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Recovery Act Update

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Senator Sherrod Brown would like you to know about new opportunities available through the Recovery Act:

- Health Disparities
- NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) Exploratory Centers of Excellence
- NCMHD Dissertation Research Award to Increase Diversity
- Public Housing Capital Fund
- Advanced Battery Manufacturing
- Clean Cities Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector
- Greenhouse Gas & Energy Reduction (TIGGER)

Health Disparities

On May 12, 2009, The NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) announced up to \$7 million available for Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) planning grants to support community participation in health disparities intervention research.

Higher education institutions, nonprofits, public housing authorities, and faith-based or community-based organizations are eligible to apply.

Letters of intent must be received by May 29, 2009. Final applications are due by June 30, 2009.

For the full announcement, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-006.html>

NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) Exploratory Centers of Excellence

The NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) invites grant applications from institutions of higher education to establish an Exploratory NCMHD Center of Excellence (COE). \$6 million is available for 5 awards. Funding could establish partnerships and engage community, enhance research training infrastructure, and recruit faculty to develop applicable research projects.

Applications are due by July 1, 2009. The council will review applications in August 2009. For the full announcement, visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-007.html>

NCMHD Dissertation Research Award to Increase Diversity

The NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) announced \$500,000 to support qualified pre-doctoral students in pursuing research careers in minority health and health disparities and to increase the diversity of this workforce. Up to 3-5 awards will be made for Fiscal Year 2009.

Higher education institutions are eligible to apply on behalf on one pre-doctoral candidate at the dissertation stage. Renewals and resubmissions are not permitted.

Applications are due by June 30, 2009. The council will review applications in August 2009 and the earliest anticipated state date is September 30, 2009. For the full announcement, visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-008.html>

Public Housing Capital Fund

In addition to a formula component, nearly \$1 billion of the Public Housing Capital Fund through HUD will be distributed by competitive grants. These funds will be used to make substantial improvements to public housing units across the nation.

All Public Housing Agencies that own or operate Low-Income Public Housing are eligible to apply.

There are four funding categories:

(1) \$600 million for Energy Efficient, Green Communities

- (2) \$200 million for Gap Financing for Stalled Projects
- (3) \$100 million for Public Housing Transformation
- (4) \$95 million for Housing for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities

HUD will begin accepting applications for all categories on June 1, 2009. Applications in the Energy Efficient, Green Communities category are due before midnight on July 21, 2009. Applications for Financing Stalled Projects, Public Housing Transformation, and Housing for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities are due before midnight on August 18, 2009.

For the detailed solicitation, visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/recovery-comp-grants.pdf>

For more information, visit: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcapfundh.cfm>

Advanced Battery Manufacturing

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE's) Vehicle Technologies (VT) Program is seeking applications for grants supporting the construction and increased production capacity of U.S. manufacturing plants to produce batteries and electric drive components.

Closing date for applications is May 19, 2009. To access the solicitation, visit: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>

Clean Cities Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector

The Department of Energy is seeking applicants for projects that expand the use of alternative fueled and advance technology vehicles. Funds may also be used for the infrastructure necessary to directly support these vehicles, or for the operation and maintenance of the vehicles or infrastructure. Approximately \$300 million is available for at least 30 projects.

Clean Cities Coalitions comprised of State and local governments and/or metropolitan authorities are eligible to apply. Any of these entities may be the lead applicant. Round 1 applications are due May 29, 2009. Round 2 applications are due September 30, 2009. For detailed information, visit: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>.

Greenhouse Gas & Energy Reduction (TIGGER)

TIGGER is a new grant program that will fund “public transportation projects that reduce a transit system’s greenhouse gas emissions or result in a decrease in a transit system’s energy use.”

Eligible applicants are public transportation agencies. Complete proposals for the TIGGER Grant Program must be submitted by May 22, 2009. For the full solicitation, visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-6420.pdf>

For FAQ’s, visit: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9440_9326.html#TIGGER

Senator Brown will send out additional Recovery information when available. Visit Senator Brown's Recovery website for up-to-date Recovery information:

http://brown.senate.gov/issues_and_agenda/issues/recovery/

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