



# FEDERAL REGISTER

## SUMMARY

March 1-15 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:

Date            Dept.  
None

**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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
3/4/09	DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	<b>Amended policy on reporting of Coordinated Human Services data (see the “Other Notices” section of the 8/12/08 Federal Register Summary or go to: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-18388.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-18388.htm</a>. <b>Effective date: 3/4/09</b> Congress established the National Transit Database (NTD) to assist the Department of Transportation in determining public transportation service planning and funding. With this policy change, transit agencies will now have to include trips that are sponsored by third parties on behalf of clients who participate in programs such as Medicaid, Head Start, sheltered workshops, or assisted living centers. These trips will now be included in the calculation for funding under the formula grants for urbanized areas. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4634.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4634.htm</a>.</b>
3/6/09	AGRI Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)	<b>Adjusted income eligibility guidelines for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC). <b>Effective date: 7/1/09</b> Based on provisions in the <i>Child Nutrition Act of 1966</i>, the Secretary is required to establish annually income eligibility guidelines for potential participants in WIC, the program that provides federal grants to states to cover supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and post-partum women. The adjusted guidelines reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4823.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4823.htm</a>.</b>

- 3/11/09 ED **FYI: Final funding priorities for grants, for fiscal year 2009 and later years, under the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools(REMS) Grant Program (see the 12/23/08 “Other Notices” section of the *Federal Register Summary* or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-30578.htm>).**  
Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) **Effective date: 4/10/09**  
REMS provide financial resources to local educational agencies (LEAs) to assist them in the development of comprehensive emergency management plans. The final priorities are designed to increase the ability of LEAs to “prevent and mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies” such as those caused by 9/11, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and other natural and man-made catastrophes. The priorities are: projects to enhance local emergency management capacity, and priorities to include LEAs that have not previously received funding. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5091.htm>.
- 3/13/09 HHS **Estimated state median income for use in determining eligibility for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).**  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF) **Effective date: between date of publication and 10/1/09, or the beginning of the grantee’s fiscal year.**  
LIHEAP, which is authorized under the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*, assists low-income households in paying for home energy needs. Grantees (individual states who distribute funds to community action programs, local welfare agencies, etc.) under LIHEAP may use state median income estimates to determine eligibility for assistance under the program. The estimates are produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, using income data from the 2005, 2006, and 2007 American Community Surveys (ACSs). See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5412.htm>.

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

- | <u>Date</u> | <u>Dept.</u>   |   |
|-------------|--|---|
| 3/2/09      | EEOC<br>Equal<br>Employment<br>Opportunity<br>Commission | <b><u>Request for comments on proposed rules to implement Title II of the <i>Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)</i>.</u></b><br><b>Comment deadline: 5/1/09</b><br>Title II of GINA is designed to prevent employment discrimination based on genetic information. The U.S. Congress enacted GINA with the knowledge that even with the potential for better therapies for disease with fewer side effects there is also the potential for misuse of genetic information. Included in this proposal are the same procedures and remedies that are provided in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination by covered employers. In addition, the proposal addresses several definitions related to family members, family medical history, genetic monitoring, just to name a few. The proposal also discusses prohibited practices, and how genetic information is acquired, employment-related activities that cause employers to discriminate, GINA’s relationship to other privacy laws, confidentiality, treatment of genetic information, enforcement, and non-genetic information. For more information on Title VII, go to: <a href="http://www.eeoc.gov/types/race.html">http://www.eeoc.gov/types/race.html</a> . See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4221.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4221.htm</a> . |

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
3/11/09	CPSC  Consumer Product Safety Commission	<p><b>Amended rules covering children’s products containing lead (see the 1/15/09 “Proposed Rules” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to:</b>  <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-716.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-716.htm</a>,  <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-714.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-714.htm</a>, and  <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-715.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-715.htm</a>).  <b>Effective date: 3/11/09</b>            Based on provisions contained in the <i>Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008</i> (CPSIA), which requires specific lead limits in children’s products and also provides for certain exemptions, CPSC has issued final rules that address procedures and requirements for its determinations related to lead content limits and exclusions for materials or products. See the document at:  <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5075.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5075.htm</a>.</p>

**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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
3/5/09	EAC  U.S. Election Assistance Commission	<p><b>Meeting Date: 3/17/09 at 1:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Meeting Place: EAC, 1225 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 150, Washington, D.C.</b>            EAC serves as a clearinghouse on federal election administration and oversees voting system guidelines. On the agenda are presentations on “Voter Registration Databases: Initial Discussion on Reviewing HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Mandated Guidance.” For more information on EAC, go to:  <a href="http://www.eac.gov/">http://www.eac.gov/</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Bryan Whitener at 202-566-3100.</p>
3/5/09	NCD  National Council on Disability	<p><b>Meeting Dates: 3/30/09 at 9:30 a.m., 3/31/09 at 8:30 a.m., and 4/1/09 at 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Meeting Place: Academy for Educational Development Conference Center, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.</b>            NCD advises the President, the U.S. Congress, and executive branch agencies on policies and programs related to guaranteeing equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. On the agenda are emergency preparedness, employment, health care, and a progress report on employment of people with disabilities at the federal level. For more information on NCD, go to: <a href="http://www.ncd.gov/">http://www.ncd.gov/</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Mark Quigley at 202-272-2004 (voice) or at 202-272-2074 (TTY).</p>

3/10/09	HHS  Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) – Secretary’s Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020	<p><b>Meeting dates:</b> 3/26/09 at 12:00 p.m., 4/20/09 at 12:00 p.m., and 5/15/09 at 1:00 p.m. All times are EDT.</p> <p><b>Meeting Place:</b> Via Webex. Preregistration is required by 9:00 a.m. (EDT) on the day of the meeting. To preregister, go to: <a href="http://www.healthypeople.gov">http://www.healthypeople.gov</a> and click on “Secretary’s Advisory Committee.”</p> <p>Through the Healthy People initiative, this advisory committee uses scientific insights and lessons learned from the prior decade along with current data and other information to develop the next set of health promotion and disease prevention objectives. Since 1979, Healthy People has set and kept track of national health objectives to meet a wide range of health needs, encourage collaboration across the various health sectors, and to assist individuals in making informed health care decisions. While public comments will not be heard during these meetings, written comments are welcome throughout the process. Written comments can be posted at: <a href="http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020">http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020</a>. For more information about the Healthy People initiative, the Secretary’s advisory committee, prior meetings, and meeting minutes, go to: <a href="http://www.healthypeople.gov/">http://www.healthypeople.gov/</a>. For more information about registration, contact Hilary Scherer at: <a href="mailto:HP2020@norc.org">HP2020@norc.org</a> or at 301-634-9374. For more information about the meeting, contact Emmeline Ochiai at 240-453-8259.</p>
3/13/09	U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (CRC)	<p><b>Meeting date:</b> 3/20/09 at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Meeting Place:</b> CRC, 624 Ninth Street, NW, Room 540, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>CRC advises the President and the U.S. Congress on issues related to discrimination or the denial of equal protection based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin. On the agenda “An Examination of Civil Rights Issues with Respect to the Mortgage Crisis.” For more information about CRC, go to: <a href="http://www.usccr.gov/">http://www.usccr.gov/</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Lenore Ostrowsky at 202-376-8582 or at 202-376-8116 (TTY).</p>

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

Date            Dept

3/11/09        White House

**The President has issued the following:**

- **Executive Order 13505**, “Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells.” In his Executive Order, the President noted that “Research involving human embryonic stem cells and human non-embryonic stem cells has the potential to lead to better understanding and treatment of many disabling diseases and conditions.” See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5441.htm>.
- **Memorandum of 3/9/09**, “Presidential Signing Statements” which will allow the President to address “constitutional concerns only,” not to ignore statutory requirements because of disagreements over policy issues. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5442.htm>.
- **Memorandum of 3/9/09** – “Scientific Integrity” that addresses the need for public trust in the “science and scientific process” that informs the public (via advisory committees, etc.). See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5443.htm>.

