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Budget and Appropriations Update While November might seem far off, the midterm elections' impact on spending bills is already evident.

Election years tend to stall any movement on appropriations bills — especially when there's potential turnover in control of one or both chambers. It's a problem because lawmakers want to focus on campaigning and are back home more than usual, and party leaders tend to want to shield vulnerable members from tough votes. It's also

Pentagon planning new joint center on artificial intelligence

The Pentagon is planning to create a new joint center within six months to coordinate the military's development of artificial intelligence.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan made the announcement in a speech April 24 in Washington. The action follows advice earlier this year from the Department's Defense Innovation Board.

At a House Armed Services Committee hearing April 12, Defense Secretary Mattis confirmed that he was considering "a joint office where we would concentrate all of DoD's efforts, since we have a number of AI efforts underway right now. We're looking at pulling them all together."

In a subsequent Committee hearing April 18, Michael Griffin, undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, said "I'm working right now with folks on my staff to answer questions like 'who should lead it, where should it be, what projects should it do, and most importantly how does such a center fit into the overall AI strategy for the department and the nation?'"

Complementing those efforts, the just-released House draft version of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act has two new provisions relating to AI.

One section would "direct the Under Secretary of Research and Engineering to establish an Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Policy and Oversight Council to continuously improve research, innovation, policy, joint processes, and procedures that facilitate the development, acquisition, integration, advancement, and sustainment of artificial intelligence and machine learning throughout the Department of Defense."

Another section would "direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Defense Innovation Board and the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, to carry out a review and assessment of the advances in artificial intelligence, related machine learning developments, and associated technologies for military applications."

This section would also require the Secretary of Defense to submit an initial report to the congressional defense committees 180 days after the date of the enactment and a comprehensive report 1 year after enactment.

Science Committee approves NASA & STEM bills

The House Science Committee advanced two bills out of committee April 17 -- one an authorization for NASA in 2018 and the other a STEM related measure.

The NASA authorization, H.R. 5503, would continue the push from legislators to have the space agency work with commercial partners. The bill authorizes \$20.7 billion, the same amount provided in the recently enacted omnibus spending bill for 2018 and it would continue that level for 2019. Before approval, Democrats gathered enough votes

on an amendment to stop a proposed cut of the Earth Science Division budget which had been in the original bill.

Besides language on commercial participation in space programs, the legislation also says NASA “should foster the development of U.S. private sector remote sensing capabilities and analyses that can satisfy the public interest in long-term continuous collection of medium-resolution land remote sensing data.”

The bill does not take a position on the Administration’s plan to end support for International Space Station operations by 2024 but directs the agency to provide quarterly briefings “on the status of, and all progress, changes, and other developments related to carrying out the plans in the ISS transition report.”

The measure caps development costs for the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST) and says NASA should complete a full life cycle cost estimate.

A provision in the bill provides \$10 million each year to the search for “technosignatures” in space looking for life in the universe through radio transmissions and other means. According to the bill, the work can be done with private sector and philanthropic organizations. To read the bill, [click here](#).

The committee also approved the Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and

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- x Launch a longitudinal study to follow patients 1) after acute onset of musculoskeletal pain and 2) after surgery to identify biomarkers that might predict which individuals are more likely to transition from acute to chronic pain.
- x Leverage innovative imaging and -omics neurotechnologies developed through the [NIH BRAIN Initiative](#) and [SPARC](#) program to identify 1) potential new targets for treatment of chronic pain and 2) objective biomarkers to predict which individuals will respond to a treatment.
- x Advance understanding of the genetic and social factors that put patients at risk for opioid misuse and addiction to inform precision prevention strategies tailored to individual risk factors.
- x Define and support best practices for pain management using nondrug and integrated therapies for specific pain conditions by building on research from the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of Defense [research collaborative](#) to address the needs of service members and veterans.
- x Pursue public-private partnerships to develop new non-addictive pain medicines by sharing data on past and present research projects, and matching researchers with a selection of potentially promising but abandoned pharmaceutical industry compounds to explore their effectiveness for the treatment of pain.
- x Build a clinical trials network that will allow multiple new and repurposed compounds to be tested simultaneously for effectiveness. This allows ineffective compounds to be weeded out and new compounds to enter trials more swiftly. The combination of testing compounds that already have received large investments and passed safety testing, and a flexible clinical trials network will significantly accelerate the development of effective therapies.

Improve Treatments for Opioid Misuse Disorder and Addiction:

- x Expand therapeutic options for treating addiction, including extending the options for Medication-Assisted Therapy (MAT) and overdose reversal treatments. Develop immunotherapies that enlist the immune system to block entry of heroin or synthetic opioids to the brain to prevent overdose or relapse for individuals at high risk.

The NIH HEAL Initiative will build on extensive NIH research that has led to successes such as the development of the nasal form of naloxone, the most commonly used nasal spray for reversing an opioid overdose; the development of buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder; and the use of nondrug and mind/body techniques to

overdoses, support prescription drug monitoring programs, and urge coordination by FDA and the Customs and Border Protection Service to prevent importation of illegal drugs like fentanyl.

Senators offered eight amendments to the opioids bill. The following five amendments were adopted by voice vote:

- Bill Cassidy (R-LA) aims to improve methods of finding out which states are currently enforcing mental health parity and which states are not.
- Maggie Hassan (D-NH) would support medical school training to allow students to prescribe medication-assisted treatment.
- Rand Paul (R-KY) intended to increase access to evidence-based, medication-assisted treatment.
- Michael Bennet (D-CO) would expand opioid alternative treatments for hospitals.

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potential treatments out of this classification. Dr. Volkow emphatically stated that the Schedule I status of opioids inhibits productive research because the process for research is incredibly lengthy. Congresswoman Katherine Clark (D-MA) asked what NIDA was doing to understand opioid dependence in young people, and Dr. Volkow responded that there was not enough clinical research being done. To optimize treatment, more research would need to be funded, she said.

Collins received several questions about an ongoing controversy over a study on the health effects of drinking alcohol and whether staff may have inappropriately solicited outside funding from the alcohol industry. He also discussed the “All of Us” Precision Medicine Initiative which NIH will launch with a public rollout in the upcoming weeks, and the Next Generation Researchers Initiative, a new \$100 million fund to support efforts to develop and retain the next generation of biomedical researchers. To view the hearing webcast, [click here](#).

National Academies report on citrus greening recommends research continuum & master plan

A single breakthrough discovery for managing citrus greening in Florida in the future is unlikely, says a new [report](#) released April 11 by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The committee that wrote the report called for a systems approach to prioritize research on the disease and strategically distribute resources for research to effectively manage the disease, which is the most serious threat for citrus growers worldwide.

The disease in Florida has now caused a cumulative loss of \$2.9 billion in grower revenues from 2007 to 2014, an average of \$374 million a year, according to the report.

The Citrus Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), a \$124 million state citrus-industry initiative, has invested nearly 90 percent of its funds in greening research. CRDF asked the Academies to review its research portfolio and determine if its efforts have followed recommendations outlined in the [Academies' 2010 report](#), which originally called for the organization's creation. The committee found that CRDF was responsive to several recommendations from the previous report, and along with other funders, has advanced our knowledge about the disease. However, HLB remains a serious danger to Florida's citrus industry, having progressed from an acute to a chronic disease throughout the state.

The report notes that significant barriers to progress toward a solution still exist, among them the inability to culture the bacteria in the laboratory, the lack of advanced diagnostics for early disease detection, and the absence of standardized research methodology that would improve the comparability of results across studies. Resolution of any one of these issues would constitute a significant step, according to the report.

The committee recommended continuing support for both basic and applied research for short- and long-term research efforts. In the long run, solutions would likely utilize

new technology, such as gene modification and gene editing, focusing on targets that mediate molecular interactions among plant, bacteria, and the vector, the committee said. As interest in using genetic modification in research grows, CRDF should also

Former astronaut takes helm at USGS former Congressman takes over at NASA

Following a smooth hearing in March, former astronaut and geologist James Reilly was confirmed by the Senate April 9 to serve as director of the U.S. Geological Survey. The

elimination of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). She then expressed her disagreement for the decrease in non-defense expenditures and the increase in defense-related expenditures within DOE's FY2019 request. She also discussed the 2010 Nuclear Posture Review.

Sen Feinstein said she and Chair Alexander made an agreement with President Obama that Congress would fund the modernization of the U.S. nuclear arsenal if the administration reduced the overall number of deployed nuclear weapons, and the specific elimination of the B-83 warhead. The DOE's latest nuclear posture review calls for an increase in the number of B-83 warheads as expanding the nuclear arsenal overall. Senator Feinstein stated that she would not support any Energy & Water Development appropriations bill that did not honor the 2010 deal the committee struck with President Obama.

Department of Energy Secretary Rick Perry was the main witness in the hearing, and in his oral and [written testimony](#), he emphasized his efforts to prioritize technological advancements related to national security and science and innovation, specifically supercomputing and cybersecurity. The committee was generally supportive of the funding increases for DOE's cybersecurity capabilities. A video recording of the full hearing can be found [here](#).

USDA 2019budget reviewed by Senate committee

The Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, the Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies met April 11 to review the Trump Administration's [Fiscal Year 2019 funding request](#) and budget justification for the Department of Agriculture and to hear from USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue. Chairman John Hoeven (R-ND) opened the hearing by discussing the Farm Bill. He said that according to a 2014 CBO score, the Farm Bill was originally supposed to save \$23 billion, but a more recent CBO score found that it actually saved \$100 billion over ten years. His full written testimony can be found [here](#).

Ranking Member Jeff Merkley (D-OR) expressed his concerns about the FY19 budget request, citing Secretary Perdue's own statement, where he said that "research is an area where we may have missed the mark" 20 agricultural research centers were closed in 2018 and the FY 2019 budget would do the same. Senator Merkley also talked about his recent trip to African countries plagued by famine and mass starvation, and highlighted the work that USAID does to combat these issues. He said that "the only thing between these people and starvation is the United States of America." The FY 2019 budget request calls for a \$6 billion cut overall, and is reducing staff from 95,933 full-time employees to 87,303. Secretary Perdue stated that rather than giving USAID cash to buy food, the U.S. should use commodities grown by U.S. growers instead.

Secretary Perdue said the budget cuts and staff reductions were due to efficiencies and by consolidating three USDA programs into one. They are investing more in IT

modernization by hiring more staff to work on technology and \$15 million more for customer service.

In his opening statement, Secretary Perdue said that a lot of farmers are feeling anxiety caused by the talks around trade with China because of the way it will affect farmers across the United States. A number of senators were aware of this anxiety and that trade retaliation is a top concern for farmers in their states. Secretary Perdue stated that he would do his best to make sure farmers are protected and he agrees with them and fears trade retaliation. He stated that negotiations are the most ideal path forward when dealing with China on this issue.

Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), a former farmer, said “it is unacceptable to cut crop insurance,” and that it’s the one thing he always hears from farmers in Montana. He said that federal dollars are necessary for the success of the program due to the unpredictability of nature, private crop insurance would be unaffordable given the market volatility. Tester reminded Perdue of the farm crisis in the 1980s and does not want the USDA to do anything that would potentially bring about another crisis. Perdue said he agrees with Tester’s view of crop insurance. A video recording of the full hearing can be found [here](#).

Appropriations subcommittee examines health workforce and rural programs

Federal investments in health workforce programs and rural health were discussed in a hearing April 12 by the House Labor, HHS, Education subcommittee.

Two witnesses – Mr. Thomas Morris and Dr. Luis Padilla, HRSA’s Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy and HRSA Associate Administrator for Health Workforce respectfully, testified on behalf of HRSA investments in: rural health and initiatives to support infrastructure in rural communities, response on the opioid epidemic, plans to grow the rural workforce, health workforce programs, and rural health care delivery. To view the hearing, [click here](#).

Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) opened the hearing discussing the health care disparities evident in rural communities as they struggle to keep hospitals open, attract and retain trained healthcare professions – especially physicians, and recover from the opioid epidemic that still continues to be a leading cause of overdose deaths in rural communities. The Chairman voiced the importance of combatting the predicted 100,000 physician shortage – by 2025, by increasing training and employment opportunities that will allow individuals to enter into the field of healthcare and practice within these rural communities.

Associate Administrator, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Associate Administrator, Bureau of Health Workforce

Dr. Luis Padilla, Associate Administrator of the Bureau of Health Workforce, presented testimony on the topics of the Bureau's health workforce programs and rural health care delivery. Padilla began by stressing the difficult task of recruiting and retaining health care professionals – especially primary care physicians, into rural communities. The National Health Service Corps and NURSE Corps are two critical programs offering workforce solutions to primary health care challenges in rural and underserved communities. In exchange for practicing in underserved communities, clinicians working at eligible health care sites may receive an additional incentive of repayment of educational loans and students may receive scholarships and financial support while in school. Once a physician starts a career in a rural community, 93% continue in these areas an average of 2 years beyond commitment. In FY 2018, HRSA received \$105 million for the National Health Service Corps to expand and improve access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in rural and underserved areas nationwide.

In addition to loan repayment and scholarship programs, HRSA supports graduate medical education, including the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program, which increases the number of providers in rural and underserved communities by taking resident training out of the traditional academic medical center setting and locating it in community based clinics such as community health centers. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 included \$126.5 million for the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program in FY 2018 and FY 2019. HRSA recently made awards to the existing Teaching Health Center recipients to support a per-resident amount of \$150,000 for Academic Year 2017-2018.

Padilla discussed HRSA's Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program (or BHWET), which supports a wide array of behavioral health providers with the goal of expanding access to treatment and services, particularly in rural and medically underserved communities. In FY 2018, HRSA received an increase of \$25 million to expand training for the behavioral health workforce to address the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders. The link to Padilla's testimony can be found [here](#).

The questioning segment began with Chairman Cole (R-OK) inquiring about the Administration's efforts in regards to incentivizing medical schools to include rural rotations and rural residency programs into their educational agenda. Dr. Padilla discussed the following two programs: the Primary Care and Enhancement Program and the GME Program. Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) addressed her concerns of the \$166 million cuts to the nursing programs (Title 8), and said that the only program with continued funding is the nursing education and loan repayment scholarships. Congresswoman Katherine Clark (D-MA) asked about the status of the nation's primary care infrastructure relative to the Opioid Epidemic and what the Administration's efforts are to assist with the building up this entity. Dr. Padilla discussed the following three programs: BHWET program, PCT program, and the Rural Residency Planning and Development Program. Dr. Padilla explained that the goal of

these programs are focused on the training of participating providers in not only community-based care areas, but also on the training in areas that are leveraging interprofessional and interdisciplinary care so they are accustomed to providing a comprehensive delivery of care.

Highlights of competitive grant opportunities at federal agencies

Agency: Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

Program: FY 2018 EDA Disaster Supplemental

Description: This investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) as a result of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and of wildfires and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2017.

Due Date: Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received.

Funding: \$587,000,000

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=302953>

applied research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics having the potential to advance the GEOINT mission.

Due Date: Dec 31, 2018

Award Ceiling: \$3,000,000

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=302176

Agency: DoD
Dept of the Army -- Materiel Command

Program: Proof of Concept Commercialization Pilot Program Innovation Corps @ Department of Defense (I-Corps @ DoD) Fiscal Year 2018

Description: The Department of Defense is soliciting applications from current/recent DoD awardees on basic research topics to receive mentoring and funding to accelerate the transition and commercialization of the funded research. The I-Corps @ DoD program is designed to support the acceleration of basic research innovations from qualifying institutions by providing Principal Investigators and students with training and mentorship in customer discovery and the commercialization process. The goals of this program are to spur the transition of fundamental research with potential defense relevance to the marketplace, to encourage collaboration between academia and industry, and to train students, faculty, and other researchers to understand innovation and entrepreneurship. There will be three outcomes of the I-Corps @ DoD program: 1) a clear go/no go decision regarding viability of products and services, 2) should the decision be to move the effort forward, a transition plan to do so, and 3) an understanding of what kind of minimum viable product demonstration would be required by key partners and customer segments.

Due Date: Jul 06, 2018

Funding: See announcement

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=302943

Agency: DoD
Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA

Program: DoD Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Therapeutic Development Award

Description: The Therapeutic Development Award supports research ranging from validation of therapeutic leads to Food and Drug Administration Investigational New Drug-enabling studies. The proposed studies are expected to be empirical in nature and

product-driven. Applicants with limited ALS experience are strongly encouraged to collaborate with those having substantial expertise in ALS research and/or ALS model systems.

Due Date: Oct 11, 2018

Funding: \$4,800,000

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=302955>

Agency: DoD
Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA

Program: DoD Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Therapeutic Idea Award

Description: The Therapeutic Idea Award is designed to promote new ideas aimed at drug or treatment discovery that are still in the early stages of development. Projects that focus primarily on investigating the pathophysiology of ALS are not within the scope of this Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity. Development and/or modification of preclinical model systems or the application of high-throughput screens to define or assess lead compounds for ALS treatment are of interest. Development of methods to adequately measure target binding and proximal downstream effects (target engagement) and the potential for undesirable activities at related but unintended targets (selectivity) are also encouraged.

Due Date: Oct 11, 2018

Funding: \$4,000,000

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=302939>

Agency: DoD
Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA

Program: DoD Ovarian Cancer, Omics Consortium Development Award

Description: The FY18 OCRP Omics Consortium Development Award supports a multi-institutional research effort conducted by leading ovarian cancer researchers and consumer advocates that specifically focuses on the compilation of new and/or use of existing large datasets to study the origin of ovarian cancer disease with an emphasis on early detection and screening. This effort will be executed through a two-stage approach using two separate award mechanisms: the first is the current funding opportunity, the FY18 Omics Consortium Development Award, which will enable the consortium to lay the groundwork for the research project, including a proof of concept preliminary research project; and the second is an FY20 Omics Consortium Award,

which will support the execution of the full research project. Research projects proposed under the Omics Consortium Development Award must use large datasets (genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, other 'omics) to focus on origin of disease. The long-term goal of the Omics Consortium is to facilitate improvements in early detection and screening of ovarian cancer, although immediate benefits of the consortium will be in initial diagnosis and therapy.

Due Date: Aug 08, 2018

Funding: \$1,920,000

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=302999

Agency: DoD
DARPA - Defense Sciences Office

Program: SIGMA+ Sensors

Description:

competing teams and advances the awareness of and engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) with K-12 populations

Due Date: Jun 01, 2018

Funding: See announcement

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view>

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=303188

Agency: DOI
Fish and Wildlife Services

Program: Saginaw Bay to Western Lake Erie Coastal Wetland Initiative

Description: The Saginaw Bay to Western Lake Erie Coastal Wetland Initiative (Initiative) is a voluntary-

Agency: HHS
Centers for Disease Control - NCIRD

Program: Improving Implementation of Immunization Practice Standards by National Pharmacy Organizations--Financed Solely by PPHF 2018 Prevention and Public Health Funds

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to conduct activities to promote and support vaccination services within the pharmacy setting. Activities include, but are not limited to:- Education/Outreach to pharmacists about current pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunization recommendations and proper vaccine administration- Facilitation of communication and exchange of information between pharmacists and providers and public health programs-Quality Improvement efforts-Improved immunization documentation through use of immunization information systems and data sharing-Coordination with public health preparedness and immunization programs to establish formalized agreements for pandemic vaccine program readiness and response

Due Date: Jun 11, 2018

Funding: See announcement

Website: [https://www.fda.gov/web/grants/3.61-\(g\)3-\[b/w Tc 0 Tw 10.17 09.0 \(-\)Tj 0.0](https://www.fda.gov/web/grants/3.61-(g)3-[b/w Tc 0 Tw 10.17 09.0 (-)Tj 0.0)

Program: Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology Research to Address Health Disparities in

agency transfers, depending on the nature of the work proposed, the proposing organization, and/or program requirements.

Due Date: Oct 02, 2018

Award Ceiling: See announcement

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=300751

Agency: NASA

Program: ROSES 2018: Astrophysics Data Analysis

Description: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Science Mission Directorate (SMD) announces the release of its annual NASA Research Announcement (NRA), Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES) – 2018. ROSES is an omnibus NRA, with many individual program elements, each with its own due dates and topics. All together these cover the wide range of basic and applied supporting research and technology in space and Earth sciences supported by SMD. Awards will be made as grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and inter- or intra-agency transfers, depending on the nature of the work proposed, the proposing organization, and/or program requirements.

Due Date: May 17, 2018

Award Ceiling: See announcement

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=300739

Agency: NASA

Program: ROSES 2018: Mars Data Analysis

Description: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Science Mission Directorate (SMD) announces the release of its annual NASA Research Announcement (NRA), Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES) – 2018. ROSES is an omnibus NRA, with many individual program elements, each with its own due dates and topics. All together these cover the wide range of basic and applied

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areas, who are often not in the same location as the source of the educational or health care service.

Due Date: Jun 04, 2018

Award Ceiling: See announcement

Agency: NSF
Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering

Program: Critical Techniques, Technologies and Methodologies for Advancing Foundations and Applications of Big Data Sciences and Engineering (BIGDATA)

Description: The solicitation invites two categories of proposals:

- x Foundations (BIGDATA: F): those developing or studying fundamental theories, techniques, methodologies, and technologies of broad applicability to big data problems, motivated by specific data challenges and requirements; and
- x Innovative Applications (BIGDATA: IA): those engaged in translational activities that employ new big data techniques, methodologies, and technologies to address and solve problems in specific application domains. Projects in this category must be collaborative, involving researchers from domain disciplines and one or more methodological disciplines, e.g., computer science, statistics, mathematics, simulation and modeling, etc.

Due Date: May 7, 2018 -

Funding: See announcement

Website: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505006&WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click

Agency: DOJ
National Institute of Justice

Program: NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives

Description: NIJ seeks to build knowledge on best practices in offender reentry. Specifically, NIJ requests proposals for rigorous research to examine reentry initiatives for adult or juvenile offenders that incorporate promising practices, strategies, or programs. These initiatives may be applicable to institutional or community corrections, or both. Preference will be given to applications that propose to use a randomized controlled trial (RCT). This research supports the U.S. Department of Justice priorities to reduce violent crime and to protect police and other public safety personnel by reducing recidivism and giving individuals tools to be law-abiding productive members of society.

Due Date: Aug 06, 2018

Funding: \$5,000,000

Website: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppld=302736