally needed in prevention-oriented settings (including sexually-transmitted infection [STI] clinics) where screening for drug and alcohol problems can be integrated with screening for HIV and other conditions. NIDA encourages hypothesis-driven research project applications to test implementation strategies for integrating evidence-based substance abuse services with HIV care in these settings.

Comorbid HIV, Chronic Pain, and Substance Use among Older Adults (R21)
To improve understanding of the intersection of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is part of a multipronged 2014 expansion of HIV and AIDS related research within the context of drug and alcohol abuse among understudied populations and in understudied settings that show promise for the development of effective prevention and treatment efforts. In addition to this funding opportunity, others included in the 2014 expansion address HIV/AIDS and substance use among the homeless and unstably housed (RFA-DA-14-009); substance use, HIV, and Black/African American women and young Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) (RFA-DA-14-010); the integration of substance abuse and HIV prevention and treatment within HIV/AIDS service delivery settings (RFA-DA-14-011) and Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain Data Harmonization Coordinating Center (RFA-DA-14-007).

For this funding announcement, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites innovative, exploratory research applications proposing to study the intersection of HIV, chronic pain, and substance use among older adults. Applications could include research to examine risk and protective factors contributing to comorbid HIV, chronic pain, and substance use among older adults; to characterize the adverse medical, mental health and social consequences associated with comorbid HIV, substance abuse, and chronic pain among older adults; or to develop effective prevention and service delivery approaches and behavioral and pharmacological treatments to address these comorbid conditions in older adults. Research is also encouraged on the role of HIV/AIDS-associated conditions, HIV treatment, and/or other biobehavioral/social factors in the context of aging, chronic pain, and substance use. A range of research approaches are of interest, including epidemiologic, prevention science, health services, and intervention studies.

Letter of Intent: October 15, 2013  
Application Due: November 15, 2013

Training Opportunities:

**2013 International Conference on Communication in Healthcare:** September 29–October 2, 2013  Montréal, Canada

This year’s ICCH will bring together hundreds of healthcare communication professionals from across North America and Europe to share the latest research and teaching methods related to communication and relationships in health care. This
interdisciplinary event will have a wealth of information for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, counselors and any other profession interested in healthcare communication. In addition to the many workshops, symposia and poster sessions, you'll also be treated to an incredible line up of plenary sessions.


Other Announcements or Resources:

Public Health Law Research: Making the Case for Laws That Improve Health
Deadline: July 24, 2013


Public Health Law Research: Making the Case for Laws That Improve Health (PHLR) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation® (RWJF). The program seeks to build the evidence for and strengthen the use of regulatory, legal and policy solutions to improve public health. PHLR is equally interested in identifying and ameliorating laws and legal practices that unintentionally harm health. PHLR's purpose is to answer important questions, such as: How does law influence health and health behavior? Which laws have the greatest impact? Can current laws be made more effective through better enforcement, or do they require amendment?

National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation Deadline: July 19, 2013 (Letters of Inquiry)

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=425400002

The National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from research projects with significant potential to inform improvements to the U.S. healthcare system. Through its research grants program, the foundation will award up to $150,000 in grants to support
investigator-initiated research focused on slowing the growth in healthcare spending, enhancing healthcare quality, and/or expanding access to health insurance and healthcare services. Projects must advance existing knowledge in the areas of healthcare financing, delivery, management, and/or policy.

**National Resource Center for First-Year Experience and Students and Transition Research Projects**


The National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition is accepting applications from researchers with projects focused on improving the experiences of students transitioning into and through higher education. Through its Paul P. Fidler Research grant program, the center will award a $5,000 grant for a research project with the potential to have a national impact on student success. Topics may include underrepresented student populations, community colleges, the advising system, transferring, career development, and other issues related to student transitions.

**Deadline:** July 1, 2013