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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA: NIH Transformative Research Awards (R01) Review.

*Date:* April 3, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Washington Marriott Georgetown, 1221 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Raymond Jacobson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5858, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–996–7702, [jacobsonrh@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jacobsonrh@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Nephrology Review.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Atul Sahai, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2188, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1198, [sahaia@csr.nih.gov](mailto:sahaia@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA Panel: Science of Behavior Change.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

*Contact Person:* Maribeth Champoux, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–3163, [champoum@csr.nih.gov](mailto:champoum@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Topics in Virology.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Marci Scidmore, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3192, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1149, [marci.scidmore@nih.gov](mailto:marci.scidmore@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR: SBIR/STTR Interactive Digital Media STEM Resources for Pre-College and Informal Science Education Audiences.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Allen Richon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6184, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–379–9351, [allen.richon@nih.hhs.gov](mailto:allen.richon@nih.hhs.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Barna Dey, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3184, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–2796, [bdey@mail.nih.gov](mailto:bdey@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflicts: Neuropsychopharmacology.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Mary Custer, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1164, [custerm@csr.nih.gov](mailto:custerm@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Neuroimmunology, Neuroinflammation, and Brain Tumor.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Nataliya Gordiyenko, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5202, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301.435.1265, [gordiyenkon@csr.nih.gov](mailto:gordiyenkon@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–16–366: Dual Benefit Research in Biomedicine and Agriculture.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting)

*Contact Person:* Elaine Sierra-Rivera, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, EMNR IRG, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6182 MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301 435–2514, [riverase@csr.nih.gov](mailto:riverase@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Bioengineering Sciences.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Mark Caprara, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5156, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1042, [capraramg@mail.nih.gov](mailto:capraramg@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–16–366: Dual Benefit Research in Biomedicine and Agriculture.

*Date:* April 4, 2018.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Gary Hunnicutt, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6164, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0229, [gary.hunnicutt@nih.gov](mailto:gary.hunnicutt@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR 15–279: Strategies to Increase Delivery of Guideline-Based Care to Populations with Health Disparities.

Date: April 4, 2018.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Yvonne Owens Ferguson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive Room 3139, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-827-3689, [fergusonyo@csr.nih.gov](mailto:fergusonyo@csr.nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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#### Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of guidance.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice provides guidelines that describe the application process for grants and the criteria the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will use for awarding Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. It explains the differences, if any, between these guidelines and those recommended by representatives of the Nation's fire service leadership during the annual Criteria Development meeting, which was held February 28—March 3, 2017. The application period for the FY 2017 FP&S Grant Program year will be February 12, 2018—March 16, 2018, and will be announced on the AFG website ([www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)), [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and the U.S. Fire Administration website ([www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)).

**DATES:** Grant applications for the FP&S Grant Program will be accepted electronically at <https://portal.fema.gov>, from February 12, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. ET to March 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Assistance to Firefighters Grants Branch, DHS/FEMA, 400 C Street SW, 3N, Washington, DC 20472-3635.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Patterson, Chief, Assistance to Firefighters Grants Branch, 1-866-274-0960.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the FP&S Program is to reduce fire and fire-related injuries and prevent deaths among the public and firefighters by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The FEMA Grant Programs Directorate administers the FP&S Grant Program as part of the AFG Program.

FP&S Grants are offered to support projects in two activities:

1. Activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries, and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("FP&S Activity").
2. Projects aimed at improving firefighter safety, health, or wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries ("R&D Activity").

The grant program's authorizing statute requires that DHS publish in the **Federal Register** each year the guidelines that describe the application process and the criteria for grant awards. Approximately 1,000 applications for FP&S Grant Program funding are anticipated to be submitted electronically, using the application submission form and process available at the AFG e-Grant application portal: <https://portal.fema.gov>. Specific information about the submission of grant applications can be found in the FY 2017 Fire Prevention and Safety Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which will be available for download at [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants) and at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under Docket ID: FEMA-2018-0017.

#### Appropriations

Congress appropriated \$345,000,000 for AFG in FY 2017 pursuant to the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017*, Public Law 115-31. From this amount, \$34,500,000 will be made available for FP&S Grant awards, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2229(h)(5), which states that not less than 10 percent of available grant funds each year are awarded under the FP&S Grant Program. Funds appropriated for all FY 2017 AFG awards, pursuant to Public Law 115-31, will be available for obligation and award until September 30, 2018.

From the approximately 1,000 applications that will be requesting

assistance, FEMA anticipates that it will award approximately 150 FP&S Grants from available grant funding.

#### Background of the AFG Program

DHS awards grants on a competitive basis to applicants that best address the FP&S Grant Program's priorities and provide the most compelling justification. Applications that best address the Program's priorities will be reviewed by a panel composed of fire service personnel.

#### Award Criteria

All applications for grants will be prepared and submitted through the AFG e-Grant application portal (<https://portal.fema.gov>).

The FP&S Grant Program panels will review the applications and score them using the following criteria areas:

- Financial Need
- Vulnerability Statement
- Implementation Plan
- Evaluation Plan
- Cost-Benefit
- Funding Priorities

The applications submitted under the R&D Activity will be reviewed first by a panel of fire service members to identify those applications most relevant to the fire service. The following evaluation criteria will be used for this review:

- Purpose
- Potential Impact
- Implementation by the Fire Service
- Partners
- Barriers

The applications that are determined most likely to enable improvement in firefighter safety, health, or wellness will be deemed to be in the "competitive range" and forwarded to the second level of application review, which is the scientific panel review process. This panel will be comprised of scientists and technology experts who have expertise pertaining to the subject matter of the proposal.

The Scientific Technical Evaluation Panel for the R&D Activity will review the application and evaluate it using the following criteria:

- Project goals, objectives, and specific aims
- Literature Review
- Project Methods
- Project Measurements
- Project Analysis
- Dissemination and Implementation
- Cost vs. Benefit (additional consideration)
- Financial Need (additional consideration)
- Mentoring (additional consideration for Early Career Investigator Projects only)