Regional Update from HHS Regional Director Susan Johnson

Region 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Dear Colleagues-

This will be my last update with you as Regional Director of HHS Region 10. With the transition of Administrations, all political appointees have to resign or retire by noon, January 20. I will be retiring close of business January 19, 2017. Barbara Greene, current Executive Officer, will be acting Regional Director as of January 20 until a new Regional Director is named. This newsletter will be suspended until that takes place.

During my seven years as Regional Director, I have traveled thousands of miles by air, auto, boat, and snowmobile (!) to visit you where you live and work. Our region encompasses urban centers as well as some of the most remote wilderness on the planet. All present challenges to providing healthcare and all inspire innovation to overcome these challenges.

I'm proud of the progress we've made as a region. Three of our states have expanded Medicaid. Responses to the healthcare needs of our AI/AN populations are now enhanced by the 100% FMAP opportunity. And transformation in healthcare delivery is occurring in every state in our region.

I have been honored to have played a part in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Millions of people in our region and throughout the country have been positively touched by the ACA by gaining coverage through expanded Medicaid, by paying less for medications on Medicare, by having had a healthier hospital stay, by receiving free preventive health services, by gaining maternity care or contraceptive services, or by keeping children on a health plan. In so many ways, health security has been enhanced.

Make your voices heard—share your ACA stories on social media using #CoverageMatters. Visit http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts-and-features/coverage-matters/index.html to see what others are saying. The site now features an interactive map which shows just a smattering of these stories.

Don't forget the last day to enroll in Marketplace coverage is January 31, 2017! The ACA is the law of the land until repealed, replaced, or amended, and you can still take advantage of all that it offers.

I've enjoyed our journey together. It has been a privilege and an honor. My best to you for the future.

Regards,

Susan



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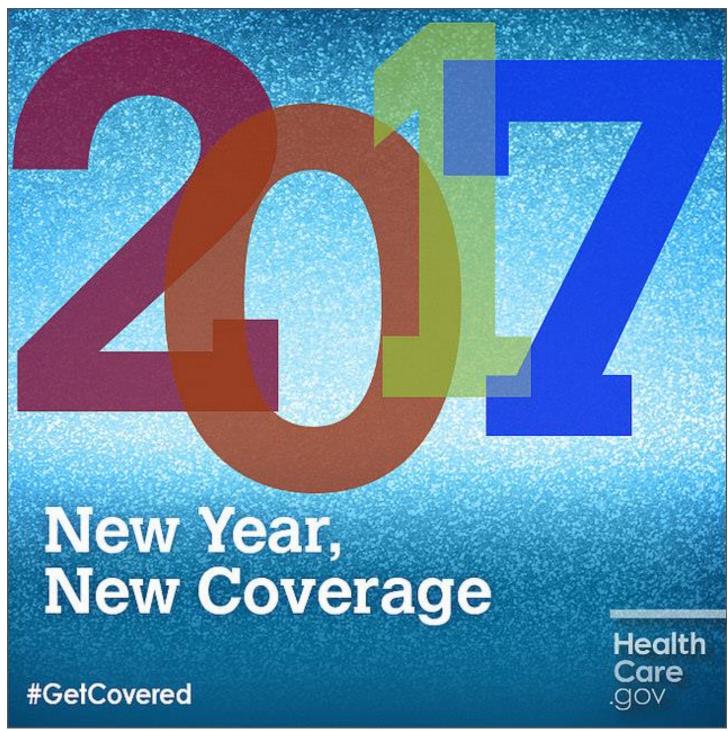


Open Enrollment Is Here

The fourth Open Enrollment period (OE4) for 2017 health insurance only runs until January 31, 2017.

Important dates for 2017 enrollment

- January 15, 2017: Last day to enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start February 1, 2017.
- January 31, 2017: 2017 Open Enrollment ends. Enrollments or changes between January 16 and January 31 take effect March 1, 2017.



How to enroll

You can enroll online, by calling the applicable marketplace, or with local assistance, which is available in every state. Assistance is available from Navigators, Certified Application Counselors, or agents or brokers.

- In Alaska and Oregon: To enroll visit www.HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 or find local help below:
 - o Get Covered Alaska, 1-844-752-6725, or Alaska Find Local Help
 - o Oregon Find Local Help
- In Idaho: To enroll visit www.yourhealthidaho.org or call 1-855-944-3246 or find local help at the link below:
 - o Idaho Find Local Help
- In Washington: To enroll visit <u>www.wahealthplanfinder.org</u> or call 1-855-923-4633 or find local help at the links below:
 - Washington Find Local Help: <u>Navigators</u> or <u>Brokers</u>

#CoverageMatters: Share Your Story

Hundreds of people have shared their personal health care stories through Facebook posts, tweets, Instagrams, popular media outlets and other public sources.

The Affordable Care Act is part of the fabric of our nation, and it's the law of the land.

Across the country, it's making a difference for millions of Americans. That's why we want you to share your personal story about how health coverage is stronger under the ACA using the hashtag #CoverageMatters.

We want to hear from Americans with employer coverage who no longer have to worry about lifetime or annual limits; from women who have gotten coverage for contraception at no out-of-pocket cost; from individuals with pre-



existing conditions who can no longer be locked out of coverage; from people who got covered through the ACA marketplaces or under Medicaid expansion; and from entrepreneurs who could finally pursue their business idea, since they didn't have to



stay tied to a job just for coverage.

We want to hear from all of you. Be a part of the conversation and share your story on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram using the hashtag #CoverageMatters.

See the new interactive map on the #CoverageMatters website.

3 Things to Know before You Pick a Health Insurance Plan

Choosing a health insurance plan can be complicated. Knowing just a few things before you compare plans can make it simpler.

- <u>The 4 "metal" categories</u>: There are 4 categories of health insurance plans: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. These categories show how you and your plan share costs. Plan categories have nothing to do with quality of care.
- <u>Your total costs for health care</u>: You pay a monthly bill to your insurance company (a "premium"), even if you don't use medical services that month. You pay out-of-pocket costs, including a <u>deductible</u>, when you get care. It's important to think about both kinds of costs when shopping for a plan.
- <u>Plan and network types</u> <u>HMO</u>, <u>PPO</u>, <u>POS</u>, and <u>EPO</u>: Some plan types allow you to use almost any doctor or health care facility. Others limit your choices or charge you more if you use providers outside their network.

Remember that plans also may differ in quality.

More Answers: What to know before you pick a health insurance plan

- How can I learn about the quality of care doctors and hospitals provide?
 - o You can search, compare, and assess providers, hospitals, and other care facilities using these tools.
- How can I find out if I can save on Marketplace plan?
 - Use this quick tool to see if your income estimate falls in the range for a premium tax credit and lower out-of-pocket costs. The type of savings you qualify for may affect which plan category is the best fit for you.
- How do I get details on plans I'm interested in, like if my doctors and drugs are covered?
 - You can view a summary of benefits, a plan brochure, a provider directory, and a list of covered drugs for each plan. You'll find links to all of these when you're comparing Marketplace plans or <u>previewing plans and</u> <u>prices</u> before you log in.
 - You can also search for your doctors, medical facilities, and prescription drugs when you compare plans.
 Select your doctors, hospitals and other medical facilities, and prescription drugs. When you view plans, we'll tell you if each one covers them in network.

Website Pick of the Month

In honor of National Birth Defects Prevention Month, the website pick of the month is CDC's <u>National Center on Birth Defects</u> and <u>Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)</u>.

The mission of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) is to save babies by studying and addressing the causes of birth defects; help children reach their potential by understanding developmental disabilities; reduce complications of blood disorders; and improve the health of people living with disabilities. Watch this video to learn how the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) is making a difference in the health of people every day. cdc.gov/ncbddd/aboutus/video

Current scrolling topics include:

- Helping Everyone Quit Smoking
- Pregnant? Don't Smoke!
- Key Findings: Prevalence of self-injurious behaviors among children with autism spectrum disorder
- Using Data to Help Babies Born with Spina Bifida
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Focus points include:

- About Us
- A to Z: Before and During Pregnancy
- A to Z: Infants and Children

Additional Topics:

- Zika and Pregnancy
- What's New

- A to Z: Blood Disorders
- A to Z: Disabilities
- A to Z: All Topics
- 2016 Key Findings Articles
- Annual Report

January Observances

National Birth Defects Prevention Month Did You Know?

- Birth defects are the leading cause of death in children less than one year of age-causing one in every five deaths.
- 18 babies die each day in the U.S. as a result of a birth defect. Defects of the heart and limbs are the most common kinds of birth defects.
- Millions of dollars are spent every year for the care and treatment of children with birth defects. Birth defects are a serious problem.

You may be surprised to learn that about 50 percent of all pregnancies in the United States are not planned. It may also be news that many birth defects and other newborn health problems occur in the first few weeks after conception—when you may not even know you're pregnant.

A baby's health is strongly linked to the mother's health before pregnancy. That's another important reason for you to stay healthy. Whether or not you're planning to get pregnant, it's important to follow these guidelines:

- Take a multi-vitamin with 400 micrograms of folic acid every
- Ask your doctor about your risk of diabetes.
- If you smoke, stop.
- Have a GYN exam annually.
- If you are being hurt by a partner or someone else, call a local shelter or crisis hot line. Also tell a health care worker
- Eat a variety of whole grains, fruits and vegetables every day and lower your intake of fat.
- Some infections which can cause birth defects can be prevented by immunization. If you're not sure of your risk for these diseases, ask your doctor or other health care professional about getting shots to prevent them. You should not become pregnant for at least three months after these vaccines.
 - o Rubella, measles or mumps
 - Chickenpox
 - Hepatitis B
 - o Polio
- Protect yourself against mosquito bites if you live or travel to an area where Zika is active

Cervical Health Awareness Month

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and there's a lot you can do to prevent cervical cancer. HPV (human papillomavirus) is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity. About 79 million Americans currently have HPV, but many people with HPV don't know they are infected.

HPV is also a major cause of cervical cancer. Each year, more than 11,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer. The good news?

- The HPV vaccine (shot) can prevent HPV.
- Cervical cancer can often be prevented with regular screening tests (called Pap tests) and follow-up care.



Take a vitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day.

Don't smoke or drink alcohol.

Talk to your doctor about vaccinations (shots).

Wash your hands often with soap and water to prevent infections.

See your health care professional regularly.

Whether or not you are planning a pregnancy, now is the time to prevent birth defects.

Visit www.cdc.gov/nebddd to learn more about preventing birth defects.



This poster was developed in partnership with the National Birth Defects Prevention Network.

In honor of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, we encourage:

- Women to start getting regular Pap tests at age 21
- Parents to make sure pre-teens (boys and girls) get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12

Teens and young adults (male and female) also need to get the HPV vaccine if they didn't get it as pre-teens. Women up to age 26 and men up to age 21 can still get the vaccine.

Thanks to the health care reform law, you and your family members may be able to get these services at no cost to you. Check with your insurance company to learn more.

Grant Opportunities

OVW FY 2017 Justice for Families Program - The purpose of the program is to improve the response of all aspects of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports the following activities for improving the capacity of communities and courts to respond to families affected by the four crimes: court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training and technical assistance for people who work with families in the court system; civil legal services; provision of resources in juvenile court matters; and development or promotion of legislation, model codes, policies, and best practices. Eligible applicants: **Native American tribal governments** (**Federally recognized**); State, County, City or township governments; Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status. Closing date: January 12, 2017. Read full announcement.

OVW FY 2017 Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction - Through this grant program, Indian tribes will receive support and technical assistance for planning, developing and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise SDVCJ. The program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, tribal courts, tribal prosecutors, tribal attorneys, tribal defenders, law enforcement, probation, service providers, and other partners to ensure that non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders are held accountable. The Tribal Jurisdiction Program encourages the coordinated involvement of the entire tribal criminal justice system and victim service providers to incorporate systemic change that ensures victim safety and offender accountability. Eligible applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized). Closing date: January 25, 2017. Read full announcement.

OVW FY 2017 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Program - The program was authorized to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations. Grant funds are used to provide enhanced services to underserved populations; build the capacity of both mainstream organizations and organizations serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services; and to increase training and outreach activities targeted at organizations providing services to underserved populations. Eligible applicants: Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status. Closing date: January 26, 2017. Read full announcement.

OVW FY 2017 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program - The goal of the Disability Grant Program is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. Disability Grant Program funds will be used to establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of violence and abuse; and identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area, and develop a plan to address those identified needs that builds a strong foundation for future work. Eligible applicants: State or County governments; **Native American tribal governments** (Federally recognized); **Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)**; Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status. Closing date: January 26, 2017. Read full announcement.

BJA FY 17 Smart Policing Initiative - This Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) grant program seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions. Eligible applicants: **Native American tribal governments** (Federally recognized); State, County, City or township governments. Closing date: January 26, 2017. Read full announcement.

Puget Sound Action Agenda – Implementation Strategies; Science, Monitoring and Adaptive Management Analysis and Activities - This Request for Proposals (RFP) announces the availability of funds to support the National Estuary Program (NEP) Management Conference to conduct work consistent with the 2016 Puget Sound Action Agenda and subsequent updates for the protection and restoration of Puget Sound. The 2016 Action Agenda can be found at: http://psp.wa.gov/action-agenda-document.php Eligible applicants: Federal government and Washington State government agencies; Public and private institutions of higher education; Nonprofit non-governmental entities; Units of local government or Special purpose districts organized under Washington State law and located within the Greater Puget Sound basin; Federally recognized Indian Tribes located within the greater Puget Sound basin and any consortium of these eligible Tribes. Closing date: January 30, 2017. Read full announcement.

OSERS-OSEP: Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities: Community Parent Resource Centers CFDA - The purpose of this program is to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children. Eligible applicants: Local parent organizations that-- (a) have a board of directors the majority of whom are parents of children with disabilities ages birth through 26 from the community to be served; and (b) have the mission of serving families of children with disabilities who-- (i) Are ages birth through 26; and (ii) Have the full range of disabilities described in section 602(3) of IDEA. Closing date: February 6, 2017. Read full announcement.

OVW FY 2017 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program Solicitation - The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims within culturally specific populations. Eligible applicants: Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education. Closing date: February 7, 2017. Read full announcement.

Addiction Technology Transfer Centers Cooperative Agreement (Short Title: ATTC) - The purpose of this program is to develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services. This is done by accelerating the adoption and implementation of evidence-based and promising SUD treatment and recovery-oriented practices and services; heightening the awareness, knowledge, and skills of the workforce that addresses the needs of people with substance use or other co-occurring health disorders; and fostering regional and national alliances among culturally diverse practitioners, researchers, policy makers, funders, and the recovery community. Eligible applicants: Domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example: • State and local governments; • Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs), and consortia of tribes or tribal organizations; • Public or private universities and colleges; and • Community- and faith-based organizations. Closing date: February 9, 2017. Read full announcement.

Fiscal Year 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks - The program provides funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions of different types, sizes, and capabilities to improve their ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks in collaboration with the whole community. The whole community approach should aim to include individuals and communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and all levels of government (local, regional/metropolitan, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and Federal). The Program also focuses on developing regional partnerships intended to strengthen the applicant's capacity for building and sustaining capabilities specific to identifying gaps, planning, training, and exercising associated with preparing for, preventing, and responding to a complex coordinated terrorist attack. Eligible applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); State, County, City or township, or Special District governments. Closing date: February 10, 2017. Read full announcement.

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Implementation Research and Evaluation Planning Grants: Phase I/Cohort 2 - These cooperative agreements would support CCDF Lead Agencies by developing rigorous high-quality research and evaluation plans of the implementation of policies in response to the goals of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014. These planning grants may be followed by a second competitive funding opportunity that would provide funding to carry out the planned research evaluations. Projects would be led by CCDF Lead Agencies in states, territories, or tribes and conducted in partnership with researchers. These partnerships do not have to be formalized at the time of application. Under these cooperative agreements, CCDF Lead Agencies will choose key provisions of the law and develop a rigorous, high-quality research plan that includes the use of innovative methods to evaluate implementation of these changes. Provisions of interest include, but are not limited to, expanding the supply and access to family child care, infant/toddler care, and care during non-traditional hours; establishing a state system of support for career pathways and professional development for child care and family child care providers; and establishing policies and procedures that fully implement 12-month eligibility to support continuity of care. Eligible applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); State governments. Closing date: February 10, 2017. Read full announcement.

Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities - In an effort to support the implementation of effective school improvement strategies, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) is using a portion of its FY 2016 School Improvement Grants (SIG) national activities funds to initiate the FY 2017 grant competition for the Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities program. This program supports Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and their communities in preparing to implement innovative, effective, ambitious, comprehensive, and locally driven strategies to increase socioeconomic diversity in schools and LEAs as a means to improve the achievement of students in the lowest-performing schools. Eligible applicants: (a) An LEA with at least one SIG School or SIG-Eligible School in each member LEA. Closing date: February 13, 2017. Read full announcement.

Miner Safety and Health Training Program-Western United States (U60) - The purpose of this FOA is to enhance the quality and availability of health and safety training for mine workers in the Western United States. As a result, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) invites applications for cooperative agreements to support the development of training and education programs. Eligible applicants: State, County, City or township, or Special District governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); For profit organizations; Nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status; Private or Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Independent school districts; Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities. Closing date: February 21, 2017. Read full announcement.

Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial, and Tribal Organizations - This FOA supports implementation of a comprehensive and coordinated approach to policy, systems, and environmental change strategies to prevent and control cancer. It supports high quality breast and cervical cancer screening services, statewide cancer coalitions to plan and implement cancer control priorities, and surveillance programs to monitor and report cancer burden. Eligible applicants:

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); State governments. Closing date: February 21, 2017. Read full announcement.

OVW FY 2017 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program - The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program provides funding directly to tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sexual assault services within Indian country and Alaskan native villages. Eligible applicants: **Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)**. Closing date: February 23, 2017. Read full announcement.

BJA FY 17 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program - BJA is accepting applications to establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. The purpose is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with

jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders. Eligible applicants: State, County, City or township governments; **Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)**. Closing date: February 28, 2017. Read full announcement.

BJA FY 17 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) - The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding to test untested sexual assault kits, prevent sexual assaults, and improve the criminal justice system's response to sexual assaults. Eligible applicants: State, County, City or township governments; **Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)**. Closing date: March 2, 2017. Read full announcement.

Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01) – CDC is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies to address specific gaps in the prevention of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and youth violence. This initiative is intended to support primary prevention strategies, programs or policies that target universal or selected high-risk populations (i.e., populations that have one or more risk factors that place them at heightened risk for initial perpetration of violence). Eligible applicants: State, County, City or township, or Special District governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); For profit organizations; Nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status; Private or Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Independent school districts; Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities. Closing date: March 10, 2017. Read full announcement.

FY17 Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers, and Their Families - The purpose of this PAF Program FOA is to support States and Tribes to provide expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families with a seamless network of supportive services including evidence-based/evidence-informed approaches to improve their health and well-being. Through this announcement, OAH aims to improve not only the health outcomes of the expectant and parenting population, but also educational, social, and economic outcomes that shape health. By doing so, this FOA seeks to create an enabling environment for expectant and parenting teens, women, and fathers to continue their education regardless of their life situation and the real and perceived challenges of early childbearing and parenthood; empower them with relevant knowledge and skills to be productive adults; provide and link them (and their families) to services to ensure they are healthy and make informed decisions about their health, including sexual and reproductive health; and support them to make successful and healthy transitions into adulthood and the labor market. The ultimate goals are to improve access to high-quality resources for the expectant and parenting population and make expectant and parenting programs and services sustainable parts of routine systems through institutionalization and expansion. Eligible applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); State governments. Closing date: March 24, 2017. Read full announcement.

Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions - The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide free access to these materials in an open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, transcribing, annotating, editing, encoding, and publishing documentary source materials online and in print. Eligible applicants: Private or Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status; State, County, City or township governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized). Closing date: June 14, 2017. Read full announcement.

For Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions - The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. Eligible applicants: Private or Public and State controlled institutions of higher

education; Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status; State, County, City or township governments; **Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)**. Closing date: October 5, 2017. Read full announcement.

FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs (Application submission and program requirements for EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs) - Under this FFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive- merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. Eligible applicants: Private or Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); State, County, City or Township, or Special District Governments. Closing date: There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP FFO. Read full announcement.

Forecasted Grants

Optimizing Momentum – Toward Sustainable Epidemic Control – No projected dates

Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs Financed Solely by 2017 Prevention and Health Funds (PPHF-2017) – Projected post date: 1/31/17. Projected due date: 7/1/17.

Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs

Financed Solely by 2017 Prevention and Public Health Funds (PPHF-2017) — Projected post date: 1/31/17. Projected due date: 7/1/17.