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## Funding Opportunities Weekly Digest–August 17, 2021

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### Federal



#### **Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)**

RMAP provides loans and grants to microenterprise development organizations to support microenterprises' startup and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund and to provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs.

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United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Please see [NIFA Upcoming RFA Calendar](#) and email [aggrant@tennessee.edu](mailto:aggrant@tennessee.edu) to apply.

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### **FY 2021 STEM Talent Challenge Program**

The STEM Talent Challenge seeks to develop or expand regional workforce capacity to support high-growth, high-wage entrepreneurial ventures; industries of the future (which usually includes industries that leverage emerging technologies); and other innovation-driven businesses that have a high likelihood of accelerating economic competitiveness and job creation in their respective regions and in the US.

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### **19th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition Focusing on People, Prosperity, and the Planet**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, design, and demonstrate solutions to real world challenges. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative, technology-based projects that achieve the mutual goals of improved quality of life, economic prosperity, and environmental protection.

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### **North American Wetlands Conservation Act FY22 US Small Grants**

The US Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the US that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. This program supports the mission of protecting and managing the nation's natural resources by collaborating with partners and stakeholders to conserve land and water and to expand outdoor recreation and access.

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### **Improving Respect for Workers' Rights in Agricultural Supply Chains in Honduras and Guatemala, and the Maquila Sector in El Salvador**

The Bureau of International Labor Affairs US Department of Labor announces the availability of approximately \$5 million total costs for a cooperative agreement to fund **one** technical assistance project with the overarching objective of improving respect for workers' rights in agricultural supply chains in Honduras and Guatemala, as well as the maquila sector in El Salvador through a worker-centered approach. The project will prioritize underserved communities and include a focus on gender and racial equity. In particular, this project will address the systemic violation of internationally recognized workers' rights in the export-oriented agricultural sector in Honduras, Guatemala, and the maquila sector in El Salvador.

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WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

## A Science of Science Policy Approach to Analyzing and Innovating the Biomedical Research Enterprise

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are interested in proposals that will propel our understanding of the biomedical research enterprise by drawing from the scientific expertise of the science of science policy research community. This partnership will result in a portfolio of high quality research to provide scientific analysis of important aspects of the biomedical research enterprise and efforts to foster a diverse, innovative, productive and efficient scientific workforce, from which future scientific leaders will emerge.

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## Foundations and Nonprofits



### Blue Cross Healthy Place Projects

The BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation is building BlueCross Healthy Places of all sizes in urban and rural areas to provide our neighbors with spaces to get to know one another and enjoy healthy activity. We have seventeen projects open or under construction throughout the state—and we're

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## 2021 On-Farm Research Grants

This year's program, which focuses on climate mitigation and resilience, will prioritize early career researchers and BIPOC applications. We believe it is critical to foster the next generation of researchers and support historically underserved and marginalized communities, while also ensuring all farmers and ranchers have the most up-to-date and science-based information.

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## Additional Opportunities:

**UT Knoxville Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development**

[COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#)

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[Hanover Higher Education Research Grant Alerts](#) (Funding Opportunities)

This [resource center](#) link provides weekly updates.

For COVID-19 support email ([covid19-support@hanoverresearch.com](mailto:covid19-support@hanoverresearch.com)).



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We hope this calendar is a useful planning tool for your institution. Please access the document using the link below.

**[COVID-19 Funding Calendar](#)**

If you have any questions or you would like to learn more about our work with these programs, please [contact senior grants advisor Clinton Doggett](#) for a brief conversation.

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*Please send suggestions and additional funding opportunities to [aggrant@tennessee.edu](mailto:aggrant@tennessee.edu).*

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