

Hello Alaska,

There was so much going on this month we have a Part 2 to the November announcement. Also Please be aware that the US Forest Service has announced a grant funding opportunity that may be of interest. Here is the link to the USDAFS News Release for the Wood Innovations grant announcement:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/usda-forest-service-announces-8-million-expand-wood-products-and-wood-energy-markets>

And here is the link to the Wood Innovations web page for the application, instructions, Q&A, etc. :
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/programs/wood-education-and-resource-center/wood-innovations-home>

Wood Energy projects and Wood Products (including mass timber) projects are both eligible for consideration.

Applications must be sent to me and the application deadline is January 23, 2019. Contact: Daniel Parrent, Natural Resources Specialist, USDA Forest Service p: 907-743-9467 for more information.

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Funding Opportunities

[USDA Food and Nutrition Service \(FNS\): Farm to School Training and Curricula](#)

USDA FNS announces the availability of funds to establish one or more cooperative agreements for FYs 2019-2021 for the purpose of developing a training curriculum, conducting trainings of trainers, and evaluating the results of farm to school trainings for producers to build their capacity to launch or expand farm to school efforts. The selected applicant will conduct a needs assessment, work with FNS staff to develop curricula and disseminate the trainings and resources. **Application Deadline: Nov 26, 2018.**

[Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation](#)

The Foundation's areas of interest include the following: Life-Saving Equipment, Disaster Relief, Prevention Education, Support of Members of the Military, and Scholarships and Continuing Education. Public safety organizations, such as fire departments, law enforcement agencies, first responders, EMS organizations, nonprofit organizations, and schools are eligible to apply for this grant. **Application Deadline: Nov 29, 2018.**

[American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

Funding to operate Early Head Start programming in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, leveraging existing local resources to provide a comprehensive array of health, mental health, nutrition, and social services for infants, toddlers, and their families. **Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2018.**

[FM Global Fire Prevention Grant to organizations working to combat fire.](#)

Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including pre-incident planning, fire prevention education/training and arson prevention/fire investigation. [Frequently Asked Questions](#). **Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2018.**

[Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

Funding to operate Early Head Start programming within a community, leveraging existing local resources to provide a comprehensive array of health, mental health, nutrition, and social services for infants, toddlers, and their families. **Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2018.**

[Migrant and Seasonal Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

Funding to operate Early Head Start programming for migrant and seasonal families, leveraging existing local resources to provide a comprehensive array of health, mental health, nutrition, and social services for infants, toddlers, and their families. **Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2018.**

[The Rural Broadband Association grant opportunity: Smart Rural Community Collaboration Challenge](#)

Funding is to support the development and implementation of innovative broadband-enabled solutions to support rural commerce, healthcare, public safety, economic development, education, energy, and other community-oriented initiatives. Click [here](#) to review FAQs and application guidelines. **Application Deadline: Dec 1, 2018.**

[Farm to School Grant Program](#)

[USDA Food and Nutrition Service](#) is offering grants through the Farm to School Grant Program that provides support to incorporate local products into school meal programs, integrate agricultural education into the classroom, and cultivate and expand school gardens. For additional information please review the [FAQs](#). **Application Deadline: Dec 4, 2018.**

[Shakespeare in American Communities](#)

National Endowment for the Arts is offering funding through the Shakespeare in American Communities in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Funds will be distributed through two programs: Schools and Juvenile Justice. The Schools program aims to reach middle and high school students in underserved schools with high quality, professional productions of Shakespeare's plays. Matching grants of \$25,000 will be provided to up to 40 theater companies to support performances and related educational activities for middle and high school students from a minimum of ten schools. **Application Deadlines: Intent to apply emails for both programs will be accepted through Dec 7, 2018; the application deadline is Feb 14, 2019.**

[FIELD INITIATED PROJECTS PROGRAM](#)

[Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living](#) offers a grant opportunity. This program is designed to generate new knowledge through research or to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. **Estimated Synopsis Post Date: Dec 05, 2018 Application Deadline: Feb 05, 2019.**

KIDSGARDENING invites applications for school garden packages valued at \$2100 for school and youth educational garden projects. Click [here](#) to review application guidelines. **Application Deadline: Dec 17, 2018.**

[Environment Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#)

USDA is encouraging Florida farmers and ranchers who suffered damage to working lands and livestock mortality due to Hurricane Michael to sign up for the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Agricultural producers in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties are eligible to apply for assistance. This assistance is available to individual farmers and ranchers to aid in recovery efforts on their properties and does not apply to local governments or other entities. **Application Deadline: Dec 14, 2018.**

Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff

Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff, a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program, supports staff capacity building projects that use professional development to generate systemic change within a museum. **Application Deadline: Dec 14, 2018.**

National Leadership Grants for Museums

National Leadership Grants for Museums support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve service to the public. **Application Deadline: Dec 14, 2018.**

Museums for America The Museums for America (MFA) program supports projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. **Application Deadline: December 14, 2018.**

USDA Grant: Technical Assistance and Training Program - Water and Waste Systems

Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or [training \(TAT\)](#) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; to identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal; assist applicants that have filed a pre-application with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation, and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Specific requirements apply, please refer [here](#) for details.

Application Deadline: Dec 31, 2018.

Health Center Controlled Networks

Provides grants to support Health Center Controlled Networks to advance the adoption and meaningful use of health information technology strategies and to leverage technology to participate in value-based care. Maximum award amounts are based on the number of participating health centers, as listed in the [application instructions](#). **Application Deadline: Jan 3, 2019.**

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

[Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) provides funding to small rural hospitals, through their State Office of Rural Health, to help them do any or all of the following: purchase equipment or training to attain value-based payment and care goals; join or become an accountable care organization; and purchase health information technology, equipment, or training. A link to the [application instructions](#) is available on the [program website](#). **Application Deadline: Jan 3, 2019.**

Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Family Treatment Drug Courts

Opportunity for eligible applicants that use the family treatment drug court model to provide alcohol and drug treatment for parents with a substance use disorder and/or co-occurring substance use disorder and mental disorders who have had a dependency petition filed against them or are at risk of such filing. Geographic coverage: Nationwide and U.S. territories. Sponsors: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. **Application Deadline: Jan 4, 2019.**

Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans (AgVets) | Military and Veterans Programs

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture ([NIFA](#)) enhances Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans. This Program provides grants to non-profits to increase the number of military veterans gaining knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on and immersive model farm and ranch programs offered regionally that lead to successful careers in the food and agricultural sector. Projects may also offer workforce readiness and employment prospects for service-disabled veterans. AgVets applicants must be nonprofit organizations. **Application Deadline: Jan 10, 2019.**

[AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2019](#) Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) is offering funding for programs that are designed to strengthen communities and solve local problems, including those found in rural and underserved areas. Funding priorities in 2019 include prescription drug and opioid abuse, education, and public safety. Notifications of Intent to Apply should be submitted by Wednesday, December 12, 2018. **Application Deadline: Jan 30, 2019.**

[Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies](#)

The Grants to States Program is the largest grant program run by IMLS; it provides funds to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) using a population-based formula. SLAAs may use federal funds to support statewide initiatives and services; they also may distribute the funds through subgrant competitions or cooperative agreements to public, academic, research, school, and special libraries in their state. **Application Deadline: April 01, 2019.**

[FY 2018 EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO. Subject to the availability of funds, 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.

[FY 2018 Economic Development Assistance Programs | Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs](#)

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. **Application Deadline: 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 NOFO.**

[VA Office of Rural Health Funding Programs](#)

Funding, technical assistance, and mentoring for rural VA facilities to implement promising practices and/or enterprise-wide initiatives. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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Publications

[Rural Veterans find themselves in a better employment position today than they did in the years following the Great Recession.](#)

The unemployment rate for rural veterans has declined since peaking at 10.3 percent in 2010. In 2017, it stood at 4.6 percent, its lowest rate in the last decade. The unemployment rate for young rural veterans (ages 18 to 34) has seen a large decline too—from a high of 15.7 percent in 2009 to 7.1 percent in 2017. Young transitioning veterans can face high unemployment due to service-related disability or a lack of civilian work experience, which become greater obstacles when the economy is weak. Although the post-recession national economic upturn is driving a drop-in unemployment for all veterans, a concerted national effort to hire veterans also appears to be helping close the employment gap for young veterans. This chart provides an update to the ERS report, [Rural Veterans at a Glance](#).

[Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Flooding, and Similar Disasters](#)

CDC developed a reference document that contains key messages on hurricane and flood related health threats. The right message at the right time from the right person can save lives. Every natural disaster is unique and emergency responders must quickly adapt to the ever-changing nature of a crisis. To be able to more quickly and effectively disseminate messages before, during, and after an emergency, many key messages can be written in the preparedness phase. The [Preparedness and Safety Messaging for Hurricanes, Flooding, and Similar Disasters \(Spanish\)](#) can help local responders quickly create and adapt health communication products for affected communities. The document contains messages on various topics including food safety, carbon monoxide poisoning, waterborne diseases, and mold.

[Educational Attainment a Key Factor in Rural Patient Uptake of Telehealth Activities](#)

Compared to traditional medical delivery systems, telehealth allows people to actively participate in health care activities timelier and with improved convenience. An [ERS](#) study found that education is strongly associated with telehealth participation, which increased with each successively higher level of educational attainment in 2015.

[USDA and ONDCP Unveil Latest Tool to Help Rural Communities Address the Opioid Epidemic](#)

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Deputy Director Jim Carroll and U.S. Department of Agriculture Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett have unveiled a listing of Federal programs that can be used to build resilient communities and address opioid misuse in rural communities. The [Rural Resource Guide to Help Communities Address Substance Use Disorder and Opioid Misuse](#) (PDF, 1.7 MB) is a first-of-its-kind, one-stop-shop for rural leaders looking for Federal funding and partnership opportunities. The departments and agencies represented on the Rural Opioid Federal Interagency Working Group include the Departments of Commerce, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing, Justice, Labor, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; the Corporation for National and Community Service; and the Appalachian Regional Commission. USDA launched the [Community Assessment Tool](#), an interactive database to help community leaders assess how and why the opioid epidemic is impacting their regions. USDA's Community Opioid Misuse Toolbox is free and available to the public. It can be accessed on [USDA's Rural Opioid Misuse Webpage](#).

[Rural Community Health Toolkit](#)

Rural Community Health Toolkit. This toolkit provides rural communities with the information, resources, and materials they need to develop a community health program in a rural community. Each of the toolkit's six modules contains information that communities can apply to develop a rural health program, regardless of the specific health topic the program addresses. The toolkit also links to [issue-specific toolkits](#) for more in-depth information.

Events and Learning

[“Partnering with Community” a webinar sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#). In 2017, Allen County, Kansas was recognized for their community transformation with a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. At the heart of a communities' efforts to improve health, is a commitment to authentically engage and partner with the community's best asset – its people. **Allen County offers an example** of how a community working together to harness the collective power of leaders, partners, and residents can create the conditions to give everyone a fair and just opportunity for health. For a sneak peek, watch a short video [here](#). To register for the webinar, click [here](#). **Held November 20, 2018, at 3:00 PM EST.**

[Rural Energy Savings Program and Manufactured Housing Roundtable](#)

USDA Rural Development solicits input from its partners to expand access to capital, improve effective and efficient delivery of programs. The Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) provides funding to electric service providers for re-lending to consumers and small businesses implementing energy efficiency measures. This 2014 Farm Bill program will help lower energy bills for rural families and

businesses. Recent changes through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 authorized RESP funding, for the first time, to be used to replace manufactured housing units with more energy efficient units to result in energy savings. Please join us at a USDA RD RESP and Manufactured Housing Roundtable. This round table is designed to solicit comments, ideas, and input related to the RESP program in general, and especially related to the implementation of the manufactured housing will enlighten USDA leadership and help ensure seamless program delivery. RD solicits input from its partners as we work together to expand access to capital, improve effective and efficient delivery of programs—and most importantly—facilitate rural prosperity and economic development.

- **To attend you must contact the USDA Rural Development Innovation Center at RD.Innovation@osec.usda.gov by COB Wednesday, **November 21, 2018**. (Once confirmed, agenda, directions, and other additional information will be provided)**
- **Event Date: November 27, 2018 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Location:** U.S. Department of Agriculture Jamie L. Whitten Building 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. Registration is required. (This is a live event).

[Webinar on Inclusive Development in Opportunity Zones](#) On **November 26, 2018, from 3PM-4PM ET**, the Aspen Institute in partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation present a webinar on: [Expanding inclusive development through employee ownership in opportunity zones](#). If your organization has been thinking about whether and how Opportunity Zones might achieve the goals of economic transformation in communities that have been left out of American prosperity, [join the Aspen Institute](#) to learn why employee ownership is a central part of an inclusive development strategy. [Click here for a Registration link](#). **[Purdue Extension and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development](#)** Join them for this free webinar “Dreamland: America’s Opiate Epidemic and How We Got Here,” presented by Sam Quinones, journalist and author on **December 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM EST**.

To join, click [here](#).

[New Medicaid Demonstration Opportunity to Expand Mental Health Treatment Services](#)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced existing and new opportunities for states to design innovative service delivery systems for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and children with serious emotional disturbance (SED). This includes the ability for states to receive authority to pay for short-term resident treatment services in an institution for mental disease (IMD). Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. [view details](#). **[Broadband USA Webinar Series](#)** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) continues to host a series of webinars to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, strengthen policies and support local priorities. The Practical Broadband Conversations webinar series will provide an ongoing source of information including broadband deployment, digital inclusion, workforce skills, and e-government. **[BroadbandUSA](#) will hold the webinars from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Wednesday of every month through September 18, 2019.**

[“Strategies to Support Economic Diversification” Webinar Tutorial](#)

Presented by [The National Association of Development Organizations \(NADO\)](#). This free webinar covers planning for economic diversification to explore through [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#). NADO notes: “Economic diversification helps support [regional resilience](#), a concept that should be woven into all aspects of your CEDS and can serve as a guiding framework for how your district approaches regional planning and economic development. Regions and communities that diversify their economies are much better positioned to face a mix of inevitable future shocks and disruptions.”

[Investing in America's Workforce: Improving Outcomes for Workers and Employers](#)

Explore contemporary research, best practices, and resources in this book. The book is divided [into three volumes](#): Investing in Workers, Investing in Work, and Investing in Systems for Employment Opportunity.

Each volume highlights workforce development programs and/or policies supporting positive investments.
