

# FEDERAL REGISTER

## SUMMARY

April 16-30 2009

**Funding Notices** - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Dept.</u>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 4/22/09     | SSA                                     | <p><b>Request for applications for a cooperative agreement(s) under the Financial Literacy Research Consortium (FLRC).</b><br/> <b>Available funding: \$5 million in the first year</b><br/> <b>Application deadline: 6/6/09</b><br/> <b>Deadline for a Letter of Intent: 5/22/09</b><br/>           Through FLRC, SSA will work to educate the public about the role of Social Security benefits and the need to save for retirement and other “life events.” SSA encourages institutions of higher education, nonprofit and commercial organizations, and others to form research teams whose products will include internet tools and print materials. Some of the focus will include educational products for persons who are of low or moderate income. SSA plans to fund two research centers under a five-year agreement. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9151.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9151.htm</a>.</p> |
| 4/29/09     | AGRI<br><br>Rural Housing Service (RHS) | <p><b>Request for applications under the Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program for New Construction, fiscal year 2009.</b><br/> <b>Available funding: \$69,511,661, with a \$5,237,026 set-aside for nonprofits</b><br/> <b>Application deadline: 6/29/09</b><br/>           Section 515, which is authorized in the <i>Housing Act of 1949</i>, as amended, allows the Agriculture Department to make direct loans to finance affordable multi-family rental housing for very low, low, and moderate-income families, including persons with disabilities. Included among the eligible recipients for funding are nonprofit organizations. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9742.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9742.htm</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4/29/09     | AGRI<br><br>Rural Housing Service (RHS) | <p><b>Request for “pre-applications” under the Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Demonstration Program (MPR), Fiscal year 2009.</b><br/> <b>Available funding: specific funding information will be announced later.</b><br/> <b>Pre-application deadline: 6/29/09</b><br/>           Under authority contained in the <i>Housing Act of 1949</i>, as amended, RHS is allowed to run a demonstration program to “preserve and revitalize existing rural rental housing projects financed by the Rural Development Office.” RHS plans to restructure certain existing Section 515 multi-family housing loans. The main restructuring tool to be used is “debt deferral” for as many as 20 years for loans established prior to 10/1/91. The resulting cash flow will be deposited into a reserve account. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9831.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9831.htm</a>.</p>           |

**Other Notices** – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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| 4/16/09     | HUD<br><br>Office of the Secretary                          | <p><b>Amended policy requirements and general section for Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) (see the 12/29/08 “Notices” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-30600.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-30600.htm</a>).</b></p> <p>In 2008, HUD published information to help potential applicants navigate the new electronic funding process. This notice amends the section on application submission requirements, project labor agreements, and how the public will be notified about NOFAs. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8691.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8691.htm</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4/21/09     | HHS<br><br>Office of the Secretary                          | <p><b>Recalculated Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAPs) for Medicaid and Foster Care and Adoption Assistance.</b></p> <p><b>Effective date: “The percentages listed will be effective for each of the 2 quarter-year periods in the period beginning October 1, 2008 and ending March 15, 2009.”</b></p> <p>Based on provisions in the <i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act</i> (ARRA), FMAPs for Medicaid and Foster Care and Adoption Assistance have been recalculated. HHS will use these recalculations to determine the federal match for these programs. ARRA provides for temporary increases in FMAPS, and each state’s FMAP will be recalculated each fiscal quarter starting in October 2008. The general percentage increase is 6.2 percent, with an additional percentage increase based on unemployment. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9095.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9095.htm</a>.</p> |
| 4/23/09     | HHS<br><br>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | <p><b>Request for nominations for candidates to serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors, Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (BSC, COTPER).</b></p> <p><b>Deadline for nominations: 5/11/09</b></p> <p>The BSC provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of HHS, the Director of CDC, and the Director of COPTER related to goals and strategy for programs, and monitors overall strategic direction and focus of the divisions. Candidates are being sought with expertise in the areas of medicine, epidemiology, behavioral science, social science, crisis leadership, engineering, and business. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9331.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9331.htm</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                   |

- 4/23/09 HHS  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
**Request for comments on draft guidelines entitled, “National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research.”**  
**Comment deadline: 5/26/09**  
On 3/9/09, the President issued Executive Order 13505. The purpose of the guidelines is to implement this order that is related to “extramural NIH-funded research, to establish policy and procedures under which NIH will fund research in this area, and to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law.” These guidelines would allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that, even though created by in vitro fertilization for the purposes of reproduction, are no longer needed for that purpose. These guidelines also discuss those human embryonic stem cells and other stem cells that are not eligible for NIH funding. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9313.htm>.
- 4/27/09 DOT  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
**Supplemental fiscal year 2009 funding for all surface transportation programs.**  
Based on provisions contained in the *Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009*, funds are available for the fiscal year ending 9/30/09. Programs of interest include: Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities Program - \$135,823,746; Job Access and Reverse Commute Program - \$183,103,175; New Freedom Program - \$100,859,585; and Over-The-Road Bus Accessibility Program - \$10,680,335. Funding is provided to the states for all but the Over-The-Road Bus Accessibility Program, which provides grants to operators of covered buses to pay for capital and training costs. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9475.htm>.
- 4/29/09 DOT  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
**Finalized “Policy Statement” that contains expanded projects that are now eligible for funding under the New Freedom Program (see the 1/23/09 “Other Notices” section of the *Federal Register Summary* or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-1412.htm>.)**  
**Effective date: 5/29/09**  
FTA has expanded the type of projects that it believes are “beyond the ADA” and, therefore, are now eligible for funding under the New Freedom Program. This expanded project view will increase transportation that is available to persons with disabilities. Examples of expanded services are those that are available to the general public and now include fixed-route services to cover a congregate living facility, or a workplace serving many persons with disabilities, or demand response service for persons with mobility needs. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9774.htm>.
- 4/29/09 HHS  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)  
**“New strategic entity” – the Emergency Care Coordination Center (ECCC).**  
ECCC is located within ASPR. Its purpose is to establish “successful delivery of daily emergency care...as a foundation for our nation’s emergency preparedness efforts.” ECCC’s main mission is to support the federal government in its efforts to coordinate in-hospital emergency medical care activities and to encourage programs and resources that improve delivery of such care. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9719.htm>.

**Proposed Rules** – Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

Date            Dept.

None

**Final Rules** – Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

Date            Dept.

None

**Meeting Notices** – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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| 4/17/09 | HHS<br><br>National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)       | <p><b>Meeting Date: 5/7/09 at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)</b><br/> <b>Meeting Place: via teleconference. Dial 1-800-369-1957, and then enter passcode “NVAC.”</b><br/>           NVAC provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the National Vaccine Program. On the agenda are discussions related to the draft Immunization Safety Office’s (ISO) Scientific Agenda contained in the “NVAC Vaccine Safety Working Group Draft Report.” (See the 4/13/09 “Other Notices” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8399.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8399.htm</a>. For more information about NVAC, go to: <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac">http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Andrea Krull at 202-690-5566 or at <a href="mailto:nvpo@hhs.gov">nvpo@hhs.gov</a>.</p> |
| 4/21/09 | SSA<br><br>Future Systems Technology Advisory Panel (FSTAP) | <p><b>Meeting Dates: 5/12/09 at 9:15 a.m. and 5/13/09 at 8:30 a.m.</b><br/> <b>Meeting Place: The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA</b><br/>           The purpose of this panel is to make recommendations to SSA on the road to take to determine “what future systems technologies may be developed to assist in carrying out its statutory mission.” This includes systems in internet application, customer service, and any other areas that affect SSA’s service to the public. On the agenda are outside experts who will address items of interest. Public comments are scheduled for 5/12 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Members of the public who wish to comment should contact Panel Staff at 410-965-6011 or at <a href="mailto:FSTAP@ssa.gov">FSTAP@ssa.gov</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Panel Staff.</p>                                          |

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| 4/24/09 | Homeland Security<br><br>Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee (HSINAC)                    | <p><b>Meeting Dates: 5/12-14/09 at 8:00 a.m.</b><br/> <b>Meeting Place: Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac, MD</b><br/>         HSINAC identifies issues and provides advice and recommendations for the improvement of the Network to the leadership in the department. The Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) is a web-based operation that facilitates information sharing and collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal, private sector, and international partners, and facilitates collaboration between areas such as law enforcement and emergency management. On the agenda are an update and discussion on improvement HSIN, a discussion on local and state government sharing and portal consolidation, and community best practices, just to name a few. For more information about the meeting, contact Marc Kutnik at 202-282-8336 or at <a href="mailto:MarclKutnik@dhs.gov">MarclKutnik@dhs.gov</a></p> |
| 4/30/09 | TREA<br><br>Internal Revenue Service (IRS) – Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Earned Income Tax Credit Issue Committee | <p><b>Meeting Date: 6/10/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)</b><br/> <b>Meeting Place: via teleconference. Contact Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227 or at 718-488-2085 for more information and to notify the IRS that you intend to participate in the call.</b><br/>         The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal income tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals and families. EITC is also one of the most difficult tax credits to navigate. On the agenda are various IRS issues. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements. Contact Audrey Y. Jenkins at one of the numbers listed above.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Presidential Documents** – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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None