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## Funding Opportunities Weekly Digest–February 15, 2022

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**To notify the Office of Sponsored Programs of your intent to apply for any of these or other grant opportunities, please submit a [Proposal Intake Questionnaire](#) to provide OSP with preliminary information.**

**Check out the [Office of Sponsored Programs website](#) to view more [funding opportunities](#) to consider.**

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### Federal



#### **2022 Soil Science Collaborative Research**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing the potential availability of funding for agreements for the purposes of promoting research collaboration between the NRCS Soil and Plant Science Division and university cooperators on significant national issues; providing technology transfer and training for NRCS staff; and assisting in training of students in soil science and related fields.

Application Deadline: 4/12/22 | [View Opportunity](#)

#### **Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)**

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financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The recipients will, in turn, provide programs that will support their communities (beneficiaries). The Intermediary will be required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the RCDI grant.

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United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

### Seeking NIFA Hall of Fame Nominations

Inductees into the NIFA Hall of Fame have worked, coordinated, or supported activities exemplifying NIFA's synergy of excellence in any combination of research, education, and extension approaches on local, regional, national, or international levels. Inductees have also demonstrated a measurable and positive impact on the lives of citizens and NIFA's mission to invest in and advance agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges.

For more information see [NIFA Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#) background and criteria are located on the [NIFA Hall of Fame Awards website](#). Please email your nominations to [Kelly Sprute](#) no later than **April 1**.

### Seeking NIFA Paternership Awards Nominations

NIFA invites all Land-grant Universities, cooperating institutions, and organizations supported by NIFA to submit nominations for the 2022 NIFA Partnership Awards Program. This program recognizes outstanding contributions, in support of NIFA's mission, and aligned with USDA's Strategic Goals.

For more information see [NIFA Partnership Award webpage](#). Submit signed nominations using the [NIFA Partnership Awards Nomination Form](#), by email to [performance@ars.usda.gov](mailto:performance@ars.usda.gov) no later than **April 1**.

**National Institute of Food and Agriculture has announced the [AFRI 2022 deadlines](#). To notify OSP of an upcoming proposal, complete the new**

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Please recall that there are **broader global collaborative efforts** available with [Ireland and Northern Ireland](#) for certain applications. Contact [Tom Gill](#) if you are planning or need assistance to develop partnerships.

All applicants who meet the eligibility requirement as a **New Investigator** will also be eligible to apply for a **seed grant**, as well as for a [New Investigator \(standard\) grant](#). | [Helpful Hints for New Investigators](#)

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### **Concentrating Solar-Thermal Power FY 2022 Research, Development, and Demonstration**

This opportunity is designed to help decarbonize the energy sector by developing CSP technologies for carbon-free industrial processes in the US, and next-generation plant designs that will operate at high efficiency with low-cost thermal storage. Projects supported by this opportunity will focus on lowering the cost of CSP technologies and creating new market opportunities for the industry, with the goal of enabling substantial deployment of CSP to decarbonize the electricity grid and energy system.

Concept Paper Due: 3/16/22 | Application Deadline: 5/16/22 | [View Opportunity](#)



### **Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems**

The purpose of the program is to harness the power of open-source development for the creation of new technology solutions to problems of

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### Additional Opportunities:

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[COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#)

[Pivot Funding Opportunities](#) (Create your account)

[Office of Sponsored Programs](#) (Funding Opportunities to Consider)

[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)).



As a reminder, AgResearch and College of Veterinary Medicine faculty can work directly with Hanover grant consultants for assistance on grant proposal

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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.

[Grants Calendar: Research Centers](#)

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

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